

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL HOUSE NEWS

PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY 1993

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JAN

Sun	10	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION (Epiphany 1 ASB p.463)	
Tue	12	2.00pm	The Old Farm House	Kneeler Meeting
		8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council
Fri	15	8.00pm	Sharnbrook Methodist	Wildlife Trust
Sun	17	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 2 ASB p.467)	(Mr. D. Knowles)
Tue	19	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Sun	24	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Epiphany 3 ASB p.472)	(Mr. K. Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Epiphany 3 ASB p.472)	(Mr. S. Hill)
Fri	29	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. Burns Night
Sun	31	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Epiphany 4 ASB p.476)	(Mrs. R. Brough)

FEB

Tue	2		Northampton	W.I. Ballet Outing
Sat	6	10.30am	Gillian Walmsley "Sennen", Grange Road	Coffee and Cake Morning
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Ninth before Easter ASB p.486)	(Mr. D. Aitken)

Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (Turvey (864) 661).
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JANUARY 1993

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

When our Diocesan Bishop presided at the celebration of Holy Communion on the occasion of our Patronal Festival, he read to us a letter which he had written to all the parishes in the Diocese entitled 'Roots for Life'. It was to tell us that, over the next three years, the Church Commissioners are reducing the grant made to the Diocese towards the stipends of the Clergy. Although I am non-stipendiary, this parish contributes to the Diocese the equivalent sum that we would be asked for if I were a stipendiary priest working in the parish for 25% of my time. The reduction in grant will mean that we in this parish will be asked to increase our payment to the Diocese by 19.15% in 1993, and probably by at least a further 20% for each of the following two years. At present our fund-raising events are in aid of our restoration fund, whilst the bulk of our direct giving goes into our house-keeping account. If we are to continue to maintain this policy, the increase in our quota can only be met by a corresponding increase in our direct giving. Please do bear this in mind when you are reviewing the level of your giving to the parish for 1993 and beyond.

The letter from Bishop John was followed by a series of meetings in each Deanery, and discussion at our last Parochial Church Council meeting. The P.C.C. have distributed a copy of the Bishop's letter to every person on the Church electoral roll. We also now have a video on the subject, made by the Diocese, which is available for parishioners to borrow.

My thanks to Pat Hartop and the carol singers who raised £119.08 for the Sue Ryder Home, when singing around the village before Christmas. We also raised £91.66 for The Children's Society at our Christingle Service. My thanks to all of you who contributed to both collections. I thought the Church looked beautiful for Christmas. I know that Anne is including a separate thank you to all of you who helped with the decorations but I would like to add my own personal thanks to you all.

Our services for the month of January will follow our normal pattern, including a shortened Family Communion Service on January 10th.

Anne joins me in sending to you all
our very best wishes for 1993.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER
We welcome Thomas Edward Taylor who was baptised on 6th December.

OUSE NEWS 1993

- Roland Carpenter

This time last year, I forecast that continually rising prices might make it necessary to charge slightly more for Ouse News in 1993. The new charge will be £1.75, which will be sufficient to cover the cost of at least 11 issues during the year, leaving open the possibility of either one or two issues in July - August, depending on the amount of material available. I am sure it would be very much appreciated if you could pay your distributor 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. I am especially grateful to Joan Hughes, "Stonehaven", for volunteering to take over deliveries to The Row and Hensman Close from Mrs. Kath Lovell.

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, Hensman Close	Joan Hughes

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.

COFFEE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

Gillian Walmsley is our hostess for the next coffee morning, on Saturday, February 6th, at 10.30am at "Sennen", Grange Road.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for Christmas; by contributing holly and ivy, (there must be some very bare bushes around the village now!); by putting up and decorating the trees; by putting up the candle holders and the candles; by arranging the crib; twining evergreens round candle holders; and decorating windows, pillars, pulpit, lectern and pedestals.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Nancy Fagence

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12th January 1993 at 8.00pm in Pinchmill Hall.

CHURCH KNEELERS

- Mary Birks

There will be a meeting for the Kneeler Project 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 for the 'special' kneelers still needed please let me know.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE DAY CARE HOSPICE - Editor

Following the introduction of the new 10p coin, the old 10p coin shortly ceases to be legal tender. Are you willing to collect old 10p coins (together with any other small change you may wish to donate!) in support of the North Bedfordshire Macmillan Cancer Day Care Hospice, where caring support is provided for cancer sufferers and their carers.

Please send or bring your donation to the address below, or telephone if you wish to know the name of a local contact to whom to take your collection:

Appeal Office,
North Bedfordshire Day Care Hospice,
3, Linden Road, Bedford, MK40 2DD

Telephone (0234) 352015

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

The December meeting of the W.I. was a Christmas party; members exchanged gifts, and the evening was much enjoyed by all. The next meeting is on January 19th, when our speaker will be telling us all about 'Cooking with Wine'. Tickets are on sale at £7 each for the Burns Night on January 29th in Pinchmill Hall at 7.30pm. On February 2nd, members will be attending a performance by the Moscow State Ballet at Northampton.

THE WILDLIFE TRUST

- Editor

The Sharnbrook District of the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust resumes its series of approximately monthly meetings on Friday January 15th at 8.00pm in Sharnbrook Methodist Church with Sean Karley, "An Aberrant Botanist on Aberrant Plants".

BEDFORDSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL - Hilary Western

I would like to introduce myself to you as the new Rural Arts Worker for North and Mid Bedfordshire, based at the Rural Community Council offices at Cardington. I will be trying to support and encourage a greater understanding and enjoyment of all forms of art, which, I believe, plays an enormous part in our lives. I have sent a questionnaire to your Parish Council to try to identify areas of interest and where support is needed within your community. However, if you need any particular advice about the arts or would like to pass on any information concerning your area of interest please don't hesitate to contact me.

Hilary Western, Rural Arts Worker,
The Old School, Cardington, Bedford, MK44 3SX
Telephone (0234) 838771

BEDFORD ADULT TRAINING GROUP

- Editor

Bedford Adult Training Group has a skills unit which is prepared to undertake a number of tasks. Examples include garden renovation, timber building construction, house/shed clearance, interior decorating and forestry work. The project is designed to help the unemployed; rates are reasonable.

Contact: Peter Hogan, Project Co-ordinator, BATG on (0234) 347999.

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Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Ninth before Easter ASB p.486)	(Mr. D. Aitken)
Sun	14	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Eighth before Easter ASB p.490)	
Tue	16	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Sun	21	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Seventh before Easter ASB p.495)	(Don Gough)
Wed	24	10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (Ash Wednesday, ASB p.499)	
Sun	28	9.00am	Pinchmill Hall	Lighthouse Group
		9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Ken Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS (Lent 1 ASB p.504)	(Stephen Hill)

MAR

Sat	6	10.30am	Pat Keeble, "Owls Rest", Moor End, Radwell	Coffee & Cake Morning
Sun	7	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 2 ASB p.508)	(Margaret Alleway)
Sat	13	11.00am	St. Mary's Church	Flower Festival Meeting
Sun	14	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Lent 3 ASB p.513)	

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FEBRUARY 1993

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Sunday services for the month of February will follow our normal pattern, including a shortened Family Communion Service on February 14th. In addition, I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 10.15am on Ash Wednesday, 24th February.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We extend our congratulations to Gary Preston and Beth Pickin who were married on 2nd January.

We welcome Ben Martin Sochacki, who was baptised on 10th January.

COFFEE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

Pat Keeble is our hostess for the next coffee morning, on Saturday, March 6th, at 10.30am at "Owls Rest", Moor End, Radwell.

On April 3rd, at 11, Tithe Barn, Felmersham, our hostess will be Vivienne Melville.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

- Anne Claypole White

There will be a meeting in the Church at 11.00am on Saturday 13th March to discuss the proposed Flower Festival. We hope to arrange for this to take place on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd October, thus coinciding with our annual Harvest Festival. Please come to the meeting if you would like to be involved - we will need many helpers!

If you would like to help but are unable to attend the meeting, please let me know, so that you can be included.

WINE AND DINE AT MIDWICKET

- Ken Shrimpton

Karen and Jeff Stokley have offered to host several dinner parties in their home for groups of 6 people at £12.00 per head (including wine). So why not make up a party and give Karen a call on 781176? Individual bookings can also be made. All income to Church Decoration Fund.

LIGHT HOUSE GROUP

- Rosemary Brough

The Light House Group will meet in Pinchmill Hall at 9.00am on Sunday 28th February.

CARPET BOWLS

- Ken Booker

Due to lack of support from the village folk, we are closing the club down as from Easter. If anybody wishes to take over the responsibility for the club and its equipment (which will be left at the Hall), please contact us and we will give you our support.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

W.I. has had a busy start to 1993. "Cooking with Booze" was the topic for January, with a demonstration by Mrs. Carol Hull. Whiskey Prawns, Pork Valee d'Ange and Carol's Syllabub were all sampled by members.

Burns Night was celebrated on January 29th. About a hundred members, husbands and friends, arrived at Pinchmill Hall to the sound of the bagpipes. After the Selkirk Grace, the haggis carried by Geoff Hulatt, was piped in by the piper Donald Reed. Chairman for the evening was Dr. Bill Kelly, and speeches were given by the Revd. Gerry Sidebottom, by Mr. Alan McKenzie, and by Mrs. Isabel Buckingham. The closing thanks were given by our President, Mrs. Anne Airtton. Following the singing of Auld Lang Syne, the Bedfordshire branch of the Royal Country Dance Society gave a demonstration of Scottish Dancing, and to round off the evening everyone joined in. Committee members and their helpers had worked hard to make this a truly memorable evening for everyone.

On February 2nd, a party of 36, including husbands and friends, attended a wonderful performance of the Nutcracker Suite, given by the Moscow State Ballet at the Derngate in Northampton. The title for our next meeting, on February 16th, is "H.E. Bates as a Regional Novelist".

Anyone in Felmersham or Radwell who is interested in joining the W.I. should please come along to our meetings at 7.30pm in Pinchmill Hall on the third Tuesday of each month, or contact Anne Airtton on 782080 for further details.

"CAN YOU HELP TO ?"

- Ken Shrimpton

Last October, the P.C.C. asked parishioners if they could undertake to organise some kind of event in order to pay for the church decoration. An event might involve just a few people in somebody's home, or a grand occasion held in the Church or Village Hall. Either way, it would create interest in the village; extend social contact; and give a great deal of pleasure; and at the same time, help to pay for the Church Decoration (we still need £1500.00!).

So far the response has not been good, so how about it? We need your help, otherwise the Churchwardens will have to mortgage their houses to settle the account!

PARTNERSHIP

- Hilary Western

Are there any village communities in Bedford Borough or Mid Bedfordshire District who would like to 'adopt' a group of approximately 6 students from Bedford College for 2 weeks next summer? The students would work with children and young adults on a theatrically based project about recycling, hopefully using discarded material from the Community in which they are placed. For more information please contact HILARY WESTERN, Rural Arts Worker, Bedfordshire Rural Community Council, on 0234 838771.

THE CHURCHYARD

- Ken Shrimpton

Each year the Parish Church is inspected by the Archdeacon or his deputy, the Rural Dean, to ensure that the church and its contents are in order. Last year the 'Visitation' concentrated on the churchyard, and whilst it was found to be well maintained, the inspection revealed that there was no proper plan of the churchyard. Over the last six months the churchwardens have drawn up a scaled plan showing, and recording, the positions of all the marked graves (i.e. those with headstones). We would now like to include on the plan the unmarked graves. If you tend an unmarked grave (i.e. without a headstone), and would like to ensure that it is properly recorded, then please contact the churchwardens. We would also like to hear from anybody else who may have relevant information that would help us to complete the plan. It is estimated that the Churchyard will be full in ten to fifteen years time. The Parish Council are aware of this and are currently negotiating an extension to the churchyard. More on this when the plans are approved.

RURAL PLAY PARTNERSHIP

- Editor

Bedford Borough Council has designed a scheme to enable rural communities to provide quality opportunities for their children. It works by a trained play worker leading 8 sessions on consecutive Saturdays at a suitable venue in a village. The play worker is assisted by at least one volunteer from the local community (not necessarily the same volunteer each week). During the 8 weeks, the volunteers will be able to learn the skills necessary to run a play session. Training sessions, teaching specific skills, will be run for the volunteers (4 to 6 sessions run on midweek evenings). After 8 weeks the play worker is withdrawn from the scheme but continues to be available in an advisory capacity. The Borough Council can also offer the loan of equipment, and assistance with publicity.

The project is due to start in three parishes in February. The Borough Council is keen to attract volunteers - an essential ingredient in the Rural Play project. The proposed activities for the 8 week session include :- Volley-ball, Circus Skills, Health and Fitness, Fishing and Nature Watch.

If you feel you would like to volunteer, please contact Darren Bray, the co-ordinator, on 0234 271229 ... he's waiting for your call!

THANKS

- Anthea Coghlan

I would like to thank all those friends and neighbours who showed such kindness to Peter in his last weeks, and to Christian and myself. Your practical help, messages of love and prayers have given us considerable strength, and have demonstrated what a truly caring community we have here in Felmersham.

Those who kindly contributed to the David Cunningham Trust, for research into cancer of the large intestine, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, may like to know that the total currently donated stands at £516.90.

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			Felmersham Nature Reserve	BTCV Work Party
Tue	16	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. meeting
Sun	21	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION (Mothering Sunday, Lent 4 ASB p.518)	(David Knowles)
Sun	28	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Lent 5 ASB p.522)	(Ken Shrimpton)

APR

Sat	3	10.30am	Vivienne Melville, 11, Tithe Barn, Felmersham	Coffee & Cake Morning
Sun	4	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Palm Sunday ASB p.527)	(Dick Aitken)
Fri	9	7.30pm	DEVOTIONAL SERVICE "The Cross of Christ" (Good Friday, ASB p.559)	
Sun	11	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Easter Day ASB p.574)	
Thu	15		Pinchmill Hall	PPT 'Out of Focus'
Fri	16		Pinchmill Hall	PPT 'Out of Focus'
Sat	17		Pinchmill Hall	PPT 'Out of Focus'
Sun	18	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 1 ASB p.602)	(Don Bough)
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MARCH 1993

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Because of Mothering Sunday, there will be a change to our usual pattern of services in March. On the 3rd Sunday, 21st March, which is Mothering Sunday, our morning service at 10.15am will take the form of our shortened communion service, and the children from the Light House group will be involved. The children (and adults if they wish) will be given posies to present to their mothers and grandmothers.

There will be no family service on the second Sunday, 14th March. Instead, I will celebrate our normal ASB full communion service. The rest of the services throughout the month will follow our usual pattern.

Looking ahead to April, on Good Friday, 9th April, we will hold our usual service of readings and hymns, 'The Cross of Christ'. I will celebrate parish communion on Easter Sunday at 10.15am.

Lastly, I would give advance notice that our ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Monday 19th April at 7.30pm in Pinchmill Hall. I will publish full details in the next issue of Ouse News.

GOOD FRIDAY

- Stephen Hill

We mark Good Friday with a service of readings and music leading us through the events of the Crucifixion. Similar in format to the Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols, this is a most moving service on one of the supremely important days in the Christian calendar.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

FLOWER FESTIVAL - don't forget the meeting in the Church at 11.00am on Saturday 13th March.

MOTHERING SUNDAY, 21st March. If any of you can help to make posies, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

EASTER LILIES. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to donate money for an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one. We have to order early.

COFFEE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

You are all invited to join us on April 3rd at 10.30am, at 11, Tithe Barn, Felmersham, when our hostess will be Vivienne Melville. On May 1st, our hostess will be Mary Watson, at 'Plantations', Church End, Ravensden.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Anne Airtton was in the chair for our February meeting. After a short lapse, it has been agreed that the minutes of each meeting should again be read. Arrangements were made for the next Group Meeting, which is to be held in Sharnbrook. Judith Smith is to take over as Group Convenor. Yoga classes have begun again on a Monday evening. Two evenings are to be held so that members can learn about resuscitation.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Patrick Norman, who spoke very enthusiastically about "H.E. Bates as a Regional Novelist". He started by telling us that Felmersham was mentioned in one novel, 'My Uncle Silas'.

Nominations are required for the 1993/4 committee. The next meeting, on March 16th, is on Graphology.

A THANK-YOU MESSAGE

- Frank Whipp

Edna, Michael and I wish to thank the many friends in the village who have been such a support and comfort during my illness over the past weeks. We have been spoiled for company, have received many offers of help with transport, and in so many other ways. God bless you all.

EMPTY TONER CARTRIDGES

- Editor

If your company throws out empty Toner cartridges from photocopiers or printers, why not think about donating them to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund? The charity can collect a donation for each one it recycles. Call 081-390-6650 for further details of the scheme.

RED CROSS NEWS

- Mrs. J Godfrey

Desperately Seeking Leaders

All over the county on every night of the week young people join in the activities of a multitude of organisations. They all hope to enjoy themselves, and in the process it is hoped that they will learn in ways not always possible in more formal circumstances. Red Cross youth groups aim to provide just such an environment, but as with any other youth group can only do so because adults give up their time.

It would be sad to see any group in the county close. All it needs is a cheerful, energetic, keen person over the age of 18 and under 60, prepared to give a regular commitment. Without a new leader coming forward as soon as possible, FELMERSHAM'S group may have to close. You don't need experience, as training will be given.

Did you go to a young people's group when you were young? If so, this was only because someone was prepared to give up some time to run it. For more information, please telephone 0234 349166

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- George Airtton

If you have planned to go away for the Easter break, try to get back for our presentation of "Out Of Focus" by Peter Gordon on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th April - it will send you cross-eyed! Anne will have tickets for sale at 42, Marriotts Close around mid-March, at a cost of £2.50 for Thursday and £3.00 for Friday and Saturday.

WASTE WATCH - RECYCLING CREDITS

- Editor

Waste Watch has produced a booklet entitled "Recycling Credits". These can provide a basic source of income to community groups who undertake to collect and dispose of waste materials, in addition to any revenue that might accrue from the sale of the collected materials. There are two types of Recycling Credits - one paid by the Waste Collection Authorities (the District Councils) and another paid by the Waste Disposal Authorities (the County Councils).

Both authorities have the power to award Recycling Credits to community groups. A Recycling Credit is paid to reflect the net savings the authority will make by not having to collect or dispose of the waste which is recycled by the community group. The booklet is entitled "Recycling Credits - information for Community Groups" and is available from Waste Watch, (Sarah Hobson), 68 Grafton Way, London, W1P 5LE (Telephone 071-383 3320).

THE BRITISH TRUST FOR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

- Editor

Sara Munden (Greenpeace Project Officer) and Liam Egan (Volunteer Officer) at the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) have been involved in setting up several conservation groups in Bedfordshire over recent months.

Following on from a successful programme of midweek projects carried out last autumn in North and Mid Bedfordshire, a new series of day tasks has been planned. BTCV's midweek group is open to anyone over 14 years old, and transport is available from Bedford to the sites on each work day. Also provided :- the tools for the task, training on what to do, and tea, coffee, and biscuits, so contact Sara or Liam on 0234 838030 for further details.

Much conservation work continues to take place at weekends, principally on Sundays. There is a work party planned for FELMERSHAM NATURE RESERVE on Sunday March 14th.

There is plenty of opportunity to become involved in voluntary conservation projects in Bedfordshire. Anyone who would like more details can contact The BTCV Office, Bedfordshire Rural Community Council, The Old School, Cardington, Bedford, MK44 3SX, telephone 0234 838030.

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Mon	19	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	PCC Annual Meetings
Tue	20	7.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	W.I. A.G.M.
Wed	21	10.30am	Maybank, Pavenham Rd	Sue Ryder Coffee Morning
Sun	25	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY MATINS (Easter 2 ASB p.608)	(Ken Shrimpton) (Stephen Hill)
Wed	28	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	PSA Craft Fair

MAY

Sat	1	10.30am	Mary Watson, 'Plantations', Church End, Ravensden	Coffee & Cake Morning
Sun	2	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 3 ASB p.613)	(Margaret Alleway)
Sat	8	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Jumble Sale
Sun	9	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Easter 4 ASB p.618)	
Sat	15	10.30am	Harrowdene Paddock	Coffee & Plants Morning
Sun	16	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 5 ASB p.622)	(David Knowles)

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CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Sunday 4th April, is Palm Sunday when I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am, and will hand out Palm Crosses at the end of the service. Then on Good Friday, 9th April, at 7.30pm, we will hold our usual devotional service, 'The Cross of Christ', with hymns and readings. I will celebrate Choral Communion on Easter Sunday at 10.15am. There will be no Family Service in April, the next one will be on the second Sunday in May, May 9th. Our other April services will follow the usual pattern; Choral Communion on 18th April at 10.15am, and a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am on the 25th April, followed by Matins at 10.15am. Our ANNUAL MEETINGS will be held in the Committee Room of Pinchmill Hall on Monday 19th April starting at 7.30pm. The first meeting is to elect our Church Wardens for the coming year, and is open to anyone on the Local Government Electoral Roll. The second meeting, at which only those who are on the Church Electoral Roll may vote, is to elect our Parochial Church Council; to receive the audited accounts; and to receive the annual reports of the church officers. This meeting will be followed by a very short meeting of the newly elected PCC, to appoint the lay Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer. If anyone is interested in being considered as a candidate for the PCC, do please tell me or any member of the present PCC. Members must be at least sixteen years of age, and must be communicant members of the Church of England.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Frank Whipp, whose funeral was on 15th March.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Lilies. The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 10th April. All helpers will be very welcome!

COFFEE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

You are all invited to join us on May 1st at 10.30am, at 'Plantations', Church End, Ravensden, when our hostess will be Mary Watson. On June 5th, our hostess will be Mrs. Pat Stevens, The Cottage, Pavenham Road.

A THANK-YOU MESSAGE

- Edna & Michael Whipp

Just saying thank you to everyone in the village is not enough to express how grateful and humble we both feel for the support you all gave us with losing Frank, whom I know you all loved.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

- Anne Claypole White

Following the meeting on 13th March, it was decided to hold the festival on 1st to 3rd October (inclusive), to coincide with our Harvest Thanksgiving. We are planning to hold a CHILDREN'S COMPETITION for posters to advertise the festival. There will be two age classes; up to ten years, and ten to sixteen years. A small prize will be awarded in each class, and we hope to use all the entries. Details will be announced later. There will be a 'COFFEE AND PLANTS' morning to be held at Harrowdene Paddock, The High Road, Felmersham, the home of Janet and David Cook, at 10.30am on Saturday 15th May, so don't throw away your surplus plants when you are dividing clumps and planting seedlings! The event is to raise money to buy flowers, oasis, etc. for the festival.

PINCHMILL PLAYERS THEATRE

- George Airton

A final reminder to get your tickets for the comedy, "Out Of Focus". These can be obtained from Anne or myself at 42, Harriotts Close, price £2.50 for Thursday 15th, and £3.00 for Friday 16th and Saturday 17th April. Each performance starts at 8.00pm.

U.I.

- Mary Freeman

The speaker for the March meeting was Mr. Tom Howie; the subject was graphology. From our signatures and hand-written nursery rhymes, he was able to give us an insight into our characters and ailments. Members were interested in learning more, and Mr. Howie agreed to send us a book list. Six members attended a Group Meeting in Sharnbrook, which was an evening of Scottish Dancing. The next meeting, on April 20th, is the A.B.E.

ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN

- Sue Whiting

Thank you to all collectors, and to those who contributed to the Felmersham collection for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. £71.00 was raised.

- Valerie Sexton

Thank you for all your help. £38.52 was collected in Radwell.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

- Ron Smith

HELP! Before Christmas we asked if you could spare 1 or 2 hours a year to help children whose needs are so desperate. The National Save the Children Week is the first week of May. If you can give us that hour or two by being a collector at the Goldington Road Tesco store on Friday 7th or Saturday 8th May, please let us know at Leaways, Brange Road, Felmersham, or ring 781430. When you see the terrible plight of so many children on your television screen, there is something positive you can do to help, and this is it.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Balliver

The Sue Ryder Group are holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 21st April from 10.30 to 12 noon at Maybank, Pavenham Road, the home of Sue and David Ronaldson. There will be a Bring and Buy and a Raffle. Tickets at £1.00 are available from Group Members.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT DAY

- Lin Williams

Thursday 3rd June, Hastingsbury Upper School, Kempston. This will be of interest to anyone involved in voluntary transport schemes, or concerned about rural transport issues or improving mobility for people with disabilities. Contact Lin at Bedfordshire County Council on 0234 228332 for further details.

PSA CRAFT FAIR : WEDNESDAY 28th APRIL - Alleyne Leach

The PSA are holding a Craft Fair on Wednesday 28th April starting at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Among the many crafts on display and for sale, will be examples of rushwork, pottery, doughcraft, jewellery, painting, and many other handicrafts. Tickets, priced at £2.00 each, to include a free glass of wine, are available from me (781072), or on the door on the night.

GIFT AID

- Stephen Hill

I would like to remind all parishioners that the limits for Gift Aid have recently been revised. The Church can now claim back the tax on any Gift Aid donations of £250.00 or more per annum.

PARISH NOTEBOOK

- Ken Hinton

A few dates for your diary: -

8 May	Jumble Sale	2.30pm Village Hall
22 May	Quiz Night	Village Hall
26 June	Garden Party	2.30pm Manor House
11 Sept	Sponsored Walk / Cycle Ride	
1 - 3 Oct	Flower Festival	St. Mary's Church

All the above events are fund-raisers for the Church Redecoration Fund. Please try to support them.

PARISH APPRAISAL

The Parish Council, in co-operation with the Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council, have formed a steering committee to look into all aspects of our parish life. The most important part of the committee's work will be to conduct a Parish Appraisal. A Parish Appraisal is a study by parishioners, who will be asked to take stock of all aspects of their parish and its life, to highlight assets, deficiencies, problems and needs. The results of this study will be published in a report and will be distributed, amongst others, to those organisations providing services to the parish and community. It is hoped that the report will provide a useful reference over the next 5 - 10 years for those involved in the decision-making process. Further details of the Appraisal will be published in a few weeks time.

Parish Appraisal - for YOUR community by YOUR community.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

- Mark Sidesbottom

I have prepared a General Knowledge Quiz which will be selling in the parish (and hopefully beyond) at £1 per copy. Proceeds will go to the redecoration of Felmersham Church. Also, if there is sufficient interest, Hazel and Garry will arrange an evening in the autumn when they will talk about the changes they have seen during their time in the parish and since (again with proceeds to church redecoration).

DOUSE VALLEY THEATRE-GOERS

- Christine Linley

Do you enjoy visiting the Theatre to see plays, concerts, musicals, ballet, opera, etc.? Did you know there is a group organising such outings to Birmingham, Stratford-on-Avon, Cambridge, Northampton, London, and other popular destinations? DOUSE VALLEY THEATRE-GOERS regularly organise such excursions, including coach travel from local pick-up points. For a small annual membership fee you can be part of this friendly like-minded group. For further information, please contact June Barnett (782459), Ruth Bicknell (781711), or Truce Boyce (781133).

PARISH DIARY FOR MAY 1993

Please send all June material to CLIVE JUST (781967) by 25th May.

MAY

Sun	2	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 3 ASB p.613)	(Margaret Alleway)
Tue	4	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	8	2.30pm	Pinchmill Hall	Jumble Sale
Sun	9	10.15am	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE (Easter 4 ASB p.618)	
		11.30am	Felmersham Bus Shelter	Start of Village Walk
Thu	13	8.30pm	Six Ringers	Squash Club E.G.M.
Sat	15	10.30am	Harrowdene Paddock	Coffee & Plants
Sun	16	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Easter 5 ASB p.622)	(David Knowles)
Thu	20	8.00pm	St. Mary's, Carlton	DEANERY SERVICE
Sat	22	8.00pm	Pinchmill Hall	(Ascension Day, ASB p.627) Wine & Wisdom Quiz
Sun	23	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	(Ken Shrimpton)
		10.15am	FAMILY MATINS	(Sally Carr)
			(Sunday after Ascension Day ASB p.630)	
			Priory Country Park	'Spring Greens'
Sat	29		The Barn, Corn Close	Arts & Craft Fair
Sun	30	10.15am	CHORAL COMMUNION (Pentecost ASB p.635)	(Don Gough)
			The Barn, Corn Close	Arts & Craft Fair

JUN

Sat	5	10.30am	Pat Stevens, The Cottage, Pavenham Road, Felmersham	Coffee & Cake Morning
Sun	6	10.15am	ALL SAINTS SOULDROP PATRONAL FESTIVAL (Trinity Sunday ASB p.641)	
			NO SERVICE IN FELMERSHAM	

Vicar: The Revd. D.E.Claypole White (881661).

Churchwardens: Mr.K.Shrimpton (781381) and Mrs.R.Brough (782104)

FELMERSHAM & RADWELL DOUSE NEWS

MAY 1993

CHURCH NEWS

- Doug Claypole White

Our Family Service will be at 10.15am on the second Sunday in May, May 9th. Our other services in May will follow the usual pattern of Parish Communion on May 2nd, May 16th, and May 30th, and Holy Communion at 9.15am followed by Matins at 10.15am on May 23rd. We have been invited to All Saints, Souldrop on 6th June for the celebration of their Patronal Festival at 10.15am. Will you please also make a note in your diaries that we have also been invited to St. Peter's, Sharnbrook, at 10.15am on 27th June to share their Patronal Festival. There will be no services at St. Mary's, Felmersham on either of these Sundays. The DEANERY ASCENSION DAY SERVICE of Holy Communion will be held this year at St. Mary the Virgin, Carlton, on Thursday, May 20th at 8.00pm, when the preacher will be the Revd. Canon Harold Jones.

At our ANNUAL MEETING, Ken Shrimpton and Rosemary Brough were re-elected as Church-Wardens for the coming year. Sue Whitehouse and Margaret Alleway were elected as our Deanery Synod representatives for the next three years. All four become ex officio members of the P.C.C. Messrs. Don Gough, Alan Stevens, Paul Keeble, Stephen Hill, Clive Just, David Knowles and Richard Phipps, together with Mesdames Jane Templeman, Sally Carr, Pam fforde, Pat Keeble, Vivienne Melville and Gillian Greenish were appointed to the P.C.C. The meeting received the audited accounts, and reports from various members. Derek Walmsley was re-appointed as honorary auditor, with our grateful thanks for undertaking the audit. At the short P.C.C. meeting which followed, David Knowles was elected lay vice-chairman; Stephen Hill, honorary treasurer; and Paul Keeble, honorary secretary.

I would like to take this opportunity to repeat the thanks which I gave at the Annual Meeting to the outgoing Church-Wardens, Ken Shrimpton and Rosemary Brough; the Deanery Synod representatives, Sue Whitehouse and Roland Carpenter; the treasurer Stephen Hill; the secretary Paul Keeble; the outgoing P.C.C.; our organist Pam fforde and the choir; Ken Shrimpton and his fund-raising committee; Rosemary Brough, Clive Just and their helpers with the Light House Group; our servers Stephen Hill and Judith Templeman; the sidesmen; readers; sacristan; Colin Payne and the bell ringers; George Brown our vergers; all who clean the Church and all who decorate it; Anne Airtton for laundering the Church linen; Margaret Alleway and all who host the coffee mornings; Mary Birks and her helpers for the continuing supply of kneelers; Jessie Marsh and her daughter Edna for the lovely new altar linen; Sheina Burbidge and Truce Boyce for making pew cushions; and to everybody who has helped with the Harvest Tea, the Jumble Sale, the Open Gardens, the Autumn Bazaar, and all our fund-raising efforts.

The CHILDREN'S SOCIETY house-to-house collection raised £152. My thanks to the collectors and to you all for supporting this project. We are holding a JUMBLE SALE at 2.30pm on Saturday 8th May at Pinchmill Hall, to raise money for our Restoration Fund. If any of you would like to help get the Hall ready in the morning, or man a stall in the afternoon, please have a word with Mrs. Sue Whitehouse (781300), or just turn up on the day. Jumble may be delivered to the Hall on Saturday morning. If this causes problems, Sue may be able to arrange collection. There will be another house-to-house collection in the week commencing May 17th. This is for CHRISTIAN AID, and once again I do ask you to give generously.

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter decorations in the Church, and to all of you who donated lilies. I am very conscious that I make heavy demands on those of you who so willingly help with the flowers on special occasions. However, we also need altar flowers throughout the year. The flower rota is in the porch, but looks very empty at present. Please sign up if you can help. Flowers last well in the cool atmosphere, so it makes sense to sign up for two consecutive weeks if you can. Finally, please remember the coffee and plant morning at Janet and David Cook's on Saturday 15th May. Please support it. We are hoping to raise money for the Flower Festival.

COFFEE MORNING

- Margaret Alleway

You are all invited to join us on June 5th at 10.30am, at The Cottage, Pavenham Road, when our hostess will be Mrs. Pat Stevens.

CHARITIES ACT 1992

- Bedfordshire R.C.C.

Trustees, Village Hall Committee members etc., are you sure that you are within the law, now that the law has changed? Saturday workshops and seminars are provided by Bedfordshire Rural Community Council. Full programme available, starting May 9th. For information telephone 0234 838771.

W.I.

- Mary Freeman

Mrs. Anne Airtton was in the chair for the Annual Meeting. The V.C.O. was Mrs. Joan Ottley who helped with the re-election of Anne as President, and the forming of the new committee. Janet Clear is Treasurer; Mary Freeman, Secretary; Christine Linley, Minutes Secretary. Other members are Truce Boyce, Blanche Smith, Isabel Buckingham, and Sue Evans. Annual reports were given by Judith Smith, Janet Clear and Anne Airtton, who presented gifts to the committee, with particular thanks to the retiring members, Judith Smith, Paula Capps, and Jennifer Knowles. The Annual Cup was won by Hazel Sidebottom, and the names were drawn for two Denman Bursaries. Lynn Edwards gave a report on her visit to Denman, where she did a course entitled 'Moving into Management'. A group of Senior Citizens from Lilley in Essex ended their 'Mystery Coach Tour' at Pinchmill, where they were served afternoon tea by our members.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

- Anne Claypole White

Our recent house-to-house collection raised £152. Thanks to everyone who collected for and contributed to this record sum.

SUE RYDER GROUP

- Dorothy Galliver

The Coffee Morning held on 21st April raised £228.15. Your continued support is much appreciated by the group, and even more by St. John's Hospice. A sincere thank you to everyone.

SQUASH CLUB

- Isabel Buckingham

At 8.30pm on Thursday May 13th in the Six Ringers, the Felmersham and Radwell Squash Club will hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to wind up the club and arrange distribution of surplus funds to village causes. All members should have had a letter explaining the proposals. For further information, please phone me on 781832.

BEDFORD SCANNER APPEAL

- Gayle Burbidge

The total so far for the appeal to raise £800,000 for an MRI Scanner for Bedford Hospital has reached £160,000, but we still have a long way to go. The charity, in conjunction with the Bedfordshire Times, has launched a Village Challenge. This is a competition to see which village can raise the most money in a 6-month period from May until October. The prize is a beautiful wooden bench donated by Mr. Sam Whitbread. Our first event is an Arts and Craft Fair on 29th and 30th May at the Barn, Corn Close. It will include paintings, pottery, dried flowers, jewellery, cards, soft toys, face painting and a cake stall. Coffee and tea will be served. If you can organise an event, be it a coffee morning, a sponsored event, sale of home-grown vegetables etc., to help raise Felmersham's total, please contact me on 782534.

WINE & WISDOM QUIZ

- Chris Spoor

There will be a Wine and Wisdom Quiz on Saturday 22nd May at 8.00pm in Felmersham Village Hall. Proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund. Tickets are £3.50 including a Ploughman's Supper, and are available from Anne Smith (781780), Ken Shrimpton (781381) and me (782031).

BARN DANCE

- Brian Smith

Everyone is welcome to a Barn Dance on Saturday July 3rd. Superb music by Halligans Bar, 8.00pm to midnight. Tickets £5 each to include Ploughman's Supper. Licenced Bar available. We have to limit numbers to 80, so please phone to reserve your tickets on 781649, 782556, or 781443.

PARISH NOTEBOOK

- Ken Shrimpton

Pat and Peter Hartop are organising a village walk on Sunday 9th May, starting at 11.30am at the Felmersham bus shelter. The walk will be approximately 7 miles in the Colworth / Yelnow Lane area. Strong shoes or boots are recommended, and please bring a packed lunch. The pace will be leisurely. Everybody is welcome. The Parish Council has provided a new Felmersham notice board for village use, located in the High Road near the bus stop. Our thanks to Fred Turner who made it.

Coffee Morning

Margaret Alleway

Anyone is welcome to join us at 10.30am June 5th at the home of Mrs Pat Stevens, The Cottage, Pavenham Road.

Karen and Jeff Stokley would like to thank their recent dinner guests for their good company, and for raising £301 for the Church Decoration fund. The restaurant is now closed!

Felmersham & Radwell Squash Club

Isabel Buckingham

At an Extraordinary General Meeting on the 13th May, acting within the constitution, the Club was wound up. A formal vote of thanks was made to George Galliver whose generosity had allowed the Club to come into being. The members felt that the surplus funds should be used to assist facilities for the young people and other village causes. It was agreed to give £145 to each of the following: Refurbishment of playing field, Junior football team, Youth Club, Light House group, Church Decoration Fund. The Badminton Club would be given £25 and the balance (over £130) would be given to the Village Hall.

Red Cross

Sue Whiting

Thanks to all the people who helped with the house-to-house collection and to those who made donations. The total raised was £86.

Parish Diary - June 1993

June		
Sat	5 10.30am	Coffee Morning, The Cottage, Pavenham Road
Sun	6 10.15am	All Saints, Souldrop Patronal Festival (Trinity Sunday)
	11.30am	Village Walk, meet at bus stop
	7.30pm	Pinchmill Players Theatre AGM, Village Hall
Sun	13 10.15am	Family Communion (Trinity 1, ASB p 644, RB)
Tue	15	WI outing to Bedford Museum
Sun	20 10.15am	Family Communion (Trinity 2, ASB p 648, DG)
Mon	21	Closing date for General Knowledge Quiz
Sat	26 2.30pm	Parish Garden Party, The Manor House, Memorial Lane
Sun	27 9.00am	Light House group, Village Hall
	10.15am	St Peter's Sharnbrook Patronal Festival
Mon	28 8.00pm	Village Hall AGM
July		
Sat	3 10.00am	Churchyard Tidy-up
	8.00pm	Barn Dance, Village Hall
Sun	4 10.15am	Choral Communion (Baptism, ASB p 644, MA)
Sun	11 10.15am	Family Communion (Light House group)

Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

June 1993

Editorial Change

Doug Claypole White

After twelve years as editor of Ouse News, Roland Carpenter has sadly resigned as he no longer lives in the village. A very special thank you to both him and Anne Carpenter for both editing and producing the magazine so conscientiously every month. Our new editor is Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory, The High Road, Felmersham. Will you please let him have any copy you want included in future issues not later than the 25th of the preceding month.

Church News

Doug Claypole White

We have been invited to All Saints Church, Souldrop on Sunday 6th June to share with them their Patronal Festival. The service will start at 10.15am. We have also been invited to St Peter's, Sharnbrook at 10.15am on Sunday 27th June for their Patronal Festival. There will be no services in St Mary's Felmersham on either of these Sundays. We will have our usual Family Communion on the second Sunday, 13th June and Choral Communion on the third Sunday, 20th June, both at 10.15am.

My thanks to Sue Whitehouse and everybody who helped with the Jumble Sale. We made £170 profit for the Restoration Fund. My thanks also to Janet Cook for organising a coffee and plant morning, and to all who supported it. We made £115 towards the expenses of the Flower Festival in October which is also intended to raise cash for the Restoration Fund.

There have been a lot of other fund raising efforts going on in the parish during May to raise cash for our Restoration Fund. My thanks to: Chris and Maggie Spoor, David and Anne Smith, and Gayle Burbidge for organising a well attended Wine & Wisdom evening; Karen and Jeff Stokley for a series of dinner parties; Mark Sidebottom for compiling a general knowledge quiz and to Gerry Sidebottom for organising its publication.

Lastly my thanks to Sue Whitehouse for organising a house to house collection for Christian Aid, to those who helped and to all of you for your generous donations.

Please make a note of the Garden Party at 2.30pm on Saturday 26th June in The Manor House, Memorial Lane - full details appear elsewhere in this issue.

Womens Institute

Blanche Smith

The start of a new year is a good time to reflect on some of the activities recently undertaken by members and to emphasise the diversity of interests on offer. Recently three W.I.'ers took part in a Fun Golf Day, a Scrabble Competition and a Driver of the Year competition, and Karen Stokley hosted an evening of instruction in resuscitation. At the May meeting the President thanked Celia Hulatt for looking after the planters at the bus shelter, and it was agreed to donate £50 to the scanner appeal. We discussed and voted on the annual Resolutions which included a) the management of water resources; b) re-definition of Provocation in the cases of women who murder their partners; c) urging the Government to fund research to reduce surplus crops. On June 15th an outing has been arranged to Bedford Museum with supper at the Queens Head, Milton Ernest.

Pinchmill Players Theatre

George Airton

Our AGM will be held in Pinchmill Hall at 7.30pm on Sunday June 6th. Come along and join in the discussions to decide on the next production. Should it be a Musical, Pantomime, Music Hall, Comedy, Thriller, Farce, Tragedy or Cabaret? Ballet or Grand Opera are not likely to be too popular!

Village Walk

Steven Lott

Meet at 11.30am on Sunday June 6th at Felmersham bus stop for a circular walk of 7 miles starting at Oakley and passing through parts of Stevington and Pavenham. Leisurely pace - everybody welcome. Wear strong shoes and bring a packed lunch. Liquid refreshment too if time permits. Some drivers would be appreciated.

Churchyard Tidy-up

Ken Shrimpton

On Saturday 3rd July at 10am the PCC is organising a working party to tidy-up the churchyard. Everybody is invited to join. Please bring cutters, secateurs, pruning saws, rakes, forks, gloves, etc. Don't forget the most important item - a flask of coffee! This could be the social event of the year, so don't miss out. Amuse and impress your friends over dinner with churchyard anecdotes.

"He that shall see this day, and live old age,

Will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbours.

Then will he strip his sleeve, and show his scars,

and say, 'These wounds I had on Crispin's day.

And gentlemen in England now abed

Shall think themselves accursed they were not here." Henry V

General Knowledge Quiz

Ken Shrimpton

The closing date has been changed to Monday 21st June. This will give more time to meet the challenge of this wide ranging quiz. Copies, at £1 each, are available from PCC members. First prize is £25. Why not give it a try, it will keep you amused for hours. All proceeds to the Church Decoration Fund.

Bedford Scanner Appeal

Gayle Burbidge

The total for the appeal has just reached £200,000. Felmersham's total in the Village Challenge stands at £55. Many thanks to the W.I. for their generous donation. We are running a Slimathon to get into shape for summer. It will run for one month only during June. 'Weigh in' at Corn Close on Tuesday 1st June and celebrate with lunch on Wednesday 30th June. Sponsor forms are available from myself or Sheila Gideon. We have plans for a Car Boot Sale, Beat the Goalie, and a Jumble Sale. If you can help or want to give a donation please call me on 782534. The biggest fund raising event this year is the NFC Cycle Rally and Midsummer Fair at Biddenham Upper School on Sunday 27th June. There are 100 mile, 25 mile and 10 mile off-road circuits to suit everyone. If you would like to take part telephone 340355.

Rural Action for the Environment

Ken Shrimpton

Maggie Spoor and myself attended a well organised and informative meeting on Rural Action for the Environment at Shuttleworth College. Rural Action is a new scheme which provides practical support for people who are concerned for their local environment. An outline follows but for further details contact Bedfordshire Rural Community Council, The Old House, Cardington, Bedford, MK44 3SX. or phone 838771.

Concern for our environment has never been greater but many people find it hard to see what they can do about such issues as energy conservation, recycling and the effects of traffic. In rural areas there are also concerns about threats to wildlife and safeguarding the landscape. One answer is local action: people working together to tackle problems in their community. Repeated across the country, such action can make a significant difference. Repeated across the world it can make all the difference.

Local projects can start in a small way. Practical support can be arranged at any stage from the initial idea right through to detailed planning, into practical work and sustaining it afterwards. Help is available for projects based on particular sites and on environmental initiatives such as recycling. It is also available for activities which make people more aware of the value of the local environment or promote voluntary action to improve it. To support such community-led projects, Rural Action Project Grants are available ranging from a few hundred pounds to £2,000, covering up to half of the project costs. The other half must be found locally, but time, effort and contributions 'in kind' are given a value as part of this total.

Any local, rural community group can apply for a Project Grant including parish councils, W.I., youth groups, young farmers, village hall and playing field committees as well as conservation and wildlife groups. However, individuals, schools and businesses are excluded.

Garden Party

David Knowles

Following the successful 'Open Gardens' afternoons of previous years, the PCC welcome the very generous gesture of Margaret & Jeremy Saunders in making available the gardens of their home, The Manor House, as the venue for the Parish Garden Party which will take place on the afternoon of Saturday June 26 from 2.30pm. The Garden Party will be very much in the style of a traditional English occasion with Musicians, Strawberry Teas, a variety of stalls including Home and Garden Produce, Cakes, Tombola, Books, Toys, Plants, Fancy Goods, Gifts and Bric a Brac. There will be a raffle and also games, a treasure hunt and an opportunity to enjoy the company of others. Do please make a note of the date and give your support to what will be a very special and enjoyable afternoon and one which will help the Church Restoration.

Village Hall Committee

Brian Smith

The AGM will be held at 8pm Monday 28th June in the Village Hall. Do come along to give your views. The agenda will include the accounts, possible enlargement of the football pitch, increased costs resulting from LMS of Pinchmill and projected increases in letting rates from October 1st. Don't forget the **Barn Dance** at 8pm Saturday 3rd July. Tickets £5 each including a Ploughmans supper and licenced bar. Music by "Halligans Bar".

Felmersham and Radwell Parish Council met on May 4th. David Smith and David Barker were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. The problems of flooding and its signposting were discussed extensively. Also discussed: the Council pursuing lighting the Marriots Close steps; the County Leisure Service's proposal to improve the footpath from the Six Ringers to Hardwick; the Notice Board's new position - thanks to Ken Shrimpton; damage to Radwell Green by cars parked on it; new seat installed by the memorial - thanks to Geoff Hulatt for maintaining that area. Next meeting July 6th.

Greene King's planning application for dwellings at the Plough has been allowed to lapse. Any future development will require a new application.

Flower Festival Poster Competition

Anne Claypole White

The competition is now underway with Pinchmill School playing a major part. We would welcome entries from other children too as we will be awarding a first prize of a £5 gift token in each of two classes: up to 10 years; 11 to 16 years. We hope to display all the entries as part of the publicity for the event. Blank posters are available from Gill Greenish, Cartref, Grange Rd or Anne Claypole White (881661). Entrants may use their own paper and lettering if they prefer. We shall be looking for colourful, eye-catching designs. The name, age and address of each entrant should be printed clearly on the back of the poster. All entries should be handed to Mrs Claypole White by August 1st. The winners will be announced by August 15th.

Parish Diary - July 1993

July			
Sat	3	10.00am	Churchyard Tidy-up
			Felmersham Cricket Club v Lt Staughton 2 (Home)
		8.00pm	Barn Dance Pinchmill Hall
Sun	4	10.15am	Choral Communion (Baptism, ASB p 644, Margaret A)
Sat	10	11.00am	Street Entertainment/Dragon Boat racing Bedford
			Felmersham Cricket Club v North Crawley (Away)
Sun	11	10.15am	Family Communion (Light House group)
Mon	12	7.30pm	PCC Meeting Pinchmill Hall
Tue	13	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting Pinchmill Hall
Sat	17		Felmersham Cricket Club v Riseley (Home)
Sun	18	10.15am	Choral Communion (Trinity 6, ASB p 668, David K)
Sat	24		Felmersham Cricket Club v Staploe (Away)
			*** Refuse Skips ***
Sun	25		*** Refuse Skips ***
Sun	25	9.00am	Light House group Village Hall
		9.15am	Holy Communion (Ken Shrimpton)
		10.15am	Matins (Trinity 7, ASB p 674, Sally C)
Sat	31		Felmersham Cricket Club v Bedford Baptists (Home)
August			
Sun	1	10.15am	Choral Communion (Trinity 8, ASB p 679, Dick A)
Sat	7		Felmersham Cricket Club v Cranfield I.T. (Away)
Sun	8	10.15am	Choral Communion (Trinity 9, ASB p 684)

Vicar: Rev. Douglas Claypole White (881661).
Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381), Mrs Rosemary Brough (782104).

Please send any material for next month's edition to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory, Felmersham by the 25th.

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

Our services for the month of July will follow our usual pattern with my celebrating a Choral Communion Service on the 4th and 18th. On the 11th July I will celebrate Communion at our Family Service when the children from the Light House group will lead us in our prayers and put on an activity instead of the usual address or sermon. On 25th July, I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am followed by a service of 1662 Sung Matins at 10.15am.

My thanks to Ken Shrimpton, his committee and his helpers for the Garden Party on 26th June and to Margaret Saunders for hosting the event and all of you for supporting it. The cash raised is in aid of our Restoration Fund.

Please make a note in your diary that the former Archbishop of Canterbury, who previously had been our Bishop of St. Albans, the Right Reverend The Lord Robert Runcie will celebrate and preach at our Patronal Festival to be held at 10.15am Sunday 12th September. We will, at this service, be saying thank you to God for the restoration of our West Front and all our other restoration work over the last few years.

Parish Notebook

Ken Shrimpton

A glorious day, a beautiful setting and willing helpers in Edwardian dress all contributed towards a successful Garden Party on 26th June. Our thanks to Margaret and Jeremy Saunders for their hospitality and to all who worked so hard to enable us to make a profit of £546.

Following the decoration of the Vestry during June, the final phase of all planned interior decoration is now completed.

Remember the 'tidy up' of the churchyard is on Saturday 3rd July at 10.00am.

Denys (Dick) Pipe

It is with regret that we write of the sudden passing away of Dick Pipe on Saturday 26th June. Dick was a very popular member of the community and will be remembered particularly for his enthusiasm for table tennis. Our prayers and sympathy go to Marjorie, Richard and the family.

Félice Kingerlee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all kind friends who visited me whilst I was in hospital, and for all the get well cards and flowers. Thank you also for all the help and kindness given prior to going into hospital and since my return home. Thanks to Tom, Alison, Nellie and Betty from Thursday for all the walks you give her.

Womens Institute

Christine Linley

The June meeting of the WI was also the summer outing. Members travelled to the Bedford Museum and were given a talk about the work of the museum by the Natural History Curator. We were interested to see a set of bronzes found in the nature reserve as well as many other items. Afterwards we had a very pleasant supper at the Queens Head, Milton Ernest.

The next meeting on July 20th is entitled 'Flower Arranging' and will be given by Mrs Grey.

Coffee Morning

Margaret Alleway

There will be no Coffee/Cake mornings during July and August. The next one will be held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs G. Sidebottom, 11 Cody Road, Clapham on September 11th at 10.30am.

Felmersham Squash Club

Caroline Jefferson

We are trying to revive squash playing in Felmersham. The present court has deteriorated in recent years and needs a substantial amount spent on it. Although the present owners are not squash players, an encouraging number of members of the now defunct Felmersham and Radwell Squash Club have expressed interest in reviving a club.

If we can get 50 - 60 (max) members - individuals, couples, families all treated as one - prepared to pay £50 a year we will get this project underway. This is not a commercial enterprise, but neither should it be something for nothing. Based on past experience members may be able to benefit significantly from return of electricity meter surpluses.

Please phone me on 781688 or drop a note in at The Old Stables, Grange Road (if you have not already done so) if you are interested in reviving this amenity.

British Red Cross

In September we will be running a Nursing Course for members although a few places will be available to non-members on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you are interested please contact Margaret Anderson on 782413.

Parish Council Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

We seem to be living through a period of exceptional interest in local government affairs; many of the things which are happening at Borough and County level are going to have an impact on all of us in the near future. I therefore hope to be able to keep you informed of the more interesting issues.

At a recent workshop organised by the Borough Planning Department, which Maggie Spoor and I attended, the Borough Plan was discussed. The first Plan is getting close to being approved, and the second one for publication in 3 years is already being considered. The Parish is going to be given a much greater role in deciding how we would like our villages to develop, and the Parish Council would welcome your thoughts. We are starting by carrying out a Village Needs Survey which should take place during the Autumn. In addition, by early next year, we shall have to make proposals about the future envelopes for the two villages i.e. the boundary within which future development will be considered. The planners are quite clear that no development is not an option but they would like us to advise them on our needs.

If you have any views, please drop me a line; if there is sufficient interest we may hold an informal discussion meeting towards the end of the year.

Please note the Parish Council meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday 13th July at 8pm in Pinchmill Hall.

Sue Ryder Support Group

Dorothy Galliver

We are holding a Strawberry Tea on Sunday July 11th from 3pm-5pm at Riverside House, Felmersham, the home of Jane and Tom Wells. The entrance is on the High Road in front of the Church. It is not possible to park in the garden but you will be able to find space nearby. Come and enjoy your tea in pleasant surroundings on the bank of the Ouse. The charge will be £1.50 payable on the day and all profit will go to St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger.

Around and About

Bedford Borough Council have organised free street entertainment this summer. Events are aimed at all the family and take place between 11.00-3.00 on Church Square, Silver Street and Harpur Square. This month's feature "Big Wide World" on 10th July includes dance music from around the world. There will also be Dragon Boat racing on the river. Phone 271229 for details.

The July meeting of the Sharnbrook District of the Wildlife Trust will be on Coppicing for Conservation at West Wood, Knotting. Meet on July 16th at 7pm on the entrance on the A6. Phone Pam Raven (782001) for details.

In general, **any** item that may be of interest to the members of the parish can be submitted for inclusion in Ouse News. Sometimes items, particularly reports, have to be edited down due to space constraints, therefore contributors are encouraged to be as brief as possible. Also, if you have any suggestions as to how Ouse News could be enhanced your comments would be most welcome. Bearing that in mind, please send any material for next month's edition, by the 25th, to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory, Felmersham.

Parish Diary

From the Parish Register in July

Sun 4 Baptism - Thomas Alec King
Mon 5 Funeral - Dick Pipe

August

Sun 1 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 8, ASB p 679, Dick A)
Sat 7 Felmersham Cricket Club v Cranfield I.T. (Away)
Sun 8 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 9, ASB p 684)
Sat 14 Felmersham Cricket Club v Clapham (Home)
11.00+ Kidz Biz II - free street entertainment (Bedford Town Centre)
Sun 15 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 10, ASB p 689 Don G)
Tue 17 7.30pm W.I. Summer Gateaux Evening (West Grange)
Sat 21 Felmersham Cricket Club v Rushden (Away)
Sun 22 9.15am Holy Communion (Ken Shrimpton)
10.15am Matins (Trinity 11, ASB p 694, Richard P)
Sat 28 Felmersham Cricket Club v Grafham (Away)
Sun 29 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 12, ASB p 699, Rosemary)

September

Sun 5 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 13, ASB p 703, Margaret A)
Tue 7 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Sun 12 10.15am Patronal Festival (St Mary the Virgin, ASB p 797)
Mon 13 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Village Hall)
Tue 14 W.I. Theatre Outing - Aspects of Love (Derngate)

Vicar: Rev. Douglas Claypole White (881661).
Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381), Mrs Rosemary Brough (782104).
Ouse News Editor: Clive Just (781967).

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

As we are now in the holiday season, there will be no Family Service during August. I will be celebrating Parish Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th August and 5th September. On Sunday 22nd August I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. This will be followed by a service of 1662 Sung Matins at 10.15am.

Our Patronal Festival is on Sunday 12th September. We have invited our neighbours from the parishes of Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting to join us for a Sung Eucharist at 10.15am. The preacher will be The Right Revd. Lord Robert Runcie who will also celebrate the Eucharist. Most, if not all of you, will remember that Lord Runcie is our former Archbishop of Canterbury and before that had been our Diocesan Bishop, the Bishop of St. Albans. Coffee will be served in the back of the church after the service when there will be an opportunity for you to meet and talk with Lord Runcie.

Flower Festival

Anne Claypole White

A reminder that all entries for the poster competition should be handed in to me or to Gill Greenish by 1st August! The results will be announced on 15th August.

Festival Choir

Sue Whitehouse

Numbers in the church choir have diminished in recent years and we accept that many people are too busy to make a regular weekly commitment. We would like, therefore, to create a pool of singers who can make themselves available just for the major festivals eg Christmas, Easter, Harvest etc. If you are interested in singing with us, please contact me (781300), our organist Pam fford (720398) or any other choir or PCC member. Anyone welcome (men, women and children) you will not be auditioned. A willingness to have a go is more essential than an ability to read music!

Church Cleaning Rota

Anne Airtton

We need to fill a few gaps in the rota - maybe you could team up with a friend. It takes two people working together about an hour and your turn would only come round 3 or 4 times a year. If you are able to help please contact me on 782080 and make life easier for a small band of loyal volunteers. Thank you.

Coffee Mornings

Margaret Alleway will be giving up organising the Coffee Mornings in the Autumn. Douglas Claypole White or Margaret would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be interested in taking over.

Parish Council Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

Most of us are aware Local Government is about to be reorganised, with County and Borough councils being replaced by a single "Unitary" authority. Since towns and parishes will be consulted by the Government about the structure in Bedfordshire, both the County and Borough are now consulting like mad with Parish Councils. At a meeting with the Borough in June several new initiatives for rural parishes were announced:

- * 80% rate reduction for village shops and Post Offices in difficulties. I suggested that this be extended to help the reopening of Felmersham's shop and was advised that this would be considered favourably.
 - * Grants of up to £10,000 to enable the setting up of new businesses in villages.
 - * £250,000pa for capital projects for the next 3 years. We need to decide by the end of the year whether we have any projects for which we'd like a grant.
- Please contact me or any member of the Parish Council if you want more information or if you have any ideas.

At the Parish Council meeting on July 13th the following points were discussed:

- * Damage to Radwell Green by parking and storage of building materials.
- * Bedfordia apologised for the unpleasant smell emanating from New Farm - they invited the Council to inspect the farm during the winter.
- * The Village Hall Committee would be contacted about the state of the playing field and play equipment. It was hoped that in future the grass could be cut under a joint contract between the Parish Council and Village Hall committee.
- * Reinstatement of the slipway and Jubilee Lawn was considered satisfactory.
- * Greene King to be contacted about the untidy state of the Plough site.

Sue Ryder Support Group

Dorothy Galliver

The Strawberry Tea held on Sunday July 11th at Riverside House raised £264.25 for St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger. We were blessed with sunshine for the few vital hours. Thank you once more for your continued support.

Sponsored Cycle Ride/Heritage Walk

Stephen Hill

The Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust cycle ride takes place on Saturday 11th September. Local churches are visited (in any order) and any money raised is split equally between the Trust and the rider's own church. Sponsorship forms are available from me (781064) or Ken Shrimpton (781381). As an alternative Ken will again be organising a heritage walk - more details next month. We also need stewards for one hour shifts at the church gate.

Womens Institute

Blanche Smith

Mrs Anne Grey gave an interesting display of flower arranging from the traditional design to the more modern designs favoured on the Continent. She was thanked by Maggie Spoor. The competition for a corsage was won by Jane Ward. Seats are still available for Aspects of Love at Derngate Theatre on 14th Sept. Tickets priced £17 are available from Anne Airton (782080). The traditional summer Gateaux evening will be held at West Grange on August 17th at 7.30pm. Members were reminded of the Group Meeting being convened by Judith Smith in Bletsoe on Sept. 30th. The Garden Party stall raised £65.

Arthritis & Rheumatism Council

Jennifer Knowles

£145.18 was raised in the house-to-house collection. Thank you for your support and to the collectors. (Lesley Gani, Bronwen Guest, Mary Freeman, Karen Stokley, Reneé Whitbread, Sheila McKenzie & Jennifer Knowles)

General Knowledge Quiz

Ken Shrimpton

The answers to the quiz are on the Church notice board. Thanks to Gerry, Hazel and Mark Sidebottom for organising the quiz which made a profit of £133. It was won by Clive Just who scored 59.

Village Hall Committee

Brian Smith

The Barn Dance held on July 3rd was well attended and made nearly £200 profit. My thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the evening a great success. For your diary future events will include:

Sat	Oct 2	Barn Dance
Fri	Nov 5	Kimbolton Firework Display
Fri	Dec 31	New Years Eve Dance featuring Razz Club Band

Request from BECHAR

Clive Just

Bedford Concern for the Homeless and Rootless run a day centre in Prebend St. where destitute people can shower and get a change of clothing. They particularly need men's clothing especially underwear, socks, tee shirts and jeans. I will pass on any suitable unwanted clothing or footwear you may have.

Messages of Thanks

From Marjorie Pipe: Richard and I would like to thank everybody for their kind expressions of sympathy following the recent death of Dick. At times like this it is wonderful to know you have the support of the community. Thank you all.

From Edna Whipp: Michael and I feel we must take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village for the welcome we, as a family, received from DAY ONE. We leave with only wonderful memories of you all. Remember the song "We just couldn't say goodbye". God bless you all.

Parish Diary

From the Parish Register in August

Sat 7 Wedding - Douglas Hesketh and Susan Hulatt
Thu 12 Funeral - Charlie Curry
Sat 21 Wedding - Richard Pipe and Clare Gregory

September

Sun 5 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 13, ASB p 703, Margaret A)
Tue 7 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Sat 11 10.30am Cake and Coffee Morning (11 Cody Rd, Clapham)
Sun 12 10.15am Patronal Festival (St Mary the Virgin, ASBp797, Wardens)
10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Wilstead (Playing Field)
Mon 13 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Village Hall)
Tue 14 W.I. Theatre Outing - Aspects of Love (Demgate)
Sun 19 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 15, ASB p 713, David K)
Sun 26 9.00am Light House Meeting (Village Hall)
9.15am Holy Communion (Ken Shrimpton)
10.15am Matins (Trinity 16, ASB p 717, Sally C)
10.00am Car Boot Sale for Bedford Scanner Appeal
10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Bromham (Playing Field)
Tue 28 7.30pm Save the Children Blanket evening (Village Hall)

October

Fri 1 Flower Festival (St Mary's Church)
Sat 2 Flower Festival (St Mary's Church)
Sun 3 Flower Festival (St Mary's Church)
10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 17, ASB p 722, Dick A)
10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Cranfield (Away)
5.00pm Harvest Evensong
6.30pm Harvest Tea (Village Hall)
Sun 10 10.15am Family Communion (Trinity 18, ASB p 728, Brownies)
10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Kempston B (Playing Field)

Vicar: Rev. Douglas Claypole White (881661).
Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381), Rosemary Brough (782104).

Please send any material for next month's edition, by the 25th, to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory, Felmersham. It would be a great help if items submitted were either typed or on floppy disks (I promise to return them!). Please phone me on 781967 if you are able to do this and need more information.

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

Our Patronal Festival is on Sunday 12th September. The Right Revd Lord Runcie will celebrate a Sung Eucharist at 10.15am and will preach at the service. We will be joined for the service by the parishioners from Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting. Coffee will be served at the back of the church after the service when there will be an opportunity for you to meet and talk with Lord Runcie.

I will be celebrating a Parish Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 5th and 19th September. On the fourth Sunday, 26th September I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. This will be followed by a service of 1662 Sung Matins at 10.15am.

We will celebrate our Harvest Festival this year on Sunday 3rd October. There will be a service of Parish Communion in the morning at 10.15am and Harvest Evensong at 5pm. After Evensong there will be a Harvest Tea in Pinchmill Hall starting at about 6.30pm. The Harvest produce will be used in a tombola which we will hold after the tea. The cash collected at both services together with the profit on the tea and the proceeds from the tombola will be divided equally between the Bishop of St Albans Harvest for the Hungry Appeal and our own missionary contact. Tickets for the tea can be purchased a bit nearer the time from Rosemary Brough or myself or any member of the PCC. They will also be available on the door on the evening. Our Flower Festival will be held in St Mary's on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd October. Full details appear elsewhere in this issue.

The Bishop of St Albans will conduct a Deanery Confirmation service at 3pm on Sunday 28th November. If anybody is interested in being confirmed, will you please have a word with me during the next couple of weeks so that I can arrange confirmation classes.

Message of Thanks

From Barbara Curry: I would like to thank everybody who has shown support to Gillian, Richard and myself at this sad time.

Flower Festival. 1st - 3rd October.**Anne Claypole White**

There will be a short meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 1st September in the Church to finalise the arrangements. Please try to come if you are involved. A big thank you to Pinchmill School for their enthusiastic entries for the Poster Competition. The judges had a difficult task but eventually awarded first prize to Simon Haigh (age 7) with Sarah Hollands (age 6) as the runner up. In the older age group, the first prize was shared by Mair and Sarah Evans. (Age 11 and 13 respectively). Congratulations to the prize winners. Their entries are on display on the Church notice board. We will be using as many entries as possible to publicise the Festival in neighbouring villages.

We need volunteers to act as stewards for the Festival. If you would like to help, please contact Judith Smith.

As always at Harvest Festival, we are very grateful for any gifts of garden produce that you can spare. We are delighted to have surplus marrows (no matter what size!) pumpkins, tomatoes, including green ones, carrots potatoes, apples etc. Berries, foliage etc. are also very welcome.

Finally please tell your friends about the Festival and bring them with you to see the display. The Festival is intended as a celebration of our lovely Church and the villages it serves. All age groups are represented from very 'junior' to very 'senior'. Displays will include those of Pinchmill School and the W.I.. We look forward to seeing you all.

Coffee Mornings**Margaret Alleway**

The monthly cake and coffee mornings will resume again on September 11th at 10.30am. Our hosts will be Hazel & Gerry Sidebottom, 11 Cody Road, Clapham. Should transport be required, do please let me know.

Felmersham & Radwell Playgroup**Gill Greenish**

There are four sessions a week at present and we do have vacancies at most of these for this term. Fund-raising has been quite successful this year. Our latest event was a sponsored "trikathon" which raised enough money to buy a set of chime bars. We are now hoping to purchase second hand Octons, Lego, Playmobil and trikes or scooters. If you can help please contact Ruth Bowers (781649) or myself (782559).

Save the Children Fund**Anne Airton**

Your help is needed to sew together knitted squares into blankets. Please come along to the committee room on Tuesday 28th September at 7.30pm. Bring a pair of scissors and a large eyed sewing needle, and hopefully we can make up a lot of blankets for those who need them so badly.

Parish Council Chairman's Notebook**David Smith**

Our Parish is fortunate in the provisions we have for our Village Hall. When the new school was built in the early 70s the Village Hall Committee approached County with the proposal for a joint School and Village Hall. As part of the agreement, County cleaned and maintained the whole building and the Village contributed to the costs. After the Hall was built an open meeting of the Parish Council agreed that the costs should be covered by a levy on the rates enabling Village organisations to use the Hall free of charge. Costs have risen in the last 20 years but the Parish Council has not felt able to increase that levy to enable continued free use of the Hall.

Things have changed even more dramatically recently. Due to Local Management of Schools, Pinchmill School has to stand financially on its own feet. The School Governors have therefore indicated that the Village contribution to maintenance and cleaning must be realistic - i.e. sharply increased! This has created a real dilemma for the V.H. Committee, which they have reluctantly resolved by a higher scale of charges for hall lettings from October 1st. Another option would be to increase the Council Tax contribution to cover all, or a higher proportion, of the costs. This would ease the difficulties of organisations such as Playgroup. We need to make a decision on this by the end of the year so please let us have your views, preferably in writing.

Save The Children**Judith & Ronald Smith**

The end of September seems too early to be considering planning for Christmas but there are only twelve weekends from then until Christmas Day. Please accept our invitation to coffee on the morning of Saturday, 25 September between 10am and midday, or to tea on Sunday 26 September between 2 pm and 4 pm at Leaways, Grange Road, Felmersham. Save the Children Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale or to order.

Come and relax in the knowledge that you will have part of your season's organisation completed in good time and that you'll will have made a positive contribution to the welfare of children whose needs are so great.

Heritage Walk**Ken Shrimpton**

On Saturday 11 September there will be a heritage walk visiting the Stodden Parish Churches of Swineshead, Dean, Shelton, Yelden and Melchbourne. Meet at Felmersham bus shelter at 11.00am, with own transport. The walk is 9 miles long (max.), the pace will be leisurely taking approx. 5 hours. Please bring a packed lunch, drink and wear strong shoes or boots. Everyone is welcome. The event is part of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust sponsored walk and cycle ride. If you would like to be sponsored or if transport is required, please contact Ken Shrimpton (781381).

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Stephen Hill

If you wish to take part in the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride on Saturday 11 September then please contact me (781064) for details. Roy Hollowell will be riding for Felmersham and will be cycling to 29 churches and 1 chapel in the Deanery of Sharnbrook; should you wish to sponsor him then contact Ken Shrimpton (781381). I am also still looking for stewards to help at the church gate please.

Light House

Rosemary Brough

Light House starts again on the 26th September at 9.00am. Stories, songs, crafts and quizzes - all are welcome.

Bedford Scanner Appeal

Sheila Gideon

We are holding a car boot sale on Sunday 26th September from 10am-2pm. Anyone interested in booking a pitch should call me (781160).

Pinchmill Athletic YFC

Trevor Janes

Our Under-11 football team start their first season in the Chesham Insurance Bedford Colts League at home to Wilstead on 12th September. Venue is the playing field (pitch permitting), kick off at 10.30am. Our thanks go to Floormart for their generous sponsorship enabling us to purchase our new kit

Womens Institute

Christine Linley

The coffee and gateaux evening at West Grange was attended by nearly 40 members and guests. It was held in the same room as the first F&R WI meeting 77 years ago. Brian Smith showed some slides of a recent trip to the USA. We'd like to thank Blanche and Brian for their gracious hospitality. The next meeting on September 21st features "Body Language" by Mr. O' Donnell followed by a social half hour.

Forthcoming Events

The Village Hall Committee are holding a **Barn Dance** on Saturday 2nd October at 8.00pm in aid of the Playing Field Refurbishment Fund. Dancing is to Penniless Travellers. Tickets £6 inc. supper. Licensed Bar. Book your tickets early from Ruth Bowers (781649) or Stephen Lott (781037).

Come and join us for a **Bavarian Oom-pah-pah Supper** on Saturday 27th November in aid of Sue Ryder Foundation. A guaranteed evening of fun.

Christmas Bazaar in aid of Church Restoration on Saturday 4th December.

Parish Diary

From the Parish Register in September

Sat 18 Wedding of Anthony Gaffney and Paula Thomas

October

Fri 1	Flower Festival	(St Mary's Church)
Sat 2	Flower Festival	(St Mary's Church)
	8.00pm Barn Dance	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 3	Flower Festival	(St Mary's Church)
	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 17, ASB p 722, Dick A)
	10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Cranfield	(Away)
	5.00pm Harvest Evensong	(Churchwardens)
	6.30pm Harvest Tea	(Pinchmill Hall)
Tue 6	7.30pm Parent Governors & PSA AGM	(Pinchmill School)
Sat 9	10.30am Cake Morning	(Meadow Bank, Pavenham Rd)
	Art Exhibition	(Corn Close Barn)
Sun 10	10.15am Family Communion	(Trinity 18, ASB p 728, Brownies)
	10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Kempston B	(Playing Field)
	Art Exhibition	(Corn Close Barn)
Sun 17	10.15am Choral Communion	(Last Pentecost, ASB p 745, Don G)
	Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Oakley	(Away)
Tue 19	Women's Institute	
Sun 24	9.15am Holy Communion	(Ken Shrimpton)
	10.15am Matins	(9 before Christmas, ASB 398, Richard P)
Sun 31	9.00am Light House Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	10.15am Choral Communion	(8 before C, ASB 403, Rosemary B)
	10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v St Neots A	(Away)

November

Tue 2	8.00pm Parish Council Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 6	10.30am Cake Morning	(Midwicket, Pavenham Rd)
Sun 7	10.15am Choral Communion	(7 before C, ASB 407, Dick A)
	10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Kempston Reds	(Playing Field)
Sun 14	9.30am Holy Communion	
	10.30am Matins	REMEMBRANCE DAY
	11.45am Wreath Laying at War Memorial	
	Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Bedford Town	(Away)

Vicar: Rev. Douglas Claypole White (881661).
Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381), Rosemary Brough (782104).

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

I think our church building is always beautifully decorated. At the beginning of this month there will be an extra special effort to decorate it for our Harvest Flower Festival which will be held on the three days, Friday, 1st October, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd. Please do make come and see the exhibitions in the church. Tea and coffee will be available at Corn Close. Our new parish Christmas cards will be on sale in the church.

Sunday 3rd October is also the day that we celebrate our Harvest Festival. I will celebrate our normal parish communion at 10.15am. We will then hold a special Harvest Evensong at 5pm. After Evensong there will be a harvest tea at Pinchmill Hall starting at about 6.30pm. The tea will cost £1 for each adult and this can be paid at the door on the evening. The harvest produce will be used for a tombola. The money from the tombola together with the profit from the tea and the cash collected at both services, will be donated in equal shares to the Bishop of St. Albans Harvest for the Hungry appeal and our own missionary contact.

We will be holding our shorter family service on the second Sunday, 10th October, starting at 10.15am. On the third and fifth Sunday, 17th and 31st October, I will be celebrating parish Communion at 10.15am. On the fourth Sunday, 24th October, I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. This will be followed by a sung service of 1662 matins at 10.15am.

For a number of years Margaret Alleway has been both organising our monthly coffee mornings, manning the cake stall and producing the greater part of the produce on sale. I am very grateful to her for all that she has done so efficiently and so cheerfully. From January onwards there will be a change in format. Margaret will still be organising the venues but we will be asking the hostess to arrange for someone to man the cake stall which will become a traditional bring and buy stall.

Anthea Coghlan has donated a processional cross in memory of Peter. My thanks to Anthea. The cross is a beautiful addition to our church.

Light House Meeting

The Keepers

Please note this month's meeting is on the 31st at 9am - all are welcome.

Harvest Tea**Rosemary Brough/Gill Greenish**

Please join us for the annual Harvest Tea at Pinchmill Hall on Sunday October 3rd at 6.30pm. Tickets £1 at the door. Everyone welcome

Sue Ryder Group**Dorothy Galliver**

The Felmersham and Radwell Support Group invite you to a Bavarian Evening on Saturday November 27th at 7.30 in Pinchmill Hall. Five talented artists will provide the entertainment and we will provide a Bavarian Platter for refreshment. It's a big, fun evening. All profit will go to St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger. Tickets at £8 each are available from group members.

Parish Council**Nancy Fagence**

The following points were discussed at the meeting held on 7th September:

- A new Home Watch co-ordinator is required to liaise between the Police and the public. Occasional distribution of leaflets needs to be organised, especially following an incident. Please contact me if interested (781134)
- Plough site and gardens of 1 & 2 Pavenham Rd should be tidied up soon.
- Quotes received for lopping two Honey Locust trees in Marriotts Close.
- Meeting will be held with NRA to discuss silting up at Felmersham Bridge.
- Thanks to be sent to Mr Hulston for weeding around the memorial.
- Two stiles are needed on Six Ringers to Hardwick footpath. A new stile between The Slip and the cricket field should be built soon
- 10 trees and shrubs had been applied for. Possible sites were discussed.
- The Council objected to planning applications for extensions at Storrington, Hunts Lane, and 2 agricultural dwellings in Moor End Lane.

Next meeting will be held at 8pm on November 2nd in the Village Hall.

Christmas Bazaar**Stephen Hill**

I am just starting to organise the Christmas bazaar which will take place on 4th December in support of the Church Restoration Fund. Would anyone who would like run a stall please contact me (781064).

Bedford Scanner Appeal**Gayle Burbidge**

The total so far has shot up to over £600,000. This is due to a huge boost of about £300,000 from the Government to help purchase an MRI Scanner for Bedford Hospital. This is fantastic news but we still have to raise £200,000. Felmersham's total in the Village Challenge is £765 and should have risen after the Car Boot Sale and other events. We are holding another Art Exhibition on the 9th and 10th October at the Barn, Corn Close. It will be mostly paintings this time and the Scanner stall will be still selling Christmas Cards at half price. Coffee and tea will be served. If you can help please contact me on 782534.

Womens Institute**Blanche Smith**

Inter-personal skills, non-verbal communication, eye contact - in other words "Body Language" was the title of the interesting talk given by Mr O'Donnell at the September meeting. With a great sense of humour and the help of the audience he demonstrated the importance of body language in our relationships with others. After refreshments, Dorothy Galliver organised a Beetle Drive. Mr Hackett from the RSPB is the speaker at the next meeting on October 19th.

Cake Mornings**Margaret Alleway**

The next cake and coffee morning is at 10.30am on Saturday 9th October and will be hosted by Mary Freeman at "Meadow Bank", Pavenham Rd.

Parish Appraisal**Parish Appraisal Committee**

Over the next few weeks we will be conducting a Parish Appraisal in the villages of Felmersham and Radwell. The Appraisal will cover all areas of village life - housing, employment, education, shops, communication, religion, the local countryside, etc. It is a means of obtaining the views of all parishioners to help decision-makers both within and outside the community. In essence, the Appraisal is a study by local residents, to take stock of all aspects of village life and to highlight its assets, deficiencies, problems and needs.

A questionnaire will be distributed to every household at the beginning of October. Please don't miss this opportunity to have **your** say in the future of **your** village.

The Wildlife Trust are looking for groups (of any age) to do a **Hedgerow Survey** in the parish. It's easy to do, great fun and won't take long. Each group will get a very informative survey pack. For more information call Moya Winter on 0223 846363.

Remembrance Day

Fred Turner would welcome any contributions towards the cost of the wreath for the Remembrance Day ceremony on November 14th. Please drop them in to him at Five Elms, Moor End Road or phone him on 781864.

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Parish Diary

From the Parish Register in October

Tue 19 Funeral of Lilian Violet Millward
 Fri 22 Funeral of Harry Herbert Dodd

November

Tue 2 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
 Fri 5 6.30pm Bonfire & Kimbolton Fireworks (Playing Field)
 Sat 6 10.30am Cake Morning (Midwicket, Pavenham Rd)
 Sun 7 10.15am Choral Communion (7 before C, ASB 410, Margaret A)
 Mon 8 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
 10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Kempston Reds (Playing Field)
 Sun 14 9.30am Holy Communion
 10.30am Matins (Remembrance Day, ASB 937, The Brownles)
 11.45am Wreath Laying at War Memorial
 Tue 16 Womens Institute
 Sun 21 10.15am Choral Communion (5 before C, ASB 420, David K)
 10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v St Neots A (Playing Field)
 Sun 28 9.00am Light House (Pinchmill Hall)
 9.15am Holy Communion (Ken Shrimpton)
 10.15am Matins (Advent 1, ASB 424, Sally C)
 Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Kempston Reds (Away)

December

Sat 4 10.00am Cake Morning (5 Tithe Barn)
 Sun 5 10.15am Choral Communion (Advent 2, ASB 430, Dick A)
 10.30am Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Bedford Town (Playing Field)
 Sun 12 10.15am Choral Communion (Advent 3, ASB 434, Richard P)
 3.00pm Christingle
 Fri 31 9.00pm Hampers & Champers Dance (Pinchmill Hall)

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

Our Flower Festival raised £542 for our Restoration Fund. A magnificent result. There is a full thank you elsewhere in this issue but I can not let this opportunity pass without saying how beautiful I thought the Church looked and expressing my own thanks to all who contributed to make the weekend such a success. Our Harvest Tea and Tombola raised £136.50 to which has to be added the cash collected at both Services held on our Harvest Sunday, £52.08. This money will be paid over in due course, less the cost of hiring the hall, to The Bishop of St. Alban's Harvest for the Hungry appeal and our own missionary contact. My Thanks to Rosemary Brough and Gill Greenish for organising the tea and to David and Jennifer Knowles for organising the Tombola and to all of you who helped and to all of you who came to the Tea.

Sunday the 14th November is Remembrance Sunday. There will be no Family Service on that day but instead I will celebrate Holy Communion at 9.30am. This service will be followed by a Sung Matins starting at 10.30am. Please note that both services will start quarter of an hour later than usual. This is so that we can observe the two minute silence at 11am. After the second service there will be a further wreath laying with short prayers at the War Memorial at approximately 11.45am.

On Sunday the 7th November and Sunday the 21st November I will celebrate Parish Communion at 10.15am. On Sunday 28th November I will celebrate Holy Communion at 9.15am. This will be followed by a Sung Service of 1662 Matins at 10.15am.

Lastly, please make a note in your diaries that our Christingle Service will be held this year at 3pm on Sunday 12th December. This service is intended for the younger children but all are welcome! The cash collected at the Service will be donated to the Children's Society.

Oxfam Week

F.E. Stevens

The contents of envelopes distributed and collected during the period 25th September to 3rd October amounted to £75.57. Many thanks to all contributors. Although OXFAM is perhaps best known for its emergency work it is also concerned with long-term development: helping people in the present so that they can help themselves in the future.

Flower Festival

Anne Claypole White

What a wonderful communal effort! I hardly know where to begin with the "thank you's!". You have all been so generous with your time, produce and flowers. The children made a tremendous contribution with their posters and the display from Pinchmill School. From the younger generation I think Mary Whiting ('A walk along the river bank') and Rebecca Ronaldson ('All things bright and beautiful') deserve a special mention for their exquisite arrangements. It was good to have a number of 'first timers' helping with the displays. I know they enjoyed the challenge and we welcome them to 'the team'. As for the 'old hands' they excelled themselves and I think everyone would agree that the Church looked stunning. In addition to the flower arrangers, our warmest thanks go to Pam fforde and Freddy Stevens for providing organ music, to all our stewards (so efficiently organised by Judith Smith who joins us in saying 'thank you'); to Sheina Burbidge and those who helped her dispense tea, coffee and biscuits and to those of you who made biscuits; to those who put up notices, prepared the programmes, cleaned the Church, polished brasses and did a hundred and one other jobs.

Remembrance Day

Fred Turner

There will be a short wreath-laying ceremony conducted by Rev. Claypole White at the War Memorial at approximately 11.45am on Sunday, 14th November, immediately following the Morning Service. Would anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of the wreath please leave your donation at 'Five Elms', Moor End Road or phone me on 781864.

Cake Morning

Margaret Alleway

This month's cake morning will be hosted by Karen Stokley, Midwicket, Pavenham Rd on 6th November at 10.30am. Next month's will be on 4th December at the home of Margaret Leach, 5 Tithe Barn.

Womens Institute

Blanche Smith

The speaker at our October meeting was Mr Hackett from the Bedford branch of the RSPB. He explained that the RSPB is Europe's largest wildlife conservation charity and its aims are to protect, improve and influence wildlife conservation both in this country and abroad. We saw a collection of colour slides on the different birds and their habitats, and some harrowing pictures of caged birds sold on the streets of Bangkok and others caught in traps on the continent. Jennifer Knowles thanked Mr Hackett on our behalf for a most interesting and informative talk. Celia Hulatt was thanked for replenishing the planters with pansies, adding a splash of colour in the vicinity of the bus shelter. The next meeting will be held on November 16 when Ken Shrimpton will give an illustrated talk on the history of Felmersham Church - "A Second Look at St Mary's". Anyone who is interested will be most welcome to come. Members are reminded to bring their gifts for Fairfield Hospital.

Guy Fawkes Night

Village Hall C'tee

Don't miss the Bonfire & Firework display, featuring the world famous KIMBOLTON FIREWORKS, to be held on Friday, November 5th at the Pinchmill Playing Field. Lighting of the bonfire at 6.30pm, firework display at 7.00pm. Admission £1.50 per person, under-5's free. On sale will be sparklers, soft drinks and sweets

Felmersham & Radwell Village Hall

present

"Hampers & Champers"

New Years Eve Dance

Friday 31st December, 9pm - 1am

Dancing to RAZZ CLUB's 8 piece band

Tickets £10

Peter Stephenson 782556, Ruth Bowers 781649

Brian Smith 781443

Cantamus at Christmas

*An evening of Christmas songs and music
in aid of the Bedford Scammer Appeal*

*St. Mary's Church, Felmersham
Tuesday 14th December, 8.00pm*

*Admission by programme at the door
Refreshments included - £3, concessions £1.50*

Parish Diary

December

Sat 4	10.30am	Cake Morning	(Margaret Leach, 5 Tithe Barn)
Sun 5	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Advent 2, ASB 430, Dick A)
	10.30am	Pinchmill Athletic YFC v Bedford Town	(Oakley)
Sun 12	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Advent 3, ASB 434, Richard P)
	3.00pm	Christingle	
Tue 14	8.00pm	Cantamus at Christmas	(St Mary's Church)
Sun 19	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Advent 4, ASB 439, David K)
Fri 24	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	(ASB 441, Ken S)
Sat 25	10.15am	Family Communion	(Christmas Day, ASB 444, Sally C)
Sun 26		No services	
Fri 31	9.00pm	Hampers & Champers Dance	(Pinchmill Hall)

January

Sun 2	10.15am	Holy Communion (2 After C'mas, ASB 457, Margaret A)
Sun 9	10.15am	Family Communion (Epiphany 1, ASB 465, Brownies)
Sat 15	10.00am	Coffee Morning (Judith Smith, Leaways, Grange Rd)

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

I will celebrate Parish Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 5th December. On the following Sunday, 12th December we will be holding our Christingle Service starting at 3pm. The children from the Light House group will be involved in this lovely service with the cash collected at the service being donated to the Children's Society. Because of the Christingle Service, we will not hold our usual family service in the morning of the 12th but instead I will be celebrating Parish Communion at 10.15am.

On the third Sunday, 19th December, I will celebrate Parish Communion at 10.15am. We will be holding our Carol Service in the evening, starting at 5pm. This will follow our traditional form of Nine Lessons and Carols. After the Carol Service, Sherry (or a soft drink) and mince pies will be served in the Church.

On Christmas Eve, 24th December, I will celebrate a midnight Mass starting at 11.30pm and then on Christmas Day, 25th December, I will celebrate Family Communion using our own shortened form of service.

There will be no service held in St. Mary's on Sunday 26th December. On Sunday 2nd January I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 10.15am, the organist and choir having a well earned Sunday off duty!

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

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday, 18th December ready for the carol service. Once again we will be using mainly evergreens. Contributions of holly and ivy (especially variegated), together with berries and suitable greenery would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help with decorating please let me know in good time.

The Children's Society

Anne Claypole White

This year our tin holders raised £142.77. Our best effort yet. Thank you all. If anyone else would like to have a box for this very worthy cause, please let me know.

Town Lot Charity

Geoff Hulatt

A number of plots are available on the Town Lot Allotment. If interested please contact : Geoff Hulatt (781082).

Remembrance Day

Fred Turner

On Remembrance Sunday the annual service was held. I laid a wreath in church and at the War Memorial, where the Vicar said prayers and two minutes silence was observed. The Poppy collection raised a total of £267.97 split as follows: Felmersham £133.77, Radwell £123.90, and Church collection £10.30. The wreath donations amounted to £22. I would like to thank all who donated to the appeal and a special thank you to all the collectors: Mmes C Hulatt, M Leach, S Evans, G Stevenson, J Turner, Miss P Turner and Mr D Hulston, and not forgetting The Swan, The Sun and The Six Ringers.

Cake Morning

Margaret Alleway

This month's Cake Morning is at 10.30am on Saturday, 4th December and will be hosted by Margaret Leach, 5 Tithe Barn.

Women's Institute

Blanche Smith

There was a good gathering at the November meeting to hear Ken Shrimpton give a very interesting illustrated talk on St Mary's. From photographs of old paintings and drawings we saw how the church structure has changed over the centuries. Judith Smith thanked Ken on our behalf. The competition for the prettiest wrapped gift for Fairfield Hospital was won by Anne Airtton. The next meeting on December 21st will be our Christmas Party and the competition will be a Christmas Table Decoration.

Guy Fawkes Night

Brian Smith

A good turn out of adults and children enjoyed perfect weather for our annual bonfire & fireworks display. We made an overall profit of £133 towards Village Hall funds and I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who helped to make the evening a success. It was a splendid effort.

New Year's Eve Dance

Village Hall Committee

"Hampers & Champers" tickets are selling well and only a few remain. To avoid disappointment please phone Ruth Bowers (781649), Peter Stephenson (782556) or Brian Smith (781443) for tickets at £10 each.

Table Tennis Club

Courtney Guest

Someone is needed to take over the responsibility for the Club. Very little work is involved but without a volunteer it will cease to exist.

Pat Stephens writes: I was so delighted and thrilled to receive the many get well cards and flowers. All the kindness and thoughtfulness that has been shown has meant a great deal to me. I am feeling much better and hope to be among you all again soon.

Parish Council Meeting

Nancy Fagence

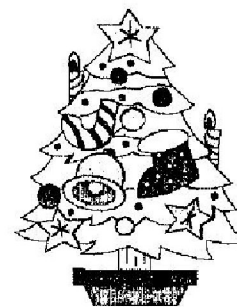
At the meeting on 2nd November the following were discussed:

- Meeting with NRA re. siting at Felmersham Bridge postponed due to flooding. To be rearranged in spring.
- Mr Knowles to be asked to stand as representative on the Board of Pinchmill Governors.
- More labour required to help plant the free trees and shrubs (10 of each) at the end Nov/beginning Dec. Contact Glenda Davis (781143).
- Milton Ernest PC and BCC to be contacted about the new drain run at Radwell Bridge, road markings and damage on the causeway.
- Home Watch Co-ordinator is Ms Felice Kingerlee, Marriotts Close
- Horse Watch Co-ordinator is Mrs Freda Burns, Stanilands, Moor End.
- It is hoped to have police presence in Moor End Rd during angling matches to prevent speeding.
- Quotations are being sought for grasscutting in 1994. The Council was very satisfied with the quality of grasscutting this year.
- Next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th January 1994 at Pinchmill Hall.

Parish Council Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

Three months ago I mentioned that the Borough Council had found £250,000 each year for the next three years for capital projects and I asked for ideas. Since we received no suggestions at all, the Parish Council decided at its last meeting to prepare a proposal for some increase in the level of street lighting in the Parish. In particular we shall propose illumination of the path between Marriotts Close and the Church; Hensman Close; two more lights in Church End to compensate for the loss of the Plough; one on the Grange Rd junction; one at Radwell bus stop. If you would like to see lights in other places, or are unhappy with those locations noted above, then please let me know before Christmas. The final proposal will be agreed at the next meeting on 4th January.



Christingle - The Light of Christ

A Christingle symbolises the world we live in and the love of Christ showed by his life on earth. The orange represents the world; four cocktail sticks the seasons of the year; the fruits and sweets the food we eat. The red ribbon reminds us of the blood Christ shed for us and the candle represents the Light of the World. Christingles will be issued during the service and by their candlelight we shall sing carols and songs. Money collected during the service will be given to the Children's Society. The Society helps more than 10,000 children and families every year; children and young people suffering from the pressures of handicaps, unemployment, homeless and family breakdown. The Christingle Service is at 3.00pm on Sunday 12th December in St Mary's - everyone is invited to come and join in this celebration.