

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY 1992

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JANUARY 1992

Sat	4	10.30am	Judith and Ronald Smith Leaways, Grange Road	Cake & Coffee Morning
Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Second Sunday after Christmas ASB p.457)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Mon	6	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. Meeting
Tue	7	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	12	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS (Epiphany 1 ASB p.465)	(Mrs. S. Carr)
Tue	14	2.00pm	The Old Farmhouse	Kneeler Meeting
Sun	19	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 2 ASB p.469)	(Mr. D. Knowles)
Tue	21	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Sun	26	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Epiphany 3 ASB p.474)	(Peter Coghlan)

FEBRUARY 1992

Sat	1	10.30am	Paul and Mary Freeman Meadowbank, Pavenham Road.	Cake & Coffee morning
Sun	2	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 4 ASB p.478)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Sun	9	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS (Epiphany 5 ASB p.480)	(Mr. S. Hill)

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

- Doug Claypole White

When CAROL SINGING around the village before Christmas, we raised £110 for the North Bedfordshire Day Care Hospice. My thanks to the singers and collectors, and to all of you who made a donation.

The CHRISTINGLE SERVICE raised £93 for the Children's Society. Again my thanks to all who contributed.

Our candle-lit services at Christmas were again very well attended, and I would like to record a special thank you to all who helped to decorate and light the Church so beautifully. Immediately after our CAROL SERVICE on December 22nd, as a new venture this year, we were all able to enjoy sherry or soft drinks, mince pies, and Christmas cake, in what seemed a very fitting and popular start to our Christmas festivities. I would like to thank all who contributed to making the evening so successful, with particular thanks to those who supplied the refreshments: to Peter Coghlan and others who donated the sherry; to Margaret Alleway and her helpers for the supply of mince pies; and to Anne Carpenter for the Christmas cake.

Our next FAMILY SERVICE will be at 10.15am on Sunday 26th January when our preacher will be the Reverend Lionel Albon.

Towards the end of last year, a seat was placed in the Churchyard, to the east of the Church. This is a GIFT from Sheila Juffs, and provides a welcome place where those who come regularly to tend the graves of loved ones can relax and reflect in peace.

Many of you will no doubt have noticed our very smart new NOTICE BOARD. For this we must thank Fred Turner who, when asked to replace the broken glass, responded by undertaking a complete restoration!

Anne joins me in sending our very best wishes to you all for 1992.

CHURCH DECORATION

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who contributed in so many different ways to the lovely Christmas decorations in the church. We do tend to take the holly arrangements, the Christmas trees, the crib, the candles and the lighting for granted, but they represent at least two days of work from a willing band of helpers, at a time when everyone is busy elsewhere.

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

This month's Coffee / Cake morning is at the home of Judith and Ronald Smith, "Leaways", Grange Road, on Saturday January 4th at 10.30 am. The February Coffee / Cake morning will be held at the home of Mary and Paul Freeman, "Meadowbank", Pavenham Road, at 10.30am on Saturday, February 1st.

OUSE NEWS 1992

- Roland Carpenter

Despite continually rising prices, we are happily again able to hold the cost of Ouse News to £1.50 for 1992, though we anticipate that we may well need to charge slightly more in 1993. If you have not yet had an opportunity to pay your distributor, I am sure it would be very much appreciated if this could be done as soon as possible.

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank all our distributors for freely giving their time, in delivering each month's Ouse News, in all weathers.

Radwell, 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. Alleway
The Row	Mrs. Lovell

Readers who wish to continue to receive their copies by post are asked to let me have additional payment (or stamps) to cover the 2nd class postage of 11 issues during 1991.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- George Airton

Pinchmill Players would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and to prompt you to make an important entry in your diaries and on your calendars. You've seen the film over Christmas, so come and enjoy the real thing when we present the WIZARD OF OZ on the evenings of Thursday 27th / Friday 28th February, and with a matinee as well as an evening performance on Saturday 29th February. Watch the posters for times, prices and booking details.

CHURCH KNEELERS

- Mary Birks

We are very much indebted to the Sidebottom family; to the Reverend Sidebottom for his most generous gift of five kneelers to celebrate 40 years in the Ministry; and also to the various members of his family for working these.

Very many thanks also to the Vice-Presidents of Felmersham Cricket Club for their generous donation, and for the Kneeler, worked by Joanna Sidebottom, in memory of their late President, Alwyne Betts. There will be a meeting for Kneeler-makers at The Old Farm House, Grange Road, on Tuesday 14th January 1992, from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Do call in and discuss any problems - or ideas for future designs.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Ros Just

The next meeting of the Parish Council takes place on Tuesday January 7th at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Our December meeting was a Victorian Christmas party and the committee set the scene by dressing up. We were joined for a short time by the village Carol Singers, and sang a carol with them.

We were thanked for our Christmas parcels, sent to Fairfield Hospital. Rene Whitbread gave a report on her recent trip to Denman College on a calligraphy course.

We were then entertained by The Vagabonds with a selection of Victorian songs, Christmas songs, carols, and songs from the shows, interspersed with a musical quiz which was won by Valerie Sexton, with Dorothy Holborrow second. Supper and mulled wine were then served, and the evening ended with a gift exchange and raffle.

The next meeting on January 21st is a members' night.

SALVETE

- Janet Eyre

My Dear Friends, Pinchmill Parents and Pupils, past and present,

Thank you very much indeed for the generous cheque and the picture that you gave me on my retirement from Pinchmill School. With the money, I am going to fulfil a long-held dream and buy an Ercol nest of tables.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for being so supportive over the past sixteen years and for making my teaching career such a happy and memorable one. The school has always had a 'family feel' about it. It is situated in a perfect setting for learning - open countryside all around and no traffic noise! Practically from the classroom windows we've observed most of the Science curriculum, from the birth of cows and sheep to the dramatic death of hare and heron. Most of the best creative writing has come from walks down the lane or from just sitting by the river.

Thank you, Mrs. Marsh, for helping me professionally, and for always putting the children's interests first. Thank you, Jean Pritchard, for all your friendship and support over the years, and for making me apply for the job in the first place! We've had lots of fun. Thank you, Sue Webster and Mary Freeman, for all your help 'back-stage'. Thank you, Joyce Franklin and Jo Green, for being so patient in cleaning up every creative outburst. Thank you, all the dinner ladies.

I shall miss you all, but fortunately Carlton is not so far away. Please keep in touch. Very best wishes and thanks to you all.

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FEBRUARY 1992

Sat	1	10.30am	David and Jennifer Knowles Long Mynd, Pavenham Road.	Cake & Coffee morning
Sun	2	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (The Presentation of Christ, ASB p.757)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Sun	9	9.15am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION MATINS (Epiphany 5 ASB p.480)	(Mr. K. Shrimpton) (Mr. S. Hill)
Fri	14	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club 'Multi-sports'
Sun	16	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Setting by Peter Aston) (Ninth before Easter ASB p.488)	(Mr. D. Gough)
Tue	18	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W. I. meeting
Sun	23	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Eighth before Easter ASB p.492)	(Peter Coghlan)
Thu	27	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Wizard of Oz
Fri	28	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Wizard of Oz
Sat	29	2.30pm 8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall Pinchmill Hall	Wizard of Oz Wizard of Oz

MARCH

Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Seventh before Easter ASB p.497)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Tue	3	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council AGM Parish Council Meeting
Wed	4	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Ash Wednesday, ASB p.499)	
Sat	7	10.30am	Christine Linley 9, Tithe Barn	Cake & Coffee Morning
Sun	8	9.15am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION MATINS (Lent 1 ASB p.506)	(Mr. K. Shrimpton) (Mrs. S. Carr)
Mon	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. meeting
Wed	11	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group

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CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our February FAMILY SERVICE will be at 10.15am on Sunday 23rd February.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on the 4th March, when I shall be celebrating a said service of Holy Communion at 10.15am.

There will be LENT HOUSE GROUPS throughout Lent, at the home of Clive and Rosalyn Just, 2, The Old Rectory, The High Road, on a Wednesday evening at 8.00pm. All are welcome. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March. We will be looking at the report of the Archbishops' Commission on rural areas 'Faith in the Countryside', which is of particular interest to all of us who live in a rural Parish.

CHURCH MUSIC

- Pam Fforde

After occasional use in the past year, we now plan to introduce the complete Peter Aston music setting of the Communion Service on a regular basis, on the third Sunday of each month, and to include a note to that effect in the Parish Diary. Copies of this setting will be available at the door for any member of the congregation; and we are also willing to organise a congregational 'practice' session if there is sufficient interest.

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

The venue for the February Coffee / Cake morning has been changed, and will now be at the home of Jennifer and David Knowles, Long Mynd, Pavenham Road, at 10.30am on Saturday, February 1st.

The March Coffee / Cake morning will be on Saturday, March 7th, at 10.30am, at the home of Mrs. Christine Linley, 9, Tithe Barn.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- George Airtton

Rehearsals are now going a-pace and tickets selling well for the WIZARD OF OZ on the 27th / 28th / 29th February. Will anyone wishing to sponsor the show who would like to be acknowledged in the programme, please contact me as soon as possible?

VILLAGE VENTURES COMPETITION 1992

- Editor

Bedfordshire Rural Community Council has announced its 1992 Village Ventures Competition, which awards cash prizes totalling £1000. Entry is open to any village project that is run by volunteers, was started after January 1st 1990, and is helping to improve life for local people. I have an application form.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Rosalyn Just

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm in Pinchmill Hall, followed by a Parish Council meeting. All are welcome to attend. This is a good opportunity to make your views on village matters known to your councillors.

THE VILLAGER COMMUNITY MINI-BUS

- John Pearce

You will probably know how much the Villager bus service is valued by those without cars in the villages of North Bedfordshire. After five successful years, the Villager scheme is changing. In March-April 1992 a second mini-bus can be expected to come into service, purchased through grants from many bodies, including several Parish Councils. The main grant, from the Rural Development Commission, is conditional on running some new scheduled services. These will take in new destinations such as Peterborough, and will add extra journeys on existing routes such as Risley - Rushden. These changes will create a need for more volunteer drivers, to cover one or more journeys a month in most cases.

At the same time, Jeff Williams, who has managed the service for five years, will be taking his (second) retirement. He is to be replaced by a team, all volunteers, and while the team has a Chairman and a Secretary, it also needs a Book-keeper / Treasurer, a Hirings Manager, and above all a Co-ordinator. Most of these tasks need something between 2 and 4 hours a week: a leaflet giving more details is available and is included in the January local bus timetable, issued by the County Council.

Anyone wishing to explore possibilities is invited to talk to Jeff Williams (at Community Education at Sharnbrook, Bedford 781920, or at home, Oakley, Beds. 3922) or to the Secretary, John Pearce, (Huntingdon 861504, day or evening). The people who help with the Villager find the service very rewarding: please do join them, women as well as men. Training is provided, and no special skills are required apart from a driving licence.

HOMEHOPPA SERVICE

- Editor

HomeHoppa is the subsidised taxi service providing evening journeys from Bedford town centre to several North Bedfordshire villages, including Felmersham and Radwell, for the modest sum of £1.15. Services already leave the railway station forecourt at 21.10, 22.10 and 23.10 on Monday to Saturday. An additional late service on Friday and Saturday evenings has now been introduced, leaving the railway station at 12.10am and Safeways at 12.15am.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

- Editor

Bedfordshire Rural Community Council has a variety of Sports Equipment for hire to voluntary groups, e.g. Carpet Bowls, Indoor Croquet, Short Tennis, Petanque, and many others. For details, telephone Bedford 838771.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

The January meeting of the W.I. was a members' evening. The speaker, organised by Rene Whitbread, was Mrs. Betty Crisp who spoke on "Women in the Life and Novels of Charles Dickens". At the next meeting, on February 18th, Mrs. Betty Crisp will again be speaking, this time on the "Fashions of the 19th Century". The competition is a 19th century fashion accessory. The annual subscription of £9 is now due.

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL YOUTH CLUB

- Maggie Spoor

The Youth Club meets between 7.30 and 9.30pm every Friday in Pinchmill Committee Room. New members aged 13 - 16 are always welcome. Outings and special events are being planned, starting with a 'Multi-sports' evening on the 14th February.

3 IN 1 CLUB

- Mrs. Marsh

Our December meeting was a social afternoon, when we enjoyed mince pies, etc. We were each given a gift voucher. In January we had our Christmas lunch, at The Queen's Head, Milton Ernest. This was greatly enjoyed by us all. Sadly this was our last meeting as a club, as Val and Gil have commitments which prevent them from holding our regular monthly meetings, so we are left without leaders. However, we are most grateful to them for the pleasure they have given us during the four years as our leaders. We wish them well in whatever they do, and look forward with pleasure to their promise of afternoon tea or a trip out when it is convenient. Thank you both very much.

FELMERSHAM NOTE BOOK

- Ken Shrimpton

We will be holding an Open Gardens weekend on Saturday and Sunday 27th and 28th June. If you are interested in opening your garden to the public, or would like more details, then please give me a call on 781381. All profits will go to the Church Decoration Fund.

The current whisper around the two villages is that Pinchmill Players Theatre production of the Wizard of Oz will be a winner. Nothing is more irksome than missing the 'show of the year', without realising until afterwards that it WAS the show of the year. Book early to avoid disappointment.

PEOPLE FIRST

- Editor

I have received a copy of Bedfordshire County Council Social Services Department's new User's Charter, which sets out your rights as a user of their services; together with a series of information leaflets for those with special needs :-

- When People have Learning Difficulties ...
- When People have Physical Disabilities ...
- When People have Mental Health Problems ...
- When Elderly People have problems ...
- When Children and Families need help ...

Please let me know if you would like to see any of these leaflets.

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			(Seventh before Easter ASB p.497)	
Mon	2	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Yoga
Tue	3	1.00pm	The Plough	Information Caravan
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council AGM
Wed	4	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	
			(Ash Wednesday, ASB p.499)	

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 * Skips in the villages March 6th - March 9th *
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Sat	7	10.30am	Christine Linley	Cake and
			9, Tithe Barn	Coffee Morning

Sun	8	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS	(Mrs. S. Carr)
			(Lent 1 ASB p.506)	

Mon	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. meeting
Thu	12	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group

Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Knowles)
			(Setting by Peter Aston)	
			(Lent 2 ASB p.510)	

Tue	17	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Meeting
Wed	18	8.00pm	1, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group

Sun	22	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. R. Carpenter)
			(Lent 3 ASB p.515)	

Wed	25	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group
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Sun	29	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	
			(Mothering Sunday, Lent 4 ASB p.520)	

APRIL

Wed	1	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group
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Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Aitken)
			(Lent 5 ASB p.524)	

Wed	8	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group
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Sun	12	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Palm Sunday ASB p.527)	

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CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our FAMILY SERVICE this month will be at 10.15am on the FIFTH Sunday, 29th March, which is Mothering Sunday. The preacher will be Sister Hazel who is a Deacon at St. Paul's Church, Bedford. At the service, I will distribute posies for the children in the congregation to present to their mothers.

Because we have moved our family service to the fifth Sunday, I will be celebrating our usual FARISH COMMUNION at 10.15am on the fourth Sunday, the 22nd March.

As I announced in last month's issue of Duse News we will be holding five HOUSE GROUP MEETINGS throughout Lent. The first will be on THURSDAY 12th MARCH, a day later than was published last month. The other four meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings on the 18th and 25th of March, and the 1st and 8th of April. All five meetings will take place at the home of Clive and Rosalyn Just, 2, The Old Rectory, The High Road, and will start at 8.00pm. These meetings are open to all. We will be talking about the report prepared for the Archbishops on "Faith in the Countryside", a topic which is very relevant for all of us who live in rural areas. Please do join us.

Thinking way ahead, our ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Monday 27th April. One of the important tasks for those attending is to appoint the Parochial Church Council for the next year. Are you interested in putting your name forward as a candidate to serve on the Parochial Church Council?

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

For those of you who would like to help with the alter flowers, the new rota is now up in the church porch. Flowers last a long time in St. Mary's so it makes sense to sign up for two consecutive weeks at a time!

I would be pleased to hear from any of you who would be willing to help make posies for Mothering Sunday (29th March). If anyone 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 in good time.

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

The March Coffee / Cake morning will be on Saturday, March 7th, at 10.30am, at the home of Mrs. Christine Linley, 9, Tithe Barn.

April 4th at 11. Tithe Barn (Christine Linley)

PARISH COUNCIL

- Rosalyn Just

North Bedfordshire Borough Council will be sending an information caravan to the village on Tuesday 3rd March to answer any queries about the new 'wheelie bins' for collecting refuse. The van will be parked outside the old Plough Inn, Church End, between 1.00pm and 1.45pm that day. Don't forget the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm in Finchmill Hall. All are welcome to attend. Skips are due to be placed in the villages over the weekend of March 6-9.

ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK

- Editor

Bedfordshire will celebrate National Adult Learners' Week with a series of special events in the major towns in the County between March 9th and 15th. For more information, please contact Mike Knights on Bedford 358299.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Mrs. Betty Crisp spoke on fashions of the 19th century and showed us her collection of fashion accessories. She was thanked by Dorothy Holborrow. Arrangements were made for the Group meeting at Thurleigh, for a theatre trip to see 'Yeoman of the Guard', and for the Federation meeting at Dunstable, when the speaker will be David Shepherd. At our March meeting on the 17th, Joan Bartram and Carol Smith will talk about Family History. There will be a Bring-and-Buy. Nominations are needed for the 1992 / 1993 committee.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

Our first event of the year will be a QUIZ EVENING on Saturday May 9th at the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The Quiz-Master will be Chris Spoor. Tickets, including a glass of wine and refreshments, are £3.50. They will be available soon from members of the group. All profits are for St. John's, Moggerhanger. So come along and have a fun evening.

A FIFTY / FIFTY AUCTION

This is advance notice of our Autumn Event on Saturday October 17th. Anyone who has something to sell gets half the selling price. You will be asked to put a reserve price on everything you offer. So, during the next few months, please don't throw anything away. It may be just what someone else needs. The possibilities are endless - copper and brass that take so much cleaning, china, glass, jewellery, electrical goods (in working order), books of interest, garden tools, containers or collections of plants, small pieces of furniture, pictures, and so on. It could earn you some money and contribute to the Sue Ryder cause.

YOGA

- Karen Stokley

A course of 10 yoga sessions starts on Monday 2nd March, from 7.30 to 8.30pm at Finchmill Hall. The cost is £10. New members are always welcome.

BUS TIMES

- Editor

New Bus Timetables based on a 24-hour clock have just been distributed. Three changes are worth emphasising. The former 6.25pm service to Bedford now leaves from the Church at 6.30pm. The former Saturday / School Holiday 3.28pm service to Bedford has been cancelled. Also the X50 schooldays only afternoon service to Bedford now leaves 3 minutes earlier, 3.42 pm from Felmersham, and 3.45 pm from Radwell.

CHILDCARE IN RURAL AREAS

- IS IT AN ISSUE ?

- Editor

The Spring 1992 edition of "Network", the Bedfordshire Rural Community Council's newsletter, asks this question in its leader article, and invites you to send your views on the issue of childcare in rural Bedfordshire to Janet Ridge on Bedford 838771. Despite increasing persuasion from employers for women to return to work, it remains the case that organised childcare facilities in Britain lag behind those in other European countries. Rural communities are additionally disadvantaged by distance between home, work and those providing care; the scattered demand; the need for suitable premises; transport difficulties; and lack of information; so there seem to be few real childcare options in rural areas. Copies of the Rural Development Commission's study "Rural Childcare" are available from their Research Branch, 11, Cowley Street, London, SW1P 3NA.

FELMERSHAM NOTE BOOK

- Ken Shrimpton

The final invoice for the West Front has been received so we can now publish the West Front Account.

EXPENDITURE

Cost of work (including VAT, architects fees, insurance)	81,648
Appeal expenses	358
Total	82,006

INCOME

Covenants / Gift Aid - received by 31:12:91	3,722
- still to come	2,937
Donations	4,384
Events	11,272
Grants	55,291
Interest	2,426
Non-specific restoration funds	1,974
Total	82,006

From the above figures you will note that 67% of the income was derived from various grants and 33% was generated within the community. Once again, well done everybody. Our architect, Major Gedge, who has been associated with restoration work all his working life, believes that the workmanship on the West Front is the best he has ever seen. We have submitted the West Front Restoration for an award in a national Conservation Competition.

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Wed	1	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group
Fri	3		W.I. Spring Clean Week Begins	
Sat	4	10.30am	Mr. & Mrs, Mellville	Coffee and
			11, Tithe Barn	Cake Morning
Sun	5	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Aitken)
			(Lent 5 ASB p.524)	
Wed	8	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group
Sat	11		Meltis Easter Fare, for Day Care Centre	
Sun	12	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS	(Mr. S. Hill)
			(Palm Sunday ASB p.527)	
Tue	14	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Illustrated Talk - St. Mary's
Wed	15	8.00pm	2, The Old Rectory	Lent House Group
Fri	17	7.30pm	THE CROSS OF CHRIST	
			(Good Friday, ASB p.559)	
Sat	18		Church Decoration for Easter	
Sun	19	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Gough)
			(Easter Day ASB p.574)	
Mon	20		Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to St. Albans	
Tue	21	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. AGM
Thu	23		Clapham Golf Competition, for Day Care Centre	
Fri	24		Folk-Iore Musical Evening, for Day Care Centre	
Sun	26	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	(Peter Coghlan)
			(Easter 1 ASB p.604)	
Mon	27	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Annual Parish Meetings

MAY

Sat	2	10.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Watson	Coffee & Cake Morning
			Plantations, Church End, Ravensden.	
Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
			(Easter 2 ASB p.610)	
			Charity Football Match, for Day Care Centre	
Sat	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Sue Ryder Quiz Evening

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- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to everyone who made posies for Mothering Sunday, and to the Family Services sub-committee for organising the service.

We are continuing our LENT HOUSE GROUP MEETINGS throughout the rest of Lent, on Wednesday the 1st and 8th of April. These meetings will take place at the home of Clive and Rosalyn Just, 2, The Old Rectory, The High Road, and will start at 8.00pm. At these meetings we will continue to look at the report prepared for the Archbishops on "Faith in the Countryside".

I will give out Palm crosses at both the 9.15am service of Holy Communion and the service of Matins on PALM SUNDAY, 12th April. At the moment, there are no plans this year for a service on MAUNDY THURSDAY, 16th April. However if you do wish to take communion on that day, will you please have a word with me and I will arrange a said service.

We will commemorate The Cross of Christ at 7.30 pm on GOOD FRIDAY, 17th April, with our popular devotional service of readings, hymns and Anthems. On EASTER SUNDAY, 19th April, I will celebrate Parish Communion at 10.15am.

Our FAMILY SERVICE this month will be at 10.15am on April 26th, the first Sunday after Easter. We are holding our ANNUAL MEETINGS in the Committee Room at Pinchmill Hall on Monday 27th April. The first meeting will start at 7.30pm and is open to anyone on the Local Government Electoral roll. At this meeting we will elect the Church Wardens for the ensuing year. Directly afterwards, we will hold our Parochial Church Annual Meeting, to elect members to the PCC, to receive the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 1991, and to receive reports from the Church Officers. At this meeting only those on the Church electoral roll may vote.

Please give generously to the Felmersham and Radwell HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTIONS for the Children's Society between April 1st and 12th. There is a DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE to St. Albans on Easter Monday, 20th April. Details are on the Church Notice Board.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 18th April. If you would like to help, I would be delighted to hear from you! If there is anybody who would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please let me know as soon as possible.

CAKE MORNING - Margaret Alleway
The April Coffee / Cake morning will be on Saturday, April 4th, at 10.30am, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melville, 11, Tithe Barn. On May 2nd we are invited to Mr. and Mrs. R. Watson, 'Plantations', Church End, Ravensden.

PARISH COUNCIL - Maggie Spoor
There is a vacancy for the post of Parish Clerk, as Ros Just is standing down. If anyone is interested, please could they contact me on 782031.

W.I. - Judith Smith
The speakers at our March meeting were Mrs. Joan Bartram and Mrs. Carol Smith. They showed great enthusiasm for their topic / hobby of researching Family History. Mrs. Bartram explained the many resources available and some of the problems encountered, and Mrs. Smith recounted the way in which records had been kept over the past three centuries. The competition, prepared by Mrs. Whitbread, was a quiz whose solution revealed the names of well known roads and streets in Bedford. Best results were achieved by Hazel Sidebottom and Leslie Gani, closely followed by Paula Capps and Joyce Hughes. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 21st April. Have you noticed that the daffodils planted last autumn are now in bloom on the verges in Felmersham and Radwell?

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN
Spring Clean Week in 1991 involved 1.6 million people, including Felmersham and Radwell W.I. members who collected litter throughout the two villages. This year the event takes place from April 3rd to 12th, and again the W.I. plan a blitz on litter. Wouldn't it be marvellous if there was nothing for them to collect?

PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS - Ruth Bowers
TOYS : BOOKS : JIGSAWS : LEGO : DUPLO : FISHER PRICE
Do you have any children's games, books, or toys in good condition that you want to pass on? If so the Felmersham and Radwell Playgroup and Toddlers would like to hear from you. We are also developing a cosy book corner, with a large rug, bean bags and cushions. If you could help with any of these, please contact me on 781649, Helen on 781561, or Sheila on 781160. Playgroup meets Monday 1.15 - 3.15, Tuesday - Thursday 9.30 - 12.00; and Toddlers meets on Friday 10.00 - 11.30.

NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN

RADWELL - Valerie Sexton
Thank you for your kind donations, which amounted to £31.40.


FELMERSHAM - Sue Whiting
Thank you to all those who contributed to the Felmersham total of £97.39. Thanks also to the collectors:- Hazel Pearce, Anthea Coghlan, Margaret Hartley and Hilary Foot.

RADWELL NOTICE BOARD - A parishioner
Posters and notices, some of them still current, have recently been removed from the Radwell notice board. What a pity, when they were placed there for everyone's benefit.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE DAY CARE CENTRE - Editor
You may recall that the proceeds from Christmas Carol Singing were donated to the Appeal to provide a Day Care Centre in Bedford where Cancer patients may attend on a daily basis. We shall continue to give support to this project by publicising their fund-raising events in our Parish Diary. The Cancer Care Home is run on voluntary lines, and is therefore seeking financial support by way of donations, covenants, and gifts of any kind, including unwanted foreign coins and notes, stamps, collections, badges, medals, postcards. They will also be seeking volunteers to help run the centre.

Further details are available from Richard Tarleton-Hodgson MBE, Appeal Director, Appeal Office, 3 Linden Road, Bedford MK40 2DD (Telephone 352015).

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE DAY CARE CENTRE
Gladys Ibbett House - A Macmillan Home



CAN YOU HELP ?

This Cancer Care Home is run on
voluntary lines and we are, therefore,
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donations, covenants, gifts of any kind.

If you are able to help
in any of these ways
would you please contact:

Richard Tarleton-Hodgson - Appeal Director
Gladys Ibbett House - A Macmillan Home
3 Linden Road
Bedford MK40 2DD
Tel: (0234) 352015

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NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE DAY CARE CENTRE
Gladys Ibbett House - A Macmillan Home



WANTED

Any foreign coins or notes which are
usually put away in drawers and
sideboards and forgotten about, for
this most worthy cause. Also stamps,
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My grateful thanks.

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ILLUSTRATED TALK - Ken Shrimpton
"A Second Look at St. Mary's", an illustrated talk by Ken Shrimpton will take place on Tuesday 14th April at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall. Tickets, price £1.50, including coffee and biscuits, are available from Anne Smith, 15 Marriott's Close or Ken Shrimpton 1, Trinity Close. All profits to North Bedfordshire Day Care Centre

PARISH DIARY FOR MAY 1992

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

MAY				
Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mrs. M. Alleway) (Easter 2 ASB p.610) Day Care Centre Fund Raising Day	
Sat	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Sue Ryder Quiz Evening	
Sun	10	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Mr. K. Shrimpton)	
		10.15am	MATINS (Mrs. S. Carr) (Easter 3 ASB p.615)	
* * * * * Monday 11 - Saturday 16 May Christian Aid Week * * * * *				
Mon	11	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall P.C.C. Meeting	
Tue	12	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall Parish Council	
Sat	14	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Jumble Sale	
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Knowles) (setting by Peter Aston) (Easter 4 ASB p.619)	
Mon	18	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall Village Hall ASM	
Tue	19	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall W.I. Meeting	
Sat	23		Day Care Centre Fund Raising - River Festival	
Sun	24	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Peter Coghlan) (Easter 5 ASB p.624)	
Thu	28	8.00pm	ST PETER'S SHARNBROOK DEANERY EUCHARIST (Ascension Day, ASB p.627)	
Sun	31	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mrs. S. Webster) (Sunday after Ascension Day ASB p.632) Day Care Centre Fund Raising Day	
JUNE				
Mon	1		Best Kept Village judging begins	
Sat	6		Day Care Centre Flag Morning	
		10.30am	Mr. & Mrs. Freeman Coffee and Meadowbank, Pavenham Road Cake Morning	
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Aitken) (Pentecost ASB p.635)	

Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey (864) 661).
Churchwardens: Mr.K.Shrimpton (781381) and Mrs.R.Brough (782104)

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

MAY 1992

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our FAMILY SERVICE this month will be at 10.15am on May 24th. On ASCENSION DAY, Thursday 28th May, there will be a Deane Eucharist at 8.00pm at St. Peter's, Sharnbrook. The Bishop of Bedford will preside and will preach.

At the ANNUAL MEETINGS on 27th April our Church Wardens, Roland Carpenter and Don Bough did not stand for re-election. My grateful thanks to them both for all that they have done during their period in office and for all the support that they have given me at all times. They are both continuing to serve on the PCC so their wise advice will still be available to us. Ken Shrimpton and Rosemar Brough were appointed Church Wardens for the coming year.

Messrs Banham-Hall, Gough, Hill, Just, Keeble, Knowles, Phipps, and Stevens, and Mesdames Alleway, Carr, fforde, Keeble, Melville, and Templeman were appointed members of the PCC. Roland Carpenter and Sue Whitehouse continue as our Deanery Synod representatives and are therefore ex-officio members of the PCC, along with our Church Wardens. Peter Coghlan did not stand for re-election but will continue as Chairman of our Family Service sub-committee. My thanks to the outgoing PCC and in particular to Ken Shrimpton and his fund-raising committee and Peter Coghlan and the Family Service sub-committee.

At the short PCC meeting that followed, Stephen Hill was re-elected as our PCC treasurer and Paul Keeble as our Secretary. Again my thanks to them both for all their hard work throughout the year, and to our treasurer for preparing our annual accounts and our honorary auditor, Derek Walmsley, for auditing them.

Finally my thanks to our organist Mrs fforde; our choir; the Sacristans; the readers and sidesmen; our Verger, George Brown; our bell ringers; Sally Carr and all of you who clean the church; Margaret Alleway for organising the cake mornings, and their hostesses, and you who support them; my wife and the ladies who decorate the church so beautifully; Mary Birks and all who have helped make our ever growing number of kneelers; Sue Webster for laundering the Church linen; the Just family for hosting the Lent House group meetings, and Clive for leading them; all of you who have organised or helped at our fund-raising and social events; and last but not by any means least, Roland and Anne Carpenter for editing and producing Duse News.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Sylvia Austen-Poynter whose funeral took place on 21st April.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

- Roland Carpenter

Recent television coverage has again revealed the stark plight of the starving millions in Africa. But small gifts can go a long way - the cost of an average Easter egg could provide someone with essential food for a whole month. There will be a house-to-house collection for CHRISTIAN AID during the week commencing 11 May. Please give generously, and match last year's wonderful effort.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

My thanks to everybody who helped decorate the Church so beautifully for Easter and to all who contributed to the lilies and other flowers. I am afraid that we are still short of volunteers for the altar flowers. If you would like to help, please sign the rota in the church porch; your help will be much appreciated.

OPEN GARDENS

- Ken Shrimpton

On the 27th / 28th June we will be holding an Open Gardens weekend. However, to ensure the success of the event we still need one or two more gardens. If you would like to open your garden, and in so doing raise money for the internal decoration of the church, then please give me a call on 781381.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Ros Just

This year, Felmersham and Radwell have again been entered in the Best Kept Village Competition. Judging commences on 1st June. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th May at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Valerie Sexton was in the chair for the Annual Meeting. Our VCO for the evening was Marina Markham. Reports were given by Judith Smith and Valerie Sexton, and the financial statement was presented by Sheila Mackenzie. Gifts were donated to Valerie and Sheila on their retirement from office. Anne Airtton was elected as our new president with Celia Hulatt as Vice President; and Truce Boyce, Sue Burgess, Paula Capps, Janet Clear, Sue Evans, Jennifer Knowles and Judith Smith form the committee.

Following refreshments, two competitions were held, one to guess the total weight of the committee, and another to match the husband's photo with the committee member. The annual Competition Cup was won by Judith Smith, with Hazel Sidebottom second. The draw for the annual Denman Bursary was won by Elayne Sharman. At the next meeting on May 19th we will discuss the resolutions for the Bournemouth Conference, and play Trivial Pursuits.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who helped with the house-to-house collection, to everyone who contributed and to Margaret Hartley for counting and banking the results of your efforts. We raised £122.73 in the two villages.

CAKE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

On June 6th we are invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Meadowbank, Pavenham Road, Felmersham.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

- Peter Stephenson

The Village Hall AGM will be on Monday 18th May at 8.00pm in the extended Committee Room. (Coffee will be available from 7.45pm). Four of the outgoing committee are willing to stand for re-election (John Nolan, Barbara North, Steve Lott and myself). The four others are standing down - our thanks for all their hard work go to Pete Castle, Phil Butcher, Andy Evans and Helen Tingey. Brian Smith of West Grange, Hunts Lane, is willing to stand for election. Any further nominations (and we need at least one more) can be forwarded to our secretary, Barbara North, 14, Marriotts Close, or proposed from the floor at the AGM. All from Radwell and Felmersham are most welcome to attend.

JUMBLE SALE

- Sue Whitehouse

A Jumble Sale in aid of St. Mary's Church will be held on Saturday 16th May, starting at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. I would like to hear from anyone willing to help, particularly in the afternoon - all assistance appreciated. If you need jumble to be collected please phone me (781300), or bring it to the Hall in the morning.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

We are holding a Quiz Evening on Saturday May 9th at 7.30pm. It will be a team event (so don't be afraid), and a fun evening. Tickets, which include refreshments and a glass of wine, are £3.50 and these may be obtained from any member of the group, or by phoning me on 781085.

BUFFET EVENING + MUSIC

- Pam fforde

A Buffet Evening with Music.
Saturday 20th June, 8.00pm.

Venue - Pam and Tony fforde.
1, The Moor, Carlton

Tickets £5.

There will be a raffle, and all proceeds will go to the Organ Fund.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE !

- Roland Carpenter

It was in May 1982 that Douglas Claypole-White first became Priest in Charge of St. Mary's Felmersham. Rosemary Brough suggested that we should show our great appreciation by throwing a surprise party for Douglas and Anne, and proceeded to coordinate food, drink and venue amongst members of the PCC. So plans were carefully laid, and Douglas and Anne duly arrived at College Farm House at 7.30 on the evening of Friday May 1st for a 'quiet discussion with an outgoing Churchwarden'. The 37 assembled PCC members and their spouses, who since 7.15 had waited in hushed expectation, burst into strains of "For he's a jolly good fellow", to piano accompaniment by Pam fforde, as Douglas entered the sitting room. Douglas was then presented with an engraved silver paper knife, and Anne received a bouquet of flowers. Douglas admitted his complete surprise, with the words 'Neither of us knew a thing about it'. But a small voice just behind him was heard to murmur 'Well, at least one of us didn't!.'

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

JUNE 1992

PARISH DIARY FOR JUNE 1992

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JUNE

Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Pentecost ASB p.635)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Sun	14	10.15am	ALL SAINTS, SOULDROP (Trinity Sunday ASB p.641)	PATRONAL FESTIVAL
Tue	16	6.00pm	Felmersham Bus Stop	W.I. Outing
		6.05pm	Radwell Bus Stop	to Northampton
Sat	20	8.00pm	1 The Moor, Carlton	Musical Evening
Sun	21	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 1 ASB p.645)	(Mr. D. Gough)
			Day Care Centre Open Gardens Fund Raising Day	
Sat	27		Day Care Centre Fund Raising Day	
		2.00pm	Felmersham Open Garden Weekend	
		2.30pm	The Plough	Mini Market
Sun	28	10.15am	ST. PETER'S, SHARNBROOK (Trinity 2 ASB p.650)	PATRONAL FESTIVAL
		2.00pm	Felmersham Open Garden Weekend	

JULY

Sun	5	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Trinity 3 ASB p.655)	
Mon	6	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. meeting
Sat	11		Day Care Centre Fund Raising Day	

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CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

We have been invited to share the Patronal Festivals at both Souldrop and Sharnbrook this month.

The Souldrop Patronal Festival is at 10.15am at All Saints, Souldrop, on Sunday 14th June. There will be NO SERVICE AT FELMERSHAM that Sunday.

The Sharnbrook Patronal Festival is at 10.15am at St. Peter's, Sharnbrook, on Sunday 28th June. Again there will be NO SERVICE AT FELMERSHAM that Sunday.

Because we will be going to Sharnbrook on the fourth Sunday, the next FAMILY SERVICE at St. Mary's Felmersham will take place on Sunday 5th July at 10.15am, and will be led by the Brownies.

My thanks to Roland Carpenter and his band of helpers who collected £210 for CHRISTIAN AID in the House-to-house collection in the week commencing the 11th May. My thanks also to all of you for your contributions.

We are having a MINI MARKET on Saturday 27th June to complement our OPEN GARDENS weekend. Please try to support these events, which are in aid of our Restoration Fund. Full details appear elsewhere in this issue.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

- Roland Carpenter

I wish to thank Sue Whitehouse, Ken Shrimpton, and Stephen Hill for assisting me with last month's House-to-house collection for Christian Aid in Felmersham and Radwell. And special thanks to all of you who contributed coin of the realm to the grand total of £210 (including £37.88 from Radwell), very nearly equalling last year's magnificent achievement. Additional contributions included 1 Drachma, 3 French Francs, 12 halfpennies, 4 old 5p coins, and a pre-decimal prehistoric threepenny bit!

If you were one of those who managed to avoid us on both collecting visits, but would still like to contribute, please be assured that I would be very happy to pass on any further donations that are dropped through my door.

COFFEE & CAKE MORNINGS

- Margaret Allaway

There will be no coffee / cake mornings during July and August.

BRITISH SAILORS' SOCIETY

- Pat Jones

Thank you to all those who contributed in May to the Marriotte Close total of £12.84.

OPEN GARDENS

- Ken Shrimpton

Twelve gardens will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday 27th and 28th June from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. Entry will be by programme which may be purchased during opening hours from any of the 12 signposted gardens, or from St. Mary's Church. There will also be a Mini Market in "The Plough" forecourt on Saturday, starting at 2.30pm. Plants will be on sale. Raffle prizes include dinner for two at The Swan, Radwell (value £40), and a Garden Voucher (value £20).

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Judith Smith spoke of Barbara Albury, a longstanding and active member who always gave support to the village W.I., attended Group and County events over many years, and continued to join us after moving to Sharnbrook. She will be sadly missed by all our members, and we observed a minute's silence in her memory.

Our new president, Anne Airtton, was in the chair for the meeting. Three resolutions were discussed for the Intermediate General Meeting, to be held in Bournemouth.

1. This meeting calls for the E.C. draft directive authorising the patenting of life forms to be rejected until there has been more public debate concerning its legal, social, environmental and ethical implications.
2. This meeting urges H.M.G. in the interests of public health, to ensure that there is an adequate regional network of rendering and disposal sites to deal with fallen stock.
3. This meeting wishes to increase awareness of Endometriosis, and urges H.M.G. to allocate additional finance to enable a higher level of research.

Our next meeting on June 16th is an outing to Michael Jones Jewellers, Northampton. The coach will leave Felmersham bus stop at 6.00pm, and Radwell at 6.05pm.

RED CROSS NEWS

- Sue Whiting

Thank you to everyone who supported the house-to-house collection. We raised £91.76.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

- Sue Whiting

The Junior Red Cross meets weekly during term time, in Pinchmill Hall on Wednesdays from 6.45pm to 8.00pm. It is open to anyone in the 6 - 16 age group, and we would like some new recruits. Anyone who is interested should contact Mrs. Ball, on 782209.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

The Quiz Evening held on Saturday May 9th made a profit of £390. We congratulate the winners - The Tithe Barn Group - and the close runners up which I can only call the Freddie Stevens Group. It was a good evening and for that we thank Chris Spoon and his helpers. Everyone was most generous - thank you very sincerely. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by St. John's.

Sunday, 21 June 1992

2.00 - 5.30pm

GARDENS OPEN

at

Everton Park, Near Sandy

by invitation of

Lord and Lady Pym

in support of

Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund
Day Care Hospice Appeal

* Bring and Buy Stall *

* Entry £1.00 *

For further information please contact:
Richard Tarleton-Hodgson, Appeal Director,
3 Linden Road, Bedford MK40 2DD Tel: (0234) 352015

NEW VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

- Peter Stephenson

At the Village Hall Committee's AGM on Monday May 18th, six people were elected onto the committee for 1992-93, and in a brief follow-up meeting they agreed to the following roles.

Chairman:	Brian Smith	West Grange, Felmersham
Vice Chairman:	John Nolan	Drumbeg, Radwell
Correspondence Sec:	Barbara North	14, Marriott's Close,
Minutes Sec:	Peter Stephenson	4, Tithe Barn, Felmersham
Treasurer:	Steven Lott	9, Tithe Barn, Felmersham
Ordinary Member:	Ruth Bavers	8, Marriott's Close,

BUFFET EVENING + MUSIC

- Pam fforde

A Buffet Evening with Music.
Saturday 20th June, 8.00pm.

Venue - Pam and Tony fforde.
1, The Moor, Carlton

Tickets £5.

There will be a raffle, and all proceeds will go to the Organ Fund.

MONIES RAISED IN RADWELL

- Sue Stapleton

During recent collections the following was donated :-

Help the Aged	£21.40
British Red Cross	£34.80

Thank you to all who contributed.

S.O.S. TO THE 'YOUNGER GENERATION'

- Lorraine Shrimpton

I need help from the teenagers of the villages to act as waiters/waitresses serving teas etc. during the Open Gardens weekend. It will involve a two hour 'tour of duty' on either the Saturday or the Sunday afternoon.

Please contact me on Bedford 781381.

PARISH DIARY FOR AUGUST 1992

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 SEPTEMBER issue to Roland Carpenter (781622) by 25th August.

AUGUST

Sun	2	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 7 ASB p.676)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Sun	9	9.15am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION MATINS (Trinity 8 ASB p.681)	(Mr. K. Shrimpton) (Mr. S. Hill)
Tue	11	10.00	St. Paul's Bedford	Coffee morning
Sun	16	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 9 ASB p.685)	(Mr. D. Gough)
Sun	23	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 10 ASB p.691)	(Mr. R.P.Carpenter)
Sun	30	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 11 ASB p.696)	(Mr. M. Banham-Hall)

SEPTEMBER

Sat	5	3.00pm	Homelands, Turvey	Tea and Cakes plus Croquet and Swimming
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 12 ASB p.700)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Mon	7	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.C.C. meeting
Tue	8	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	P.P.T. Play-reading
Sat	12		Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride	
Sun	13	10.15am	PATRONAL FESTIVAL CHORAL COMMUNION with The Bishop of St. Albans presiding. (The Blessed Virgin Mary, ASB p.797)	(Mrs. S. Carr)
Tue	15	7.30pm 8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting P.P.T. Play-reading

Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey (854) 661).
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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

JULY / AUGUST 1992

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

My thanks to Ken Shrimpton and his committee for organising such a successful OPEN GARDENS and MINI MARKET at the end of June, which raised £1,180 for our Restoration Fund. My thanks to the owners of the gardens which were opened, to everybody who helped whether with the gardens, the mini market or the teas, and of course to all of you for supporting the event.

We have now received our FACULTY authorising decoration of the interior of the church, and I hope that this work will be undertaken shortly.

This month, there will be NO FAMILY SERVICE on the fourth Sunday, 23rd August, because of the holiday season. Instead, I will celebrate a Sung Eucharist at 10.15am. Our other August services will be as usual.

Please make a large note in your diary for Sunday, September 13th. The Bishop of St. Albans, The Right Rev. John Taylor, will be preaching and presiding at our Eucharist on that day. This will be the occasion of our PATRONAL FESTIVAL when we will be joined by parishioners from Sharnbrook, Souldrop, and Knotting. I hope that coffee will be served after the service, when you will have the opportunity of meeting and talking to Bishop John.

ST. PAUL'S COFFEE MORNING

- Editor

Gerry and Hazel Sidebottom would welcome your support at their coffee morning at St. Paul's, Bedford, from 10am to 12 noon on Tuesday 11th August. There will be a Bring-and-Buy. Proceeds will be donated to St. Luke's Hospital for the Clergy.

COFFEE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

Instead of our usual coffee morning on September 5th, Doug and Anne extend an invitation to "Homelands", Turvey for afternoon tea and scones. The swimming pool and croquet lawn are available - weather permitting, of course. Our usual cake morning and produce stall will be there, and all proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund.

Would anyone who requires transport please let me know, and I will try to arrange it. (Telephone: 781025)

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Beverley Airton

The Pinchmill Players have been entertaining the village for many years, with plays, musicals, cabarets and Old Tyme Music Halls. We are very keen to welcome present members and any new members to join us in forthcoming productions. There is a wide variety of people needed, actors, producers, musicians, technical and backstage helpers, all of whom contribute to the success of the show.

We are holding play readings in September which will help us to choose a play for the February production (half-term week). Even if you are not interested in being on stage, please come and join us for a coffee and a chat. The play readings will be held at Pinchmill School on:

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER AT 8PM

TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER AT 8PM

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER AT 8PM

Please come along, it's lots of fun - honest!

For further details, please call Beverley Airton (0234) 269878.

ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

- Jennifer Knowles

£146.44 was collected in the recent house-to-house collection. Grateful thanks to contributors and collectors - Mary Freeman, Lesley Gani, Bronwen Guest, Jennifer Knowles, Sheila McKenzie, Mary Pickin, and Karen Stokley.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

- Barbara North

On Saturday October 3rd, there will be a BARN DANCE in the Village Hall. Tickets, price £5, to include refreshments and a glass of cider. Licensed bar applied for. Do come and join us in an enjoyable local community event. Thank you.

SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE

- Keith Rose

SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 1992

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, who supported our West Front Appeal so generously, is coordinating a sponsored ride around the churches of the Diocese. Each parish is being asked both to provide and sponsor riders and to open its church to welcome and register visiting riders on the day. Over 380 churches in these two counties are supporting the event. 24 other counties including Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, and Cambridgeshire are also holding sponsored rides on the same day. Riders can plan to visit any of these churches, and the funds which they collect will be shared equally between their church and the Historic Churches Trust. Walkers will also be most welcome. I have sponsorship forms and lists of churches which will be open. Please contact me for these. Offers of help for duty at the church should be made to Ken Shrimpton. It would be good if we could support this cause with the generosity that they showed us. Please do help.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Members enjoyed an outing to Michael Jones the Jeweller in Northampton. Slides were shown on diamond mining, and we then had the opportunity to look at and try on valuable rings and watches, and to enjoy the silver displayed in the Silver gallery. A competition to guess the price of a diamond ring was won by Janet Clear, our new treasurer. This was followed by supper at The Stag's Head at Great Doddington. We were joined for this enjoyable evening by Sue Webster, and two Australians visiting the village. Lesley Gani won a free ticket to the East of England Show. It was announced that Paula Capps' baby had arrived - a girl, Victoria Mary.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE DAY CARE CENTRE

- Editor

NATIONAL COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

On October 4th last year, between 8.00am and noon, at thousands of coffee events throughout the country, a quarter of a million cuppas were served and signed for, and £262,000 was raised nationally for cancer relief, an achievement which is still under consideration by the Guinness Book of Records. In the area covered by the North Bedfordshire Health Authority, 4665 cups of coffee raised £4858. The aim is to beat last year's effort. Lyons World of Coffee are again supporting the event by offering free jars of coffee to groups of 30 or more. Further details are available from Richard Tarleton-Hodgson at The Day Centre, 3 Linden Road, Bedford (352015) who is appealing for anyone who would like to help on the day. I have not yet received notification of any event planned for Felmersham or Radwell on that day.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE DAY CARE CENTRE

Gladys Ibbett House - A Macmillan Home



DO YOU HAVE ANY FREE TIME ?

We are looking for volunteers
to help run this Centre

Volunteers required for -

- Driving patients : Gardening
- Cleaning : Minor maintenance
- Kitchen staff
- Befrienders of patients
- Persons with skills to help occupy patients' time
and bring out their talents
- Receptionists : Secretarial/clerical abilities
- Many other tasks

Please ring Bedford 352015

**Cancer Relief
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Living with cancer

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Advance notice !

Friday, 25 September 1992

" THE BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN THE WORLD "

8am - 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING

near you to raise funds for
North Beds. Cancer Day Care Hospice

(part of the National Coffee Morning to give every 10p to Cancer Relief)

Please keep this date free !

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SEPTEMBER

Sat	5	3.00pm	Homelands, Turvey	Tea and Cakes plus Croquet and Swimming
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Trinity 12 ASB p.700)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Mon	7	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC meeting
Tue	8	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PPT Play-reading
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council
Sat	12		Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride	
		12 noon	Felmersham Church	HERITAGE WALK
Sun	13	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mrs. S. Carr)	
			PATRONAL FESTIVAL	
			The Bishop of St. Albans presiding	
			(The Blessed Virgin Mary, ASB p.797)	
Tue	15	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PPT Play-reading
Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Knowles)	
			(Trinity 14 ASB p.711)	
Tue	22	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PPT Play-reading
Fri	25		Day Care Centre Fund Raising	Coffee Morning
Sun	27	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (T.B.A.)	(Trinity 15 ASB p.715)

OCTOBER

Fri	2		Church Decoration for Harvest	
Sat	3		Church Decoration for Harvest	
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Barn Dance
Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Aitken)	
			(Trinity 16 ASB p.719)	
		5.00pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENSONG (Church Wardens)	
			Pinchmill Hall	Harvest Tea
Sat	10	10.30am	Sheina Burbidge,	Coffee and
			Corn Close, Church End	Cake Morning
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			(Trinity 17 ASB p.724)	

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1992

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Sunday 13th September is our PATRONAL FESTIVAL. The Bishop of St. Albans, the Right Revd. John Taylor, will preach and preside at our morning Eucharist which will start at the usual time of 10.15am. Coffee will be served in the Church after the service, when there will be an opportunity to meet and chat with the Bishop. Bishop John has been our Diocesan Bishop for ten years, but apart from a confirmation service last year, this is the first time that he has preached in Felmersham. Please do make a special effort to join us for the service. As in previous years, we have invited the Rector of Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting and parishioners of all three parishes to join us for this Patronal Festival service. There will be a visiting preacher at our FAMILY SERVICE on the fourth Sunday, 27th September, at 10.15am. I shall be starting CONFIRMATION CLASSES towards the end of September. Please contact me soon, if you are interested in joining these classes. We celebrate HARVEST FESTIVAL on Sunday 4th October. As well as our normal Choral Communion service at 10.15am, I will be conducting a special Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong at 5pm. This will be followed by refreshments and our usual Tombola in Pinchmill Hall on the same evening, Sunday 4th October. Full details appear elsewhere in this issue. Tickets for the tea will be available a bit nearer the time from me or Pat Keeble or any member of the PCC. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Bishop of St. Alban's Harvest Appeal and our own missionary contact.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

The church will be decorated for Harvest Festival on Friday, 2nd October and Saturday 3rd October. As always, we are very grateful for any contributions, however small, of produce, flowers or autumn foliage. If you would like to help with the decorations, please contact me in good time.

This seems to be the appropriate time to announce our next flower festival, which we hope will take place at Harvest Festival 1993. Flower helpers might like to bear this in mind if they wish to have a 'trial run' this year. Meanwhile 'thinking caps' on please, and watch this space for future information.

HARVEST 1992

- Pat Keeble

This year we are going to change the format for our Harvest Festival Supper, and hold our Harvest Tea following the evening service on Sunday October 4th. I shall be coordinating the tea and would be most grateful for volunteers to help in the preparation. We hope to hold a "very quick" meeting towards the end of September to finalise the requirements. If you can help in any way, please let me know as soon as possible. (Tel. 782134).

COFFEE MORNING

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Sheina Burbidge is our hostess for the next coffee morning, on Saturday, October 10th, at Corn Close at 10.30am.

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- Ron and Judith Smith
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PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- Beverley Airton
A reminder of this month's play readings, which will help us to choose a play for the February production (half-term week). Even if you are not interested in being on stage, please come and join us for a coffee and a chat. The play readings will be held at Pinchmill School on:- TUESDAYS 8TH, 15TH, 22ND SEPTEMBER AT 8PM. Please come along, it's lots of fun - honest!
For further details, please call Beverley Airton (0234) 269878.

HOMEWATCH

- Editor
Last month's burglary in Church End serves as a further reminder of the importance of constant vigilance on security. If you think that you may have seen something odd or suspicious, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, in the period up to August 12th, please ring the Police Crime Prevention Unit, direct line Bedford 275273.

SUE RYDER SUPPORT GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver
You will recently have received a leaflet reminding you about the attractive Fifty / Fifty Auction which is to be held at Pinchmill Hall on Saturday October 17th. It gives you the opportunity of realising cash on articles which you no longer require, but which are too good to dispose of to events such as jumble sales. Everyone offering an article for sale is asked to place a realistic reserve price on the item. If the reserve price is reached or surpassed, 50% of the monies raised goes to the donor and 50% to St. John's Home, Moggerhanger.
The following list is offered to give you some suggestions :- china, glass, pottery, wooden articles, pictures, silver, copper, brass, jewellery, sports equipment, books, garden tools, electrical goods (in working order), small pieces of furniture, household equipment, plants and shrubs, garden produce, remnants of cloth and wool, etc. The craftsmen and women among us may like to make things for sale. We ask you to spare a few minutes to consider whether you have something to offer. It may be just what someone else needs. A member of the Sue Ryder Group will call on you soon to find out your response. So please help us in our quest to raise money for St. John's and at the same time, earn some for yourself. We thank you in advance for your support.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Nancy Fagence
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday September 8th at 8pm in the Village Hall at Pinchmill.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

- Barbara North
Join us in the Village Hall for a BARN DANCE on Saturday October 3rd, 8pm-midnight. Traditional CEILIDH band - "Halligan's Bar" plus complimentary jug of cider and Ploughman's Supper will ensure a night to remember. Keep the community spirit alive in Felmersham and Radwell. Tickets £5, book early as numbers are limited. Licensed bar applied for. Tel: 781624, 781649 or 782556.

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AUTUMN BAZAAR

- Stephen Hill
There will be an autumn bazaar in Pinchmill Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 7th November. This will be in aid of the Church Restoration fund and in particular will be helping to pay for the internal redecoration which by then will be well under way. Please would you make a note of the date and try to support us on the day. If you would like to run a stall, please contact me on 781064.

HERITAGE WALK

- Ken Shrimpton
For those of you without bikes, or preferring to walk, I am organising a heritage walk on the same day as the sponsored bike ride. We meet at 12 o'clock on Saturday 12 September at Felmersham Church and we visit the following churches: Odell, Harrold, Carlton, Pavenham and Felmersham. You may either sponsor yourselves or get sponsorship forms from me. (Say 20p per church visited). The walk will be approximately 7.5 miles long across country paths at your own pace. Please wear appropriate clothing, sensible shoes or boots, and bring a packed lunch to eat at Carlton. Please join us, everybody is welcome.

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Sat	10	10.30am	Sheina Burbidge, Corn Close, Church End	Coffee and Cake Morning
Sun	11	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Trinity 17 ASB p.724)	(Mr. S. Hill)
		2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	F.S.A. Treasure Hunt
Fri	16		Day Care Centre Fund Raising Day	
		7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club : Table Tennis
Sat	17	am	Leaways, Grange Road	Save the Children
		3.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Viewing for 50/50 Auction
		7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Fifty/Fifty Auction
Sun	18	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (St.Luke, ASB p.805)	(Mr. D. Gough)
		pm	Leaways, Grange Road	Save the Children
Tue	20	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Fri	23	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club : Pop lacrosse
Sun	25	9.00am	Pinchmill Hall	"Workshop"
		9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K.F. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	MATINS (Ninth before Christmas ASB p.398)	(Mr. R.P. Carpenter)
Fri	30	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club : Halloween Special

NOVEMBER

Sun	1	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (All Saints, ASB p.810)	(Mrs. M. Alleway)
Thu	5	6.30pm	Playing Field	Bonfire and Fireworks
		7.00pm		
Fri	6	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club : Bowling & Zap Zone
Sat	7		Pinchmill Hall	Autumn Bazaar
Sun	8	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.30am	MATINS - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Seventh before Christmas ASB p.408)	(Mrs. S. Carr)
		11.45am	War Memorial	Wreath-laying
Mon	9	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC meeting

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FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

OCTOBER 1992

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Dor HARVEST FESTIVAL took place on Sunday 4th October. I celebrated Holy Communion at 10.15am, and we then had our usual Harvest Festival Evensong at 5.00pm, an hour earlier than in previous years, to allow for a Parish Tea in Pinchmill Hall, directly after the service. The harvest produce was put into a Tombola draw. The money raised at both the tea and from the Tombola, together with the cash collections from both services, will be donated in equal shares to The Bishop of St. Alban's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal, and the Mission Aviation Fellowship which is the missionary project that we support in Tanzania. The Family Services sub-committee are starting a new monthly "WORKSHOP" venture, mainly for the children, at 9.00am at Pinchmill Hall on the fourth Sunday of each month, commencing on Sunday 25th October. It will finish at about 9.45am, when coffee will be served. Full details will be circulated separately by the sub-committee. A competition is to be held in order to identify a suitable name for the group. At the same time on the fourth Sunday of the month, there will also be a said service of Holy Communion in the Church, to which parents are of course most welcome. Alternatively, parents will be most welcome to stay and join in the "Workshop" activities.

Our PATTERN of monthly services will therefore be slightly modified in future. The Choral Communion service arrangements on the first and third Sundays are unchanged (e.g. October 18th, November 1st). We shall continue to hold a monthly abbreviated family Communion service, but from October this will be held on the SECOND Sunday of the month, at 10.15am (October 11th). As noted above, I will be celebrating a said service of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday at 9.15am, followed by a sung Matins at 10.15am (October 25th). Please note, however, that as the second Sunday in November, November 8th, is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, I will be celebrating a said Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am, followed by MATINS at 10.30am. The slightly later starting time for both services will enable us to observe the two-minute silence at 11.00am. There will be another WREATH-LAYING, with short prayers, at the War Memorial at approximately 11.45am.

COFFEE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

Sheina Burbidge is our hostess for the next coffee morning, on Saturday, October 10th, at Corn Close at 10.30am. There will be no coffee morning in November.

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- Ron and Judith Smith

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FELMERSHAM BUS SERVICES

- Editor

The revised timetable of services to Felmersham, with effect from 1 September 1992, is published in a new United Counties leaflet for route 124, obtainable from the bus station. Unfortunately, the Bedfordshire County Council version, in booklet number 3, distributed with Bedfordshire on Sunday on October 4th, is rather confusing, because pages 9 and 10 have been printed in the wrong order.

Buses serve Felmersham from Bedford as follows :-

	ROUTE NO.	LEAVES BEDFORD	ARRIVES FELMERSHAM
	136	7.10	7.28
n	824	7.45	8.04 Monday to Friday on school days only
	124	7.55	8.12 Monday to Friday in school holidays only
	124	10.05	10.22
	124	11.35	11.52
	124	1.35	1.52
	X50	3.05	3.23 Not Saturdays
	124	3.35	3.52 Saturdays only
	124	4.20	4.38
r	124	6.05	6.33 Saturdays only
t	124	6.10	6.38 Not Saturdays

Buses serve Bedford from Felmersham as follows :-

	ROUTE NO.	LEAVES FELMERSHAM	ARRIVES BEDFORD
	124	7.37	8.05 Not Saturdays
a	124	8.12	8.45 School Days only
n	124	8.12	8.36 Saturdays only
	124	9.22	9.40
	124	10.43	11.00
	124	12.13	12.30
	124	2.13	2.30
	124	3.03	3.20 All Saturdays, and M-F in school holidays
	136	3.34	3.50 All Saturdays, and M-F in school holidays
nt	824	3.38	3.57 Monday to Friday on school days only
	136	6.30	6.45

Timetable alterations are noted in the first column of the above table. (n = new route number, t = revised times, a = new arrival time, r = new service restriction)

VILLAGE WALK AND TREASURE HUNT

- P. S. A.

On Sunday 11th October there will be a Village Walk and Treasure Hunt. Starting at 2.30 in the afternoon from the school hall, this event will involve a leisurely walk around Felmersham, with the added interest of some simple detective work for both adults and children. Afternoon tea will be served in the school hall from around 4.00 and this is included with the tickets which are priced as follows : Family Ticket - £3.00. Adult - £1.00. Child - 50p. For tickets, contact Andrew Jones (82-3600) or Alleyne Leach (781072). All are welcome to join in !!

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL YOUTH CLUB

- Maggie Spoor

The Youth Club meets on Friday evenings between 7.30pm and 9.30pm in Pinchmill Hall, and a programme of activities has been drawn up for the period until 18th December inclusive. Details will appear on the diary page. Please telephone me on 782031 if you would like further information.

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

- Brian Smith

This year's bonfire and firework celebrations in Felmersham will take place on the village playing field on Thursday November 5th. The Bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm, and the Firework Display will commence at 7.00pm. There will be the usual choice of refreshments on the night. Tickets will be available shortly.

W. I.

- Mary Freeman

Anne Airtton was in the chair for the September meeting. She welcomed Doris Carson, Pat Maskey, Hazel Spencer and Angela Ward. Arrangements were made for the Group Meeting to be held in Felmersham on 7th October when the speaker will be Jean Skelton telling us about her year as High Sheriff. Some members are to attend a meeting at Bletsoe, and an activity evening was organised to work on items for a stall at the Festive Fayre to be held at the Corn Exchange in November. Names were taken for a possible outing to London. The speaker for the evening was Mr. M. Martin who is an avid collector of Goss china. His enthusiasm for his collection was shown in a series of interesting slides, with a talk on the history of the china pieces. The next monthly meeting, on October 20th, is a demonstration on Marzipan Fruits.

SUE RYDER SUPPORT GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

May I remind you that our fifty / fifty auction will be held on Saturday October 17th at Pinchmill Hall, Felmersham. Viewing from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. The sale starts promptly at 7.00pm. Our auctioneer will be Tim Wilford of Wilford's, Wellingborough. Admission by catalogue, price 50 pence. Refreshments will be available at moderate prices. The response has been very encouraging. We have approximately two hundred items, all shapes and sizes, so it should be an interesting evening.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

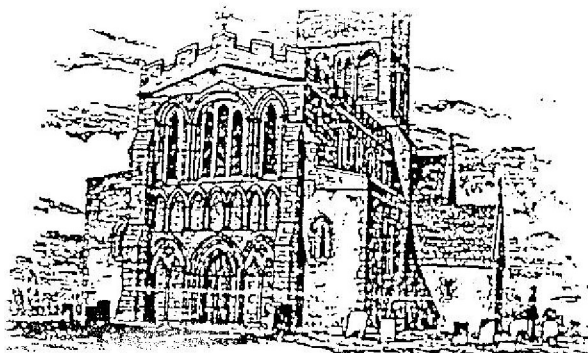
- Fred Turner

There will be a short wreath-laying ceremony, conducted by the Rev. Douglas Claypole White, at the War Memorial at approximately 11.45am on Sunday 8th November, immediately following morning service. Would anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of the wreath please contact me on 781864, or leave your donation at "Five Elms", Moor End Road, Radwell.

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- Stephen Hill

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St. Mary's Church FELMERSHAM

St. Mary's, Felmersham, Beds - 1848 engraving by R. & J. A. Brandon, showing the west front.

Rosemary Brough
Sedalia
Grange Road
Felmersham

Ken Shrimpton
1 Trinity Close
Felmersham

1 October 1992

Dear Parishioners

By the time you receive this letter you will doubtless have seen "the board" outside the Church indicating that work is underway on redecoration within the building. This really is a great act of faith on the part of the Parochial Church Council, but it is also a positive response to numerous comments made by many people who have had cause to use the facility of the church building whether as regular worshippers or as individuals attending the Church for baptisms, weddings funerals or simply as interested visitors or individuals escaping for a few minutes peace and quiet from the hurly burly of every day life. So often the comment has been made.....*"what a wonderful community this is to have achieved so much in the way of restoration.....when are you going to do something about the inside.....?"* It's the *"when are you"* bit that strikes home!

It is perfectly true that as a community and as individuals we have shared in an incredibly successful twenty year project of restoration - the tower is secure, the roof in good order much of the stone work attended to and, of course, the West Front. On Sunday 12 September 1993 there will be a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication in Felmersham at which the Right Reverend Lord Runcie, formerly Bishop of this Diocese and lately Archbishop of Canterbury, will be joining us. This has prompted us to pick up the challenge of.....*"when are you.....?"*

We have some money that has enabled a start to be made but need to raise at least a further £3,000. We are not proposing to "beg" for the money but rather to rephrase that question from *"when are you.....?"* to *"can you help to.....?"* As a parish we have on two previous occasions operated a talent scheme whereby individuals have undertaken to organise an event of some kind, often within their own homes to raise a sum of money. The events have been many and various and have created tremendous interest, extended social contact, given a great deal of pleasure and raised valuable sums of money. Will you help this Autumn by setting a personal target, arranging something.....big or small.....to make your contribution to helping answer the question.....*"When are you.....?"*

If you feel able to lend your support to this project and will undertake to arrange a function, please do let us know in order that some publicity can, if you wish, be given to the event.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Brough

Ken Shrimpton

(Churchwardens)

TABLE TENNIS CLUB
The Table Tennis Club meets every Friday at 1930 hours in Pinchmill Hall. Players of all standards, including beginners, are most welcome to come along. Please telephone me on 781384 if you would like further information.

- Courtney Guest

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Thu	12	8.00pm	All Saints Milton Ernest	Beds. Police Choir
Fri	13	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club
		8.00pm	Greenfields, Pavenham Rd	Coffee Evening

Sun	15	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Knowles)
			(Sixth before Christmas ASB p.413)	
Tue	17	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Fri	20	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club Board Games

Sun	22	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	
		10.15am	MATINS	(Mrs. S. Carr)
			(Fifth before Christmas ASB p.418)	
Fri	27	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club Volley Ball
Sun	29	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mrs. R. Brough)
			(Advent Sunday ASB p.422)	

DECEMBER

Fri	4	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Youth Club Quiz & Toasties
Sat	5	10.30am	Pam fforda,	Coffee and
			1, The Moor, Carlton	Cake Morning
			Day Care Centre Aqua Show	
		7.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Celebration Evening
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION	(Mr. D. Aitken)
			(Advent 2 ASB p.427)	
		3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	
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CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our INTERIOR DECORATIONS are now finished and I think the result is a great improvement. My thanks to the builders for doing an excellent job, to Anne Airtton and her band of cleaners for keeping the Church clean under such difficult circumstances, and to Stephen Hill for preparing everything for me before each Sunday service. Because Remembrance Sunday fell on the second Sunday in the month, there will be NO FAMILY COMMUNION service this month. Other services will follow our new pattern, with a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am on the fourth Sunday, 22nd November, followed by sung Matins at 10.15am. Our CHRISTINGLE SERVICE will be held this year at 3.00pm on the 6th December. Although intended primarily for small children, all ages are welcome! Our AUTUMN BAZAAR was held on Saturday 7th November. My thanks to Stephen Hill, all the helpers and all who supported us. The profits raised will be put into our Restoration Fund.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Thomas Charles Davis who was baptised on 11th October.

COFFEE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

Pam fforda is our hostess for the next coffee morning, on Saturday, December 5th, at 10.30am at 1, The Moor, Carlton.

THE SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

The fifty / fifty auction held recently raised £958.68 in aid of St. John's Home, Moggerhanger. This sum far exceeded our expectations. On behalf of the group I would like to say a very sincere thankyou to all who supported us, and to those friends who gave their services in so many ways.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Church for Harvest; not an easy task this year. In spite of having to work round buckets, ladders and plastic sheeting, the arrangements looked stunning. As everyone is so busy now with the run up to Christmas, we will wait until the New Year for the first meeting to discuss our proposed Flower Festival (October 1993). Meanwhile I would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in helping.

R.S.P.C.A.

- Lucy West

Very many thanks indeed for the most generous response to the R.S.P.C.A. collection in Felmersham. The result was £104.14. Again, so many thanks.

CUB SCOUTS

- Sue Stapleton

Have you fond memories of being a Cub Scout or Brownie Guide? Could you give time to run a local Cub Scout Pack? We urgently need someone to enable Carlton Cubs to keep going. This involves taking part in games and activities with approximately a dozen boys, aged between 8 and 10. Full details available from me on 782291, or Carolyn Knight, Rushden 317124.

OXFAM WEEK

- F.E.Stevens

The Carlton Road, Hunts Lane and Marriotts Close house-to-house collection raised £50.72. Many thanks to all contributors.

VILLAGE HALL - CELEBRATION EVENING

- Brian Smith

Everyone is invited on Saturday December 5th at 7.00pm for a social evening to celebrate the official opening of the newly extended Committee Room. It will also be a good opportunity to meet representatives from the various Village Hall Organisations to see what they are currently doing. Admission is free, and there will be a pay bar with snacks. It will be a great opportunity to meet each other and old friends.

RED CROSS

- Sue Whiting

Truida Burton

Red Cross are holding a Coffee Evening with stalls, raffle, etc. in aid of the "Feed the Children" appeal for Bosnia and Croatia, on Friday 13th November, at 8.00pm, at Greenfields, Pavenham Road. Please do try to support this event. Their need is great, and their immediate outlook is very bleak.

VILLAGE NOTE BOOK

- Ken Shrimpton

At last, we have an interior to match and complement our vast and "cathedral like" parish church. Several people have expressed surprise at the length of time it took to complete the work, and the fact that a lime-based paint was specified.

Before painting could begin all the old loose paint had to be removed, and large areas of perished plaster replaced. Access to the high walls was restricted by the pews, so for much of the work ladders were used instead of the much easier scaffold towers.

Old buildings are without a damp course, and as a consequence the walls need to "breathe" in order to allow rising damp to evaporate freely into the air. It is therefore important that the paint also breathes. If modern plastic paints had been used, they would trap the moisture, causing black mould to appear on the surface, and the paint would start to lift and flake. Lime wash is notoriously difficult to apply, it soaks into the plaster and does not reveal its true colour until dry. At the planning stage I had doubts about the choice of colour; however, now the work is complete there is no doubt that white was the correct choice.

During the period of redecoration the church was available for regular Sunday worship, which included the Bishop's visit, Harvest Festival (including decorations), and a christening. Jeremy Carr and Ray Murton, our contractors, have 'done us proud' and they are to be congratulated.

THE VILLAGER COMMUNITY MINIBUS

About a third of all households in North Bedfordshire are without a daytime car. To get to shops, doctor, dentist, school, library and much else, the car-less need lifts or buses. There are a few commuter bus routes, but except on the A6, in the 20 parishes between Riseley and the A428 the only other resource is The Villager, a community minibus run by volunteers. It carries about 3,000 passenger journeys a year on a dozen regular routes - weekly to Olney market, monthly to Rushden, Milton Keynes, Northampton and Bedford. Passengers pay modest fares, and a high proportion of them have County permits and pay 20p a journey. There is also an economical hire service. A vital provision, The Villager is less known than it needs to be, and much more important to many communities than they may realise.

The Villager is now a free-standing voluntary body, still based at Sharnbrook and non-profitmaking. We have a new management, a second minibus, and problems!

The first is people: we can't organise new routes for the second bus without more **drivers** willing to do a morning or afternoon run once or twice a month. Drivers are unpaid, but can claim expenses. We train our volunteers and insure them.

The service is sustained by six drivers and two volunteers as treasurer and manager/secretary - and all eight are at the limit of the time they can spare. **We desperately need volunteers for specific jobs - hire organiser, committee secretary, chair, statistician, and fundraiser.** Some of these jobs might suit people working from home by phone.

The second problem is revenue: the service runs at a loss. We have cut our costs hard, and will be increasing the hire business, but while some routes run full, some run almost empty and will have to go. Our fares are being increased for the first time in two years. Neither of these will be popular. But even then we cannot hope to break even without some kind of subsidy, let alone build up a reserve fund for replacing the old minibus. We will need evidence of good local support if our case for grants from other bodies is to stand up.

Without people and money The Villager could well have to close down: crunch time is September 1993, when insurance (£1,800+) has to be renewed, and just now we aren't sure where it will come from.

Volunteer drivers please ring The Villager office (Bedford 781920) and leave name and details on the answer tape. Other offers, please, and queries to the Manager, John Pearce, on Huntingdon 861504.

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL OUSE NEWS

COFFEE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

Judith Smith is our hostess for the next coffee morning, on Saturday, January 9th, at 10.30am at "Leaways", Grange Road.

ALLOTMENTS FOR RENT

- Editor

If you are interested in renting an allotment in Town Lot Lane, please contact either Geoff Hulatt or one of the Churchwardens.

OUSE NEWS DISTRIBUTOR WANTED

- Editor

Is there anyone who would be willing to deliver 8-10 copies of Ouse News each month in the vicinity of The Row and Hensman Close? We are very grateful to Kath Lovell for providing this service for many years, but she would now like to stand down.

PARISH DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1992

The closing date for next month's issue is 4th January 1993.

DECEMBER			
Sun	6	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Aitken) (Advent 2 ASB p.427)
		3.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Fri	11	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Youth Club Jewellery Making
Sat	12		Day Care Centre Fund Raising Day
Sun	13	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. S. Hill) (Advent 3 ASB p.432)
Tue	15	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall W.I. party
Fri	18	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall Youth Club Christmas Outing
Sat	19		Church Decoration
Sun	20	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mr. D. Gough) (Advent 4 ASB p.437)
		5.00pm	CAROL SERVICE (Church Wardens)
Mon	21	6.30pm	Church Carol Singing
Thu	24	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION (Church Wardens) (Christmas Eve, ASB p.441)
Fri	25	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Church Wardens) (Christmas Day, ASB p.444)
Sat	26	10.00am	Bus Shelter Boxing Day Walk
Sun	27	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (No music) (K.F.Shrimpton) (St.John, ASB p.820)
Thu	31		Pinchmill Hall New Year's Eve Dance

JANUARY 1993

Sun	3	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Mrs. M. Alleway) (Christmas 2, ASB p.455)
Sat	9	10.30am	Ron & Judith Smith Coffee and Leaways, Grange Road Cake morning
Tue	12	2.00pm	Old Farm House, Grange Road Kneeler meeting
Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (881661)			
Churchwardens: Mr.K.Shrimpton (781381) and Mrs.R.Brough (782104)			

DECEMBER 1992

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

You will all be aware that the General Synod of the Church of England (the Church's Parliament) has voted in favour of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood. Our Diocesan Bishop writing in our monthly Diocese Newsletter, "See Round", before the debate and vote, said that it was "quite right that both sides in the ordination debate hold and express their views with passion". He went on to say that "whichever way the decision goes, we may find it hard to cope with, but be sure that God can handle it". We have prayed that God's will be done over the matter. I appreciate that there are those who may feel deeply hurt by the decision but I hope and pray that the result of the vote will be accepted. Christmas is a time of love and goodwill and perhaps a time for the healing of any wounds opened by the decision. I would like to thank Rosemary Brough and all her helpers for organising the CHRISTINGLE SERVICE on 6th December. The collection at this service will be donated to the Children's Society. On Sunday the 20th December at 5.00pm we will be holding our CAROL SERVICE which will be followed by Sherry, mince pies and Christmas cake served in the Church after the service. There will be CAROL SINGING around the village on 21st December. I will be celebrating a MIDNIGHT MASS on Christmas Eve, 24th December, starting at 11.30pm. On Christmas Day, I will celebrate a sung PARISH COMMUNION at 10.15am. On the Sunday after Christmas, the 27th December, the organist and choir will have a well-deserved Sunday off, and I will celebrate a said Holy Communion at 10.15am.

The boxes for the Children's Society raised £119.97 this year. My thanks to the box-holders, and to all who contributed.

Anne joins me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome Victoria Mary Capps who was baptised on 1st November; Sara Jane Greenish and Anne Elizabeth Greenish who were baptised on 15th November; and Thomas William Payne who was baptised on 22nd November. We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Peter Coghlan, who was buried on 3rd December.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

- Courtney Guest

The Table Tennis Club meets every Friday at 1930 hours in Pinchmill Hall. Players of all standards, including beginners, are most welcome to come along. Please telephone me on 781384 if you would like further information.

DECEMBER 26TH : BOXING DAY WALK

- Anne & George Airtou

You are invited to join us for a walk on Boxing Day, 26th December. It will be approximately 5-6 miles in the surrounding countryside, starting at 10.00am from the Bus Shelter. On our return there will be Sherry and Mince Pies available at 42, Marriotts Close. I do hope you will be able to join us.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 19th December. As in previous years, we would be grateful for contributions of holly and ivy (especially variegated), berries, and evergreens. If you would like to help with the decorating, please contact me early.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

- Ron & Judith Smith

The sale of cards and gifts at Leaways in October exceeded £450 and we are grateful to our friends who made this the most successful of the SCF Christmas sales in Felmersham. The work of the Fund in the Third World and the UK is too well known to need description here, but we do need more help. A band of knitters make up squares into blankets which are used throughout Africa. Please, if you have any spare odd knitting wool drop it at Leaways or the SCF Shop in Harpur Street - it really is needed. The SCF Shop is staffed by some 50 unpaid volunteers, each devoting from half a day to a couple of days a week, some for over 25 years, to keep the place running. Their commitment is often combined with running coffee mornings, station collections during SCF week, library displays and many other sundry activities, which means that there are times when we need just one hour of someone's help. Could you give one or two hours a year!! If you would, please just ring 781430.

POPPY APPEAL

- Fred Turner

On Remembrance Sunday, Mr. Fred Turner laid a wreath in the Church during the annual service, and at the War Memorial, where prayers were said.

The collection from the sale of poppies in Felmersham, including the two pubs, was £125.95; and in Radwell, including The Swan, £141.76; a Parish total of £267.71. Donations towards the Memorial Wreath were £30. I would like to thank all who supported the appeal, and a special thank you to all the collectors, Mesdames C.Hulatt, G.Stevenson, M.Leach, S.Evans, and Mr.D.Hulston, not forgetting the three pubs, The Swan, The Six Ringers and The Sun.

CHURCH KNEELERS

- Mary Birks

The Kneeler Project continues to progress, with well over 100 completed. We still require some 'special' ones - e.g. 2 for the Church Wardens, a Red Cross one to complete the Memorial Chapel, and some double depth ones for the Chancel chairs. There will be a meeting, all welcome, at the Old Farm House, Grange Road, on Tuesday 12th January 1993 at 2.00pm, which we hope you will attend. If anyone has suggestions for designs please let me know. We were very grateful for the help of Roxton 'Kneeler Ladies' when we started. We, in turn, have now visited Wilden, as they commence their task of making kneelers.

RED CROSS NEWS

- Sue Whiting

Truida Burton

We would like to thank all those who supported our Coffee Evening at Greenfields on November 13th in aid of Bosnia's 'Feed the Children' Appeal. We were delighted that we made £205. Thank you to all those who attended, and also to those who made donations.

CAROL SINGING

- Pat Hartop

Come and join us singing carols around the village on 21st December, starting at the Church at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome, and the collection this year will be for the Sue Ryder Home. For further details, phone 782165.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

- Village Hall Committee

Forget the recession and see in the New Year at our 'Hampers and Changers' Dance! The full Razz Club Band and Vocalist will provide the music from 9.00pm to 1.00am. The bar will be open but do bring your own 'Hampers' (food and wine) and your own wine glasses. We'll provide complimentary 'bubbly' at midnight to welcome in the New Year! For tickets, keenly priced at £10 each, and limited to 100, call 782556, 781624 or 781443.

SOME RESULTS

- Stephen Hill

Here are the financial results of three recent Church events :-
SPONSORED BIKE RIDE / WALK £ 61.50

50% to the Beds. & Herts. Historic Churches Trust

50% to our own Church redecoration

HARVEST Tea £92.50: Church Collections £79.01: Total £171.51

50% to Mission Aviation Fellowship in Tanzania

50% to the Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal

AUTUMN BAZAAR, all in aid of Church redecoration £543.13

Thanks to all who organised, assisted, or supported in any way.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

The November meeting of the W.I. was 'River Ouse part two' when Mr. Lepper showed us some more of his slides of the journey of the Ouse from Bedford to the Wash, with snippets of history along the way. A stall at the Festive Fayre in the Harpur Suite raised over £100 for our Institute funds. Twenty tickets booked for the Moscow State Ballet in February were immediately snapped up, and a Burns Night is being planned for January. Christmas gifts were collected to be sent to the patients at Fairfield Hospital. The next meeting on December 15th is a Christmas Party, including a gift exchange.

PETER COGHLAN

- Ken Shrimpton

It is with sadness that we record the death of Peter Coghlan, aged 45. Peter was a teacher at Bedford Modern School and moved to the village 7 years ago. He was an active member of the PCC, who chaired the Family Services sub-committee and helped create the very successful Lighthouse Group (the new Sunday activity for children). Latterly Peter joined his wife Anthea, and son Christian, in worship with the Quakers. Peter will be sadly missed.