

Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

January 1994

Church News

Doug Claypole White

I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion on the First Sunday, 2nd January. (Our Organist and choir are having a well earned Sunday off duty!) I will then be celebrating our usual Choral Communion at 10.15am on the third and fifth Sundays, 16th and 30th January. We will be holding our Family Communion Service at 10.15am on the second Sunday 9th January. On the fourth Sunday, 23rd January, I will celebrate a said Service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. This will be followed at 10.15am by Matins from the Book of Common Prayer.

Our Christingle Service raised £80.17 for the Children's Society. My thanks to Vivienne Melville for organising the service and to Clive and Rosalyn Just and Gill Greenish for all their help. While I am on the subject of saying thank you, I would also like to thank all of you who read at one of our Christmas Services, to Pam fforde, our organist who as always did sterling service over Christmas, to both our regular choir and to the additional volunteers who sang in our Festival choir at our Carol Service and to Richard Phipps and Sue Whitehouse for organising the sherry and mince pies which were served after the Carol Service. Last, but not by any means least, thank you to all of you who put up the candles, decorated the Christmas trees and helped to decorate the church.

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

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone (too many to name individually) who found time in a busy schedule to come and decorate and clean the Church for Christmas. As always the results speak for themselves; St. Mary's looked wonderful and we all had fun getting it ready!

Margaret Churcher

Gayle Burbidge

Margie came to Felmersham with Peter in 1974. They have two children Tom and Abigail. Margie worked at Dame Alice School for 24 years and for the last 5 years she also worked for the Church of England Children's Society on a project to help young people in difficulty. She loved music and sang in two choirs: Cantamus and the New Bedford Singers. Margie had that rare combination of a bright intellect and a loving and unassuming personality. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Coffee/Bring & Buy Morning

This month's Bring & Buy Morning is at 10.30am on Saturday, 15th January and will be hosted by Mrs Judith Smith, Leaways, Grange Road (781430).

Margaret Alleway

Parish Appraisal

Ken Shrimpton

Over the past six weeks all the returned Parish Appraisal questionnaires from Radwell and Felmersham have been processed onto a specially written Parish Appraisal computer programme. We can now, literally at the touch of a key, get information about the parish based upon how you responded to our questions. Over the next few months we will be publishing the results of the appraisal in Ouse News, writing a report of our findings and sending copies to all interested parties.

Parish Council Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

During November we all received a leaflet from Bedford Borough Council setting out the future options for local government in Bedfordshire which will be considered by the Local Government Commission during the second quarter of 1994. Now this might sound like the year's biggest yawn, but it is actually quite important for all of us and will have a real impact on the service we will get from our local taxes in the year to come.

Laurie Gould (Chief Executive, Bedford BC) is coming to the Parish Council meeting on the 8th February to make a presentation and to join in a discussion about the future. Members of the Parish are of course invited to attend that meeting; you might even find it interesting! The Parish Council will have to make a representation to the Commission, if you would like to make a point please talk to one of the Council.

The next Parish Council elections are scheduled for May; if you would like to stand for election and want further information please contact any councillor.

Vandalism

Margaret Marsh

We have been aware that older children climb up on the school roof in the evenings and at weekends and have previously caused minor damage. However on the weekend of 26-28th November vandalism on the roof caused considerable damage. All the plastic drainpipe guards had been broken off and scattered around the school grounds. In addition, a metal "No Trespassing" sign had been broken off. This causes considerable expense both to the school and the Village Hall committee who share the cost of replacements. For the sake of both the school and the community would anyone who happens to see any such behaviour please take whatever action that is thought necessary to prevent a recurrence.

Charity Gala

Bedford Borough Council

A charity gala performance of 'Little Victories' by the nationally acclaimed, Bedford based Trestle Theatre and Quicksilver Theatre has been set up by the Council on Thursday 10th February at the Corn Exchange.

'Little Victories' is a funny and profound play about the adventures to be had in coming to terms with a young friend's death from cancer, and also the joys of being a brother. The performance is magical, humorous and ultimately stunning. Tickets are available from the Library Box Office (269519) and the Tourist Information Centre (217932). All the proceeds will go to two charities; Save the Children, and the Mayor's charity Dreamflight.

Parish Diary

From the Parish Register in December

Tue 28 Funeral of Margaret Churcher

January

Sun 2 10.15am Said Holy Communion (C'mas 2, ASB 457, Margaret A)
Pinchmill Athletic v Bromham (Away)
Sun 9 10.15am Family Communion (Epiphany 1, ASB 465, Brownies)
Pinchmill Athletic v St Neots B (Away)
Mon 10 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 15 10.30am Coffee Morning (Judith Smith, Leaways, Grange Rd)
Sun 16 10.15am Choral Communion (Epiphany 2, ASB 469, Don G)
10.30am Pinchmill Athletic v Sandy (Home)
Sun 23 9.00am Light House (Pinchmill Hall)
9.15am Holy Communion (Ken Shrimpton)
10.15am Matins (Epiphany 3, ASB 474, David K)
10.30am Pinchmill Athletic v Oakley (Home)
Sun 30 10.15am Choral Communion (Easter-9, ASB 488, Richard P)
10.30am Pinchmill Athletic v Kempston Colts B (Away)

February

Sun 6 10.15am Choral Communion (Easter-8, ASB 492, Dick A)
10.30am Pinchmill Athletic v Cranfield (Home)
Sun 13 10.15am Family Communion (Easter-7, ASB 497, Brownies)
10.30am Pinchmill Athletic v Bedford Town (Home)

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Sue Ryder Bavarian Evening

Dorothy Galliver

The Bavarian Evening held in the Village Hall on November 27th was generally agree to have been a most enjoyable evening due to the five lively members of the band. All the committee members worked hard as usual, supported by many husbands. Thank you to everyone. We were very pleased to hand the financial success of £710.20 to Eileen Gosling, at the office, and inform matron at Moggerhanger. Both of them had been happy on that occasion.

The **Post Office** in Milton Ernest Garden Centre is now open, including Saturday and Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 5pm.

Parish Diary

February

Sat 5	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Christine Linley, 9 Tithe Barn)
Sun 6	10.15am Choral Communion	(Easter-8, ASB 492, Dick A)
	10.30am Pinchmill Athletic v Cranfield	(Home)
Tue 8	8.00pm Open Meeting on Local Government	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 12	W.I. trip to Women's Interest Show	
Sun 13	10.15am Family Communion	(Easter-7, ASB 497, Brownies)
	10.30am Pinchmill Athletic v Bedford Town	(Home)
Tue 15	W.I. Meeting - Dreamflight talk	
Fri 18	*** Rubbish Skips in Village this weekend ***	
Sun 20	10.15am Coral Communion	(Lent 1. ASB 506. Don G)
	Pinchmill Athletic v Wilstead	(Away)
Sun 27	9.00am Light House	(Pinchmill Hall)
	9.15am Holy Communion	(Ken S)
	10.15am Matins	(Lent 2. ASB 510. Richard P)

March

Tue 1	7.30pm Annual Parish Open Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 5	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Hazel Pearce, Ody Hse. Pavenham Rd)
Sun 6	10.15am Choral Communion	(Lent 3. ASB 515. Margaret A)
Sun 13	Mothering Sunday	
	10.15am Family Communion	(Lent 4. ASB 520. Brownies)

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There was a Gents folding umbrella left at the home of Margaret Leach (5 Tithe Barn) after our Cake morning on the 4th December. It can be collected from Judith Smith, Leaways, Grange Road. There are also two unclaimed umbrellas in the Church porch.

A note for your diaries! Mothering Sunday is on 13th March when we will have our usual Family Communion Service. I will hand out posies to the children in the congregation to give to their mothers and grandmothers.

Coffee/Bring & Buy Morning

Margaret Alleway

This month's Bring & Buy Morning is at 10.30am on Saturday, 5th February and will be hosted by Christine Linley, 9 Tithe Barn.

Parish Council Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

There have been two occasions recently, one in Radwell the other in Felmersham, where planning applications by members of the Parish have been rejected by the borough on the basis of comments made by the Parish Council. You should be aware that in the last year the planners have started to pay much more attention to the opinions of Parish Councils. Every planning application originating in the Parish is sent to the council and we always make a comment from the point of view of the community as a whole. However in 95% of all cases the applications are received "cold" so we have to make uninformed comments. I would therefore suggest that any planning applications be shown to a member of the Parish Council before they are submitted so that we can understand your point of view.

The Parish Open Meeting is on Tuesday, 1st March at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Village Collection

Valerie Sexton

Can anyone help me with the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fisherman collection in Radwell in February/March? (782206 evenings.)

Parish Appraisal

Ken Shrimpton

Last month I reported that we would be publishing some of the responses to the Appraisal. The Appraisal Committee has given the matter further consideration and it has been decided to produce an abridged report (an appraisal facts sheet) and distribute a copy to every household in the parish during the first week in March. For those who wish to examine the findings in greater detail these will be on display in the church from Saturday 12 March to Sunday 27 March. A member of the Committee will be available at the exhibition during part of the weekends (times to be announced) to answer questions and demonstrate the processing of the results using a computer.

The church has been chosen as the exhibition venue because it is open during daylight hours and is more central than the village hall. For those who may experience difficulty in opening the church door the secret is to pull the door towards you and then turn the handle!

Women's Institute

Blanche Smith

There was a good attendance at the January meeting to hear Mrs Karen Dean describe her skills on "Colour Image". As an Impression Management Consultant she gives help and advice to staff from companies, such as British Airways and other smaller groups, on projecting a better image through the colours we choose to wear. Mrs Dean asked Jennifer Knowles to be her model to demonstrate her skills with swatches of material to complement Jennifer's own colouring. Isabel thanked Mrs Dean for a very interesting talk.

On February 12th members plan a trip to Wembley to the Women's Interest Show. This exciting new event is sponsored by Woman & Home magazine and should prove to be a great day out. The County 1994 Scrabble competition is now being organised and once again Judith Smith, who did so well last year, is taking part. We wish her lots of luck.

The competition for an "Attractive Scarf" judged by Mrs Dean was won by Sheila Mackenzie. New members and guests are always welcome and at the next meeting on Feb. 15th Mrs Rebecca Keir will talk about "Dreamflight" a charitable organisation which raises money to send terminally ill children to Disneyland in America.

New Year's Dance

Brian Smith

Pinchmill Hall was decorated to a Peter Stephenson design with hundreds of colourful balloons, creating a festive atmosphere. This popular event was a sell-out and the 10 piece Razz Club Band played their hearts out. Everyone brought their "Hampers and Champers" and the New Year was celebrated in traditional style. It was a great evening and made a modest profit for Village Hall Funds. Comments next day - "Let's do it again next year!" So we shall.

Emergency Hotline

National Rivers Authority

There is now a 24 hour free hotline (0800 807060) for reporting pollution, poaching, flooding or damage or danger to the natural water environment.

Margaret Marsh's Retirement

David Hill

Margaret Marsh will be retiring from the headship of Pinchmill Lower School, after sixteen years, shortly before Easter. The Governors believe that parents and former pupils will wish to show their appreciation of Margaret's valuable work for the children and for the school over many years. If you would like to contribute towards a presentation to be made to her, would you send your donation to me at the school. Cheques should be made payable to 'Pinchmill Lower School Fund'.

Playing Field Development

Brian Smith

The Village Hall Committee has made an application for moneys from Bedford Borough Council's Special Fund for Rural Development. The application, supported and submitted by the Parish Council, has three objectives:

- New playing field equipment - swings, see-saw, mobiles, modular play system, etc.
- An extension to the playing field to enable junior league football to be played on the appropriate sized pitch.
- A wildlife area.

We await the Council's response with interest and will keep you informed of developments.

Extracts from the Parish Council Meeting - 4th January

- A meeting with the County Engineering Dept was held at Radwell Bridge to discuss: new drain run, possible double yellow lines, more flood drainage ditches, road markings, damage to causeway (which is due to be renovated this year), replacement of the gate at the top of the steps and flooding on the village side of the bridge.
- Proposal to Borough to improve street lighting in certain parts of the village (£5,500) and improvements to playing field (£25,500). [see above]
- Area around War Memorial is to be turfed.
- The Council has contributed to the purchase of the Parish Centenary Edition of the Great Domesday Book for Bedfordshire. This is being kept in Sharnbrook Upper School Library, all are welcome to make use of it
- A public briefing meeting by the Borough on options for local government reform will be held on Tuesday 8th February in the Village Hall.
- Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st March in the Village Hall. This will be followed by a meeting of the Parish Council.
- A Parish Precept of £4,800 for 1994/5 is to be applied for.
- The local government elections will be held in May.

What's On in Felmersham & Radwell

Clive Just

I have been asked by the Village Hall Committee to compile a What's On booklet. If you are involved in a regular activity that you would like included in this publication then please contact me as soon as possible (781967).

The **Wildlife Trust** are holding an illustrated talk by Richard Revels on "Butterflies in Beds. & Gt. Britain" at 8pm on Friday 18th March at Sharnbrook Methodist Church. For more details call Pam Raven (782001)

The last day for nominations for the Parish Council election is the 7th April.

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March

Tue 1	7.30pm	Annual Parish Open Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 5	10.30am	Coffee Morning (Hazel Pearce, Ody Hse. Pavenham Rd)	
Sun 6	10.15am	Choral Communion (Lent 3. ASB 515. Margaret A)	
Tue 8	7.30pm	Quilt Competition Meeting (Harrowdene Paddock)	
Sat 12		Parish Appraisal Exhibition starts	(St Mary's Church)
Sun 13		Mothering Sunday	
	10.15am	Family Communion (Lent 4. ASB 520. Brownies)	
Mon 14	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Tue 15		W.I. Meeting - Talk on Canons Ashby	(Pinchmill Hall)
Fri 18	8.00pm	Butterflies in Beds (Sharnbrook Methodist Church)	
Sun 20	10.15am	Choral Communion (Lent 5. ASB 524. David K)	
		Pinchmill Athletic v St Neots B	(Home)
Sat 26	8.00pm	Karaoke "Stars in Their Eyes" (Sharnbrook Mill Theatre)	
Sun 27	9.00am	Light House	(Pinchmill Hall)
	9.15am	Holy Communion PALM SUNDAY	(Ken S)
	10.15am	Matins (ASB 531. Sally C)	
		Parish Appraisal Exhibition ends	(St Mary's Church)

April

Fri 1	7.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Devotional Service	
Sat 2	10.30am	Coffee Morning (Vivienne Melville, 11 Tithe Barn)	
Sun 3	10.15am	Choral Communion EASTER DAY (ASB 574, Dick A)	
		Pinchmill Athletic v Sandy	(Away)
Sun 10	10.15am	Choral Communion (1 after Easter, ASB 604, Ken S)	
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At 7pm on Good Friday, 1st April, we commemorate the Crucifixion in words and music with 'The Cross of Christ'. This service is similar in format to the Christmas nine lessons and carols but tracing the events leading to the Crucifixion of our Lord. It is a solemn but beautiful service marking one of the pivotal days of our faith We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

On EASTER SUNDAY, 3rd April, I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am. There will be no Family Service in April. On the second Sunday, 10th April, we will hold a service of Choral Communion.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

If any of you can help make posies for MOTHERING SUNDAY, 13th March, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Easter is approaching rapidly. If you would like to help decorate the Church on Saturday, 2nd April, please let me know. As in previous years, we will have lilies at the altar. If anybody would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, I need to know as soon as possible, so that I can order in good time.

The new Flower Rota is now in the Church porch. Remember how well flowers last in the Church; it makes sense to sign up for two weeks at a time!

Bring & Buy Morning

This months will be hosted by Hazel Pearce, Ody House, Pavenham Rd.

Playgroup

Ruth Bowers

Our small friendly playgroup has vacancies for children from the age of 2½ on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings and Monday & Thursday afternoons. For further details please contact me (781649).

Village Quilt

Janet Cook

I will be holding a meeting in Harrowdene Paddock at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8th March to discuss the feasibility of entering the "Our Village" Quilting Competition, organised by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.

This is not just a sewing competition, but one designed to involve young and not so young men, women & children. This could be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our community whether you have lived here all your life or have recently moved in. The village could also win itself £500! The quilt would remain in the village as a community owned celebration of efforts. Do come, even if you can't sew, you can contribute your ideas!

Table Tennis Club

Courtney Guest

As nobody has volunteered to accept the responsibility for the running of the club, it is with regret that the club will cease to exist as from 1st May. In commemoration of the Felmersham & Radwell Table Tennis Club and its founder members it is proposed to hold a farewell party in a local hostelry. Any members, including their families, past and present, who wish to attend this function please contact me on 781364.

Women's Institute

Christine Linley

The February talk to the institute was given by Rebecca Kier, a physiotherapist who has been three times with the Dreamflight charity to Disneyworld. Rebecca spoke with enthusiasm and feeling about the sick children who are taken to Florida. She left us fighting back the tears. Next month the meeting on March 15th should be less emotional! It's a talk about Canons Ashby given by a speaker from the National Trust.

Revised Bus Time

The weekday Felmersham-Bedford bus has been brought forward 5 minutes to 8.07am.

Sharnbrook Amateur Theatre Trust

The next production is "The Fifteen Streets" from 15-19th March at 7.45. Tickets for the Karaoke "Stars in their Eyes" at 8pm on 26th March are obtainable from Miss K Vincent (0933) 223311.

Parish Appraisal

Ken Shrimpton

By now you should have received your copy of 'The Outcome' which very briefly reports the results of the Parish Appraisal. For a more detailed report and explanation of the results we are holding a Parish Appraisal exhibition at the rear of the church from Saturday 12 March to Sunday 27 March (inclusive). A member of the committee will be in attendance on Sunday 13, 20 and 27 March from 2-30 to 4-00pm to give parishioners an opportunity to ask questions about the Appraisal and to see how the results were processed. The Church is open during daylight hours so it is hoped that as many people as possible will visit the display.

Jumble Sale

Sue Whitehouse

A jumble sale in aid of St Mary's Church will be held on Saturday 16th April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Please bring all jumble to the hall in the morning or phone me (781300) to arrange collection. Any volunteers, particularly for the afternoon, will be very welcome.

Parish Walks

Ken Shrimpton

Every so often a few of us get together and go for a walk. This year we are arranging two walks and the first will be on Sunday 8 May (Rogation Sunday) meeting at Felmersham bus shelter at 12 o'clock. We shall be reviving the tradition of Beating the Bounds. The intention is to walk part of the parish boundary (using existing footpaths), the pace will be leisurely. Please bring a packed lunch, walking shoes or boots are advised, everybody is welcome. In the Parish Appraisal 87 people indicated that they would be interested in joining a rambling club we therefore expect to see 87 people turning up! The second walk will be on Saturday 10 September and will be a heritage walk. Full details nearer the time.

Margaret Marsh's Retirement

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RELIGION

- # The majority, 60%, feel that a place of worship is an important part of village/parish life.
- # However, only 70 (14%) people feel the Church is important for Sunday worship but 205 (42%) for occasional worship, with 238 (49%) for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- # 54% of people want the Parish Council to spend more money on Street Lighting but on Grass cutting (73%) want the same money as present spent.

Other items will be shown at the EXHIBITION

- # 57% of people want the Parish Council to purchase suitable land if it becomes available within the parish on behalf of the community but 17% do not and 26% had no opinion.

GENERAL

- # Only 48 (9%) people were born in the parish.
- # People came to the villages for a number of reasons 232 (45%) came to live in the villages because of love of country life and 192 (37%) for love of village life.
- # 46% would accept moderate community charge increases to fund implementation of suggestions raised by the appraisal questionnaire whereas 66% would look to Fund raising and 44% would look to Sponsorship.
- # 66% of people want the villages to stay as they are with 35% wanting them to develop as a working community.

**THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH
STARTING ON SATURDAY 12TH MARCH UPTO AND INCLUDING
SUNDAY 27TH MARCH. IT WILL CONTAIN MUCH MORE
INFORMATION ON OUR VILLAGES AND ON THE APPRAISAL**

**PLEASE COME ALONG - YOU WILL FIND THE DETAILS
INTERESTING**

YOU ARE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY - PLEASE SHARE IN IT

THE OUTCOME

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

FELMERSHAM AND RADWELL

Thank you to the 229 households who took part. This represents 92% of homes - an excellent response.

POPULATION

- # 623 people live in the households who took part
199 in Radwell
424 in Felmersham

311 are Male
312 are Female

- Distribution by age and sex
can be seen at our EXHIBITION
(see later)
- # 237 out of 450 work or study
within 10 miles of the
villages

FUTURE SCHOOLING

Of the 19 pre-school age children, 12 will go to Pinchmill School, 3 to other State Schools 4 to Private Schools

WANTING GAS SUPPLY

223 Households commented

YES	=	119	53%
NO	=	104	47%

COMMENTS ON HOUSING

- # 59% of people feel that the development was about right over the last 10 years and around 15% of people either felt there was too much housing or too little housing during this time.
- # 49% of people want the housing stock to remain the same in the next 10 years but 21% would be prepared for an increase of up to 10 dwellings and 12% for up to 20 dwellings over the 10 year period.
- # 43% of people felt that housing for young people was needed whereas 37% felt no extra housing is needed at all.
- # 31% of people would accept in-filling with single buildings and 27% would accept in-filling with small groups of buildings and 28% want none at all.

- # 71% feel a new housing development would spoil the villages and 23% feel it would not.
- # 66% feel that local authority planning restrictions should try and limit the size of dwelling conversions and extensions.

LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE AND ENVIRONMENT

THOUGHT VERY IMPORTANT

Remove litter	54%
Prevent dog mess	62%

THOUGHT WORTH DOING

Keeping roadside verges clean	57%
Signpost, paths and bridleways	53%
Repair gates, stiles and bridges	52%

THOUGHT NOT NECESSARY

Close some footpaths and bridleways	86%
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WHAT DISTURBANCE?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RADWELL</u>	<u>FELMERSHAM</u>
MOTOR CARS/CYCLES	64%	67%	62%
TRACTORS/MACHINERY	30%	47%	20%
AIRCRAFT	36%	41%	33%

WHAT TO PROTECT?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RADWELL</u>	<u>FELMERSHAM</u>
BRIDGES	89%	94%	87%
RIVER	92%	92%	91%
MEADOWS	75%	72%	77%
JUBILEE LAWN	62%	44%	70%
RADWELL GREEN	69%	85%	62%
CRICKET FIELD	62%	42%	72%
MOOREND LAKES	62%	79%	54%

PLANT MORE TREES?

46% worth doing on access roads
41% worth doing in the villages
47% worth preserving single trees in specific places
71% worth preserving small woods.

SHOP/POST OFFICE

Only 37% are interested in having a part share in a community shop/post office but if one were in existence 45% would use it often and 51% occasionally.

SPORT, SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

- # 32% feel that the playing field facilities are reasonable and the same percentage feel they are poor whereas 34% had no opinion. Just 2% said they were good.
- # 111 people would like a Gardeners society formed and 87 are interested in a Rambling Club. Details of other interests can be seen at the EXHIBITION.
- # 272 people are willing to support Fetes and 157 Fundays. Details of support for other social events can be seen at the EXHIBITION.
- # Surprisingly very few people use the Village Hall regularly each month. Only 42% occasionally use it and 36% never.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

- # 26% of people felt that the amount of information available about what's going on in the villages was good although 54% felt it only reasonable.
- # 69% of people read every issue of Ouse News.
- # 76% of people want more village news in Ouse News and 74% want more details of what's on.
- # 69% of people want small adverts in Ouse News and 30% business adverts. However 27% of people want no adverts.

P.S.A present a
'SPOTLIGHT' FASHION SHOW

Thursday 28th April, 8pm Pinchmill Hall

Tickets £2 inc wine

from Alleyne Leach (781072), Ruth Barratt(822046)

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	10.15am	Choral Communion	(3 after Easter. ASB 615. Richard P)
Mon 25	7.30pm	Parochial Church Annual Meetings	(Pinchmill Hall)
Thu 28	8.00pm	'Spotlight' Fashion Show	(Pinchmill Hall)

May

Sun 1	10.15am	Choral Communion	(4 after Easter. ASB 619. Margaret A)
Sat 7	10.30am	Coffee morning	(Jennifer Knowles. Long Mynd, Pav'm Rd)
Sun 8	10.30am	Family Communion	(5 after Easter. ASB 624. Brownies)
Sun 8	12.00	Beat the Bounds Walk - meet at Felmersham bus stop	
Mon 9	7.30pm	PCC meeting.	(Pinchmill Hall)
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Church News

Doug Claypole White

On Good Friday, 1st April, we will be holding our usual one hour Devotional Service of readings and hymns, 'The Cross of Christ', starting at 7pm. Then on EASTER SUNDAY, 3rd April, I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am.

There will be no Family Service on the second Sunday or a said Service of Holy Communion followed by matins on the fourth Sunday. Instead we will hold at 10.15am a service of Choral Communion on the 10th, 17th and 24th April.

There will be a house to house collection in aid of the Children's Society in the week commencing 17th April. Please give generously.

Our annual Jumble sale in aid of our Church Restoration Fund will this year be on Saturday 16th April at 2.30pm at Pinchmill Hall. Please support this event and tell your friends.

Our ANNUAL MEETINGS will be on Monday 25th April in the committee room at Pinchmill Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The first meeting is to elect two Church Wardens for the coming year. Anybody who is on the Local Government Electoral Roll may attend this meeting and vote. The second meeting, at which only those on the Church Electoral Roll may vote, is to elect the Parochial Church Council; to receive the audited accounts and the annual reports of the Church Officers. These two meetings will then be followed by a very short meeting of the newly elected PCC to appoint a lay Vice Chairman, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer.

If any one is interested in being considered as a candidate for the PCC, please either attend the meeting or tell some one who will be attending the meeting. To be on the PCC, you must be at least sixteen years of age and be a confirmed member of the Church of England.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

We have thirty six lilies this year. Each of them have been given in memory of someone special. Thank you all for your donations.

My thanks to those of you who helped make the posies for Mothering Sunday.

Women's Institute

Christine Linley

Mr Lou Richardson from the National Trust gave an illustrated talk on the old Elizabethan house Canons Ashby in Northamptonshire. The NT acquired the house in 1980 from the Dryden family whose ancestors have lived there since the 16th century. Sir Henry Dryden was Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire and it was he who originally planned the garden, much of it being overgrown by the time it was taken over by the NT. Following the meticulous plans of Sir Henry, the gardens and house have been restored to their original splendour. Forthcoming events include the Fun Golf Day at the Tilsforth Golf Club, the Spring Federation Meeting in Dunstable and "Drivers Self Protection" at Sharnbrook Village Hall. A visit to Kew Gardens is being planned and the next meeting on April 19th is the AGM.

Jumble Sale

Sue Whitehouse

A jumble sale in aid of St Mary's Church will be held on Saturday 16th April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Please bring all jumble to the hall in the morning or phone me (781300) to arrange collection. Any volunteers, particularly for the afternoon, will be very welcome.

PC Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

We were very pleased to see so many members of the Parish at the Open Parish Meeting on 1st March. At this meeting one of the perpetual problems of modern life was raised - that of dog messes. We all have the right to own dogs and to take them through the village - but do we have the right to let them leave their faeces on the pavements?

Dog mess is unpleasant to tread in; it is also a potential danger to health, particularly of children. Could we therefore ask that any mess which **your** dog produces be picked up and taken home? In law the Parish Council does have the right to introduce laws requiring the use of 'Pooper Scoopers' and the installation of faeces bins at strategic points. Surely we don't have to go that far?

Please help us to resolve this unpleasant problem by taking your dog's messes home and encouraging others to do so too.

Red Cross - Sharnbrook Centre

Barbara & Peter Coxon

Congratulations to Mrs Margaret Anderson, our Training Officer, who has been made an Honorary Vice President of the British Red Cross for her outstanding work. Well done Margaret!

Red Cross Week starts 2nd May - many thanks for your continued support. We have a number of aids for loaning to people with difficulties e.g. commodes, wheelchairs etc. If you require anything please contact Elisabeth Stevens on 781478.

Bring & Buy Morning

This month's Bring & Buy/Coffee Morning will be hosted by Vivienne Melville, 11 Tithe Barn at 10.30am on Saturday, 2nd April.

Parish Council Meeting 1/3/94

Nancy Fagence

Help is required by Glenda Davis to plant 10 trees and 10 shrubs. Please contact her on 781143.

Bill Thwaites, the Local Ranger, will lead a guided walk at 6pm on 25th May from the Six Ringers. Everyone is welcome.

More people (5 in Felmersham, 2 in Radwell) are required to join Felice Kingerlee in providing a Home Watch network. If you can help please contact the Clerk (781134) or any Councillor.

Other items which were discussed included:

- o Speed strips in Moor End Road showed that no vehicles were travelling at a speed that would lead to a prosecution.
- o Enquiries to be made re: kerbstones to stop Bailey's Villas being flooded.
- o Footpath no. 2 behind New Farm impassable - clerk writing to Mr Ibbett.
- o Repair of chain link fence at the Six Ringers is being pursued.
- o The Council fully supports Poddington PC's objections to 24 hour entertainment at Santa Pod over Easter weekend.
- o Next meeting will be Tuesday, 10th May at 8pm in Pinchmill Hall.

Farewell to Margaret Marsh

Clive Just

On 23rd March the Committee Room was filled with people who had come to wish Margaret Marsh a very happy retirement after 16 years as Head Teacher of Pinchmill School. David Hill, Chairman of the Governors, presented Margaret with a Royal Doulton figure and a cheque, but not before thanking her for her dedication and her marvellous rapport with children, sentiments echoed by everyone present. The children had their turn at a party held in school the next day. Although everyone was sad to say goodbye to Margaret we are all looking forward to welcoming her replacement, Mrs Jane Dingley, after the Easter holiday.

Greening Your Village

Beds. Rural Action for the Environment

Do you wish to meet experts who can help make things happen in your parish? Do you want free advice and a forum for exchanging ideas and information. Would you like to find out where to get the money to help you? Then contact Lorna Sharrock, The Wildlife Trust (364213) for tickets or more information about the meeting in Sharnbrook Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th April.

Pinchmill School Open Afternoon

Jayne Dingley

Everyone is welcome to come and spend some time with us in school on Thursday, 5th May between 1.30 and 3pm. The staff and children look forward to meeting you.

Parish Diary

From the Parish Register in April

Wed 6 Funeral of Gladys Lovell
Tues 12 Funeral of Douglas Jessop

May

Sun 1 10.15am Choral Communion (4 after Easter, ASB 619, Margaret A)
Thur 5 1.30pm Pinchmill School Open Afternoon
Sat 7 10.30am Coffee morning (Long Mynd, Pavenham Rd)
Sat 7 Felmersham Cricket Club v Tempsford (Away)
Sun 8 10.15am Family Communion (5 after Easter, ASB 624, Brownies)
Sun 8 12.00 Beat the Bounds Walk - meet at Felmersham bus stop
Mon 9 7.30pm PCC meeting. (Pinchmill Hall)
Thur 12 8.00pm Choral Communion at St Peter's, Thurleigh.
Sat 14 Felmersham Cricket Club v Clapham (Home)
Sun 15 10.15am Choral Communion (Ascension 1, ASB 632, David K)
Mon 16 8.00pm Village Hall AGM (Pinchmill Hall)
Mon 16 7.30pm Bridge Club (Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 21 Felmersham Cricket Club v Elstow 1 (Away)
Sun 22 9.15am Holy Communion (Ken S)
Sun 22 10.15am Matins (Pentecost, ASB 634, Sally C)
Sun 22 7.30pm Pinchmill Players AGM (Pinchmill Hall)
Wed 25 6.00pm Guided Walk with Local Ranger (Six Ringers)
Sat 28 Felmersham C.C. v Bedford Baptists (Away)
Sun 29 10.15am Patronal Festival at All Saints, Souldrop (Trinity Sunday)

June

Sat 4 10.30am Coffee morning (Jane Wells, Riverside House, High Rd)
Sat 4 Felmersham Cricket Club v Grafham (Home)
Sun 5 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 1, ASB 645, Margaret A)
Sun 12 10.15am Family Communion (Baptism, ASB 918, Brownies)

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 1st and 15th May. There will be a service of Family Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 8th May and a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am followed by Matins at 10.15am on Sunday 22nd May.

We have been invited to join the parishioners of Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting for the Patronal Festival of Souldrop on Sunday 29th May. The service, a choral communion, will be held at All Saints, Souldrop at 10.15am. There will be no services held in St. Mary's, Felmersham on that day.

My thanks to Sue Whitehouse and her collectors for the house to house collection for the Children's Society and to you all for your donations. I would also like to thank Sue Whitehouse for organising our Jumble Sale and to everybody who helped. This raised £86 for our Restoration Fund. There will be another house to house collection in aid of Christian Aid, during the week commencing the 16th May. Please give generously to this appeal.

At our Annual meeting on 25th April Ken Shrimpton and Rosemary Brough were re-elected to serve another year as our Church Wardens. My thanks to them for all the work they have done in the previous year and for all the support they have given me.

Messrs Alan Stevens, Stephen Hill, Clive Just, David Knowles and Mesdames Jane Templeman, Sally Carr, Pam fforde, Pat Keeble, Vivienne Melville and Gill Greenish were re-elected to serve on the PCC for another year. My thanks to them all and to Don Gough and Paul Keeble for their work on the PCC in the previous year.

Our Deanery Representatives, Margaret Alleway and Sue Whitehouse continue to serve on the PCC as ex-officio members. My thanks to them for all they have done over the last year.

At the meeting I also expressed my thanks to our Organist, Pam fforde, the choir, the Editor of Ouse News, Clive Just, Ken Shrimpton and his fund raising committee, Clive Just and Rosemary Brough and their helpers for the Light House group, our Verger, George Brown, the bell ringers, Stephen Hill, Sarah Carr and Judith Templeman for acting as our servers, the sidesmen, the readers, to Anne Airtton and all who clean the Church and all who decorate it, to Margaret Alleway for organising our coffee mornings and all who have hosted coffee mornings, to Mary Birks and her band of helpers for making yet more cushions for our pews and more kneelers, to our honorary Auditor, Derek Walmsley and last, but not by any means least, to all who have helped with the harvest tea and at our various money raising efforts.

At the short PCC meeting that followed our AGM, David Knowles was elected lay Vice Chairman, Stephen Hill as treasurer and Gill Greenish as secretary. My thanks to David, Stephen and our outgoing secretary, Paul Keeble for all their work in the past year.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

My thanks to everyone who made time during a busy weekend to decorate the church so beautifully for Easter. There are still some gaps in the flower rota - some additional volunteers would be very welcome!

Women's Institute

Blanche Smith

"You are a model W.I." according to Shirley Nash, W.I. county official who was our guest of honour at the recent AGM. It is very pleasing to note that our membership has increased to 44. The secretary, Mary Freeman, reported on the events at national, county and local level in which we took part, the variety of speakers organised for the year, and the courses of Denman College attended by W.I. members, as well as yoga classes and theatre outings. The Treasurer, Janet Clear, reported a sound financial base although it is planned to arrange some fund-raising activities during the coming year. In her absence, Celia read the President's report in which she expressed her thanks to the committee for their continued support and was pleased to welcome Jane Wells and Pat Woodfine to the committee, while thanking Truus Boyce, who has stepped down, for her past help and support. Isobel Buckingham is writing to Trevor Skeet on our behalf regarding the "Breast Care Lobby" to all MPs to make Breast Care clinics available to all. The evening concluded with an interesting talk by Shirley Nash on "Patchwork" and a quiz organised by Lesley Gani. The next meeting is on May 17th when we discuss and vote on the Resolutions.

Beating the Bounds

Ken Shrimpton

Sunday 8th May is Rogation Sunday and we thought it would be a good idea to revive the ancient tradition of **Beating the Bounds**. This involves walking the parish boundary using existing footpaths. We meet at 12 o'clock at Felmersham bus shelter for a walk of 8 miles, taking approximately 5 hours. However, there will be opportunities to leave the walk at 4, 5 and 6 miles (distances include returning to Felmersham). The pace will be leisurely, bring a packed lunch with lots of calories! and please wear strong boots or shoes. Everybody is welcome, especially families. If you require further details then please contact me on Bedford 781381, otherwise I'll see you on the 8th.

Village Hall AGM

Brian Smith

You are all welcome to come to the AGM on Monday 16th May at 8pm. As ever we are looking for volunteers to join the committee. Next year will be challenging and exciting. We have been granted monies from the council towards the cost of replacing the playing field equipment. We also have to finalise the method of sharing the running costs of the hall with the school.

Tree Planting

Glenda Davis

Many thanks to Geoff Hulatt, Paul Davis, and Suzanne, Andrew and Daniel Janes for planting this year's parish trees in Radwell Road and Pavenham Road. The lovely display of rowan trees on each side of Pavenham Road will make us all appreciate their efforts.

Parish Appraisal

Ken Shrimpton

Reading the exhibition comments book, it is quite clear that you thought the parish appraisal was a good idea and you found the exhibition well presented and factual. Several of you enquired as to what will be done with the results of the survey. These results have been given to the representatives from the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council, and it is now up to these organisations to act on the information they have received.

Several of the young people wanted representation on the Parish Council. The rules of the Council require all nominees for election to be over 18 years old, so unfortunately they are too young to stand for election. However, I am sure that if they lobby their parish councillors they will get a sympathetic hearing.

Guided Parish Walk

Glenda Davis

Our local countryside ranger, Bill Thwaites (based at Harrold Country Park) will be leading a guided walk on Wednesday, 25th May at 6pm, meeting at Pinchmill School car park. Ken Shrimpton will give a commentary on the village and church architecture on the way out. This is part of the Bedfordshire "Step this Way" series of guided walks and countryside events. Leaflets for this programme are available from me or Harrold Country Park.

Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning will be hosted by Jennifer Knowles, Long Mynd, Pavenham Road at 10.30am on Saturday, 7th May.

Bridge Club

Truus Boyce

This new club will be meeting twice monthly to play duplicate bridge of intermediate standard. Meetings will be held at Pinchmill Hall on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 7.30-10.30pm. The first meeting is on the 16th May. For more information ring 782537 or 781133.

Pinchmill Players AGM

Beverley Airtton

The Pinchmill Players will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 22nd May at 7.30pm in Pinchmill Hall. All welcome!

Fishermen's Mission

Sue Whiting

Thank you to all those who made donations and to the collectors. The total raised was £77.38.

Ouse News

At the next PCC meeting we will be discussing Ouse News, bearing in mind the results of the Parish Appraisal. If you have any specific suggestions as to how this newsletter could be improved please let me know as soon as possible.

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Clive Just

Parish Diary

June

Sat	4	10.30am	Coffee morning	(Anne Airton, 42 Marriotts Close)
Sat	4		Felmersham Cricket Club v Grafham	(Home)
Sun	5	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Trinity 1, ASB 645, Margaret A)
Sat	11		Felmersham Cricket Club v Lt Staughton 2	(Home)
Sun	12	10.15am	Family Communion	(Trinity 2, ASB 650, Brownies)
Sun	12	2.00pm	Wildlife Trust Pond Dipping	(Pinchmill Reserve)
Fri	17		Sponsored Bounce	(Pinchmill School)
Sat	18		Felmersham Cricket Club v Oakley 2	(Away)
Sun	19	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Trinity 3, ASB 655, Don G)
Tue	21		W.I. Outing to Charles Wells Brewery	
Fri	24	10.30am	Sue Ryder Coffee Morning	(Ody House, Pavenham Rd)
Sat	25		Felmersham Cricket Club v Riseley	(Away)
Sun	26	9.00am	Light House meeting	(Pinchmill hall)
Sun	26	9.15am	Holy Communion	(Ken S)
Sun	26	10.15am	Matins	(Trinity 4, ASB 661, Richard P)

July

Sat	2		Felmersham Cricket Club v Staploe	(Away)
Sun	3	10.15am	Patronal Festival at St Peter's, Sharnbrook	
Tue	5	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat	9	10.30am	Coffee morning	(Mary Watson, 'Plantation', Ravensden)
Sat	9		Felmersham Cricket Club v Tempsford	(Home)
Sun	10	10.15am	Family Communion	(Baptism, ASB 919, Brownies)
Fri	22		RUBBISH SKIPS in Felmersham and Radwell	

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 5th and 19th June. There will be a service of Family Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 12th June and a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am followed by Matins at 10.15am on Sunday 26th June.

We have been invited to join the parishioners of Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting for the Patronal Festival of Sharnbrook on Sunday 3rd July. The service, a choral communion, will be held at St. Peter's, Sharnbrook at 10.15am. There will be no services held in St. Mary's, Felmersham on that day.

My thanks to Margaret Alleway and her collectors for the house to house collection for Christian Aid and to you all for your donations.

Coffee Morning

Anne Airton

Please note the Coffee Morning on Saturday, 4th June at 10.30am will now be held at 42 Marriotts Close. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sponsored Bounce

Jayne Dingley

Everyone is welcome, old or young, to come and participate in this year's fund-raising event. 'Mr Bounce' will be visiting Pinchmill Lower School on the morning of June 17th to host a sponsored bounce. If you would like to be sponsored, or sponsor someone else, contact the school (781371) for details.

Pinchmill Players AGM

George Airton

An enthusiastic turnout for this crucial meeting was determined not to let the society fold and four members - Pat Hartop, Bill Pearce, Ken Shrimpton and myself were appointed as holding executives. The intention being to support any group or person wishing to produce entertainment in the village, yet still retaining the assets within the society for some future show that we feel capable of performing ourselves. In the meantime we plan to organise, play readings, outings and social functions. We will give everyone notice of these events and hope you will be able to join us.

Sue Ryder Group

Dorothy Galliver

A Coffee Morning in aid of St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger will be held at Hazel Pearce's home, Ody House, Pavenham Road on Friday 24th June 10.30-12 noon. Plants, Books, Bring and Buy, Cakes, Raffle. Attractive garden to view. Coffee and Refreshments £1.

Parish Council Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

Following the elections on 4th May, your Parish Council comprises the following: David Smith (Chairman); David Barker (Vice Chairman); Peter Castle; George Galliver; Geoff Hulatt; Ray Murton; Margaret Spoor. We look forward to serving the Parish during the next four years - if you have any problems or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

One issue of particular concern is the general growth in crime, and what we can do about it. One initiative which started off with enthusiasm but which now needs restarting is the Homewatch scheme. When the scheme was launched some five years ago we had a homewatch co-ordinator on virtually every street in the Parish, but now we are down to two, which is not enough to be effective. The Parish Council would like to see the scheme re-launched but for this we would need at least four more co-ordinators. Please would you consider supporting the scheme? It doesn't take much effort and it provides a valuable local service.

The Parish Council will arrange for the Homewatch Manager from Greyfriars to come to the Village Hall in the next month or so to explain the Scheme and hopefully to establish a co-ordinator network. We look forward to seeing you there.

Women's Institute

Blanche Smith

As always the May meeting is dominated by discussion and subsequent voting on the Resolutions put forward by the National Council in London:

1. To urge the Government to consider the system of presumed consent regarding donation of organs for transplant.
2. To reverse the decision to restrict and/or deny legal aid to the majority of citizens.
3. To urge the Government to review the key legal test in the Obscene Publications Act which appears to be unworkable.

All three resolutions were passed by a majority. On a lighter note, Jane Ward gave an account of her golfing week at Denman College, Lynn Edwards reported on the recent Village Hall meeting and Judith Smith reported on the Federation Meeting held at Queensway Hall, Dunstable. June 21st is the date of our outing to Charles Wells Erewery with supper afterwards at the Queens Head, Milton Ernest.

'55+' Benefits Campaign

Between 13th-24th June benefit advisers from local agencies will be visiting venues in the county to give advice on social security benefits to pensioners and people approaching pensionable age. Please come along if you would like to get advice, or leave a message on the answerphone (215463) and someone will call you back. Venues include Church Square, Allhallows, Bedford on Wednesday 15th June (8.30-4pm) and Age Concern, Conduit Rd, Bedford on Thursday 23rd June (9.30-1pm).

Parish Council

Nancy Fagence

At the meeting of 10th May the discussions included the following points:

Mr Murton to monitor the speed of cars in Moor End Road.

Dog fouling worst outside Trinity Close and Hunts Lane. Could owners please be more considerate.

Gate by the steps on Radwell Bridge still needs some attention.

Verge outside Trinity Close is badly rutted and needs restoration.

DSD has been awarded the grass cutting contract at £38 per cut.

Silting of bank upstream of Felmersham Bridge needs monitoring.

Weed cutting to take place on the river upstream of Pinchmill Islands.

Borough gave £6000 for play equipment with promise of further £6000 next year. Cllr Hughes to see if some of this money could be used for essential street lighting improvements in the Parish.

DSD asked to inspect lights more carefully. Sensor to be fitted to light no. 2 in Moor End Road.

Ornamental chain by Six Ringers has been replaced.

Quotations to be sought for cleaning War Memorial and replacing letters.

Glenda Davis to be sent a letter of thanks for her years of service on the Council and for agreeing to carry on with the Parish Paths Partnership.

Next meeting Tuesday 5th July at 8pm in Pinchmill Hall.

NOTICES

Wildlife Trust

Pond Dipping at Felmersham Reserve on 12th June - bring a picnic. Meet at car park at 2pm. Contact Pam Raven for details (782001).

Help!

Room wanted with use of kitchen. Country girl would like to get out of Bedford! Non smoker in full time work. Contact Sue Jones, 222238 (work) or 355448 (home).

Beavers

A new group for boys aged 6-8 years starts in Sharnbrook on Wednesday 8th June from 5.30-6.30. Contact Richard on 781059.

Wanted

Has anyone got an unwanted piano? If so please ring Sue Evans (782523).

The Wildlife Trust

This month's meeting, 'Wildlife on the Farm', is a guided walk with Richard Lay. Meet at Home Farm, Park Lane, Sharnbrook at 7pm on the 15th July

Light House

There will not be a Light House meeting in July but watch this space for news of the new sessions starting in the Autumn. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Pam Raven (782001)

The Keepers

Parish Diary

July

Sat	2	Felmersham Cricket Club v Staploe	(Away)
Sun	3	10.15am Patronal Festival at St Peter's, Sharnbrook	
Tue	5	8.00pm Parish Council Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat	9	10.30am Coffee morning	(Mary Watson, 'Plantation', Ravensden)
Sat	9	Felmersham Cricket Club v Tempsford	(Home)
Sun	10	10.15am Family Communion	(Baptism, ASB 919, Brownies)
Sun	10	2.30pm Treasure Hunt	(Pinchmill Hall)
Fri	15	7.00pm Wildlife on the Farm walk	Home Farm, Sharnbrook
Sat	16	Felmersham Cricket Club v Clapham	(Away)
Sun	17	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 7, ASB 676, David K)
Fri	22	RUBBISH SKIPS in Felmersham and Radwell	
Sat	23	Felmersham Cricket Club v Elstow 1	(Home)
Sun	24	9.15am Holy Communion	(Ken S)
Sun	24	10.15am Matins	(Trinity 8, ASB 681, Sally C)
Sat	30	Felmersham Cricket Club v Bedford Baptists	(Home)
Sun	31	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 9, ASB 685, Rosemary B)

August

Sat	6	Felmersham Cricket Club v Grafham	(Away)
Sun	7	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 10, ASB 691, Margaret A)
Sun	14	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 11, ASB 696, Dick A)

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

There will be no services in St Mary's on the first Sunday, July 3rd. Instead we will be joining the parishioners of Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting at St. Peter's, Sharnbrook to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Peter. The service, which will be a Choral Communion, will start at 10.15am.

On the second Sunday, 10th July, I will be celebrating Communion at our Family Communion, which will include a Baptism. The service will start at 10.15am.

I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am on the third and fifth Sundays, 17th and 31st July. There will be a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am followed by Matins at 10.15am on the fourth Sunday, 24th July

Christian Aid

Margaret Alleway

The appeal for Christian Aid in Felmersham and Radwell raised the sum of £171.32. My thanks to Mary Heald, Truus Boyce, Gill Greenish, Vivienne Melville and Stephen Hill for their help with the collection.

Arthritis and Rheumatism Council

Jennifer Knowles

£140 was raised in the recent house-to-house collection. Grateful thanks to all who contributed and also to the collectors Jill Bance, Mary Freeman, Lesley Gani, Sheila McKenzie, Ann Smith and Renée Whitbread.

Pinchmill Athletic Youth Football Club

Trevor Janes

Congratulations to our Under-10s 5-a-side team which won the Sandy Albion F.C. tournament recently. In competition with 10 other teams they won all their matches without conceding a goal. The team played Sandy in the final winning 4 - 0 and were presented with the tournament shield and winners' trophies. Well done to Robert Anthony, Paul Evans, Andrew Janes, Nick and Jay Lockwood.

Coffee Morning

Margaret Alleway

This month's Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Mary Watson, 'Plantations', Ravensden on Saturday, 9th July at 10.30am.

Pinchmill School News

Jayne Dingley

I hope this is to be the first of a monthly contribution from our school in Felmersham. This is our opportunity to inform you of some of the educational issues that face all schools and particularly our own. We also hope to provide contributions from pupils in the future. I feel very privileged to be working somewhere that is in such a delightful setting and with a community that seems to be based on mutual support and care.

It is said that some of the best things are in small packages, we certainly aim to make this so at Pinchmill. We may be small in number but we have a spacious well kept building with many amenities that schools of our size often lack. Our present staffing gives us enviable class sizes which enable us to cater for the needs of the individual.

This term we will be involved in the consultation process regarding the proposals for the new National Curriculum Orders. This will mean careful study of the documents and the opportunity to voice our professional opinions. The implementation of the present National Curriculum has been a long and somewhat stormy process with schools feeling in a constant state of uncertainty and change. We are promised a period of stability following the introduction of the new 'slimline' Orders.

We look forward to the opportunity to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum the content of which has been subject to a wide and in depth consultation.

I hope you have found this information of interest. I would welcome any suggestions readers may have for the kind of topic they would like to read about in the future.

Summer Playscheme

for 5 to 10 year olds

John Gibbard School, Sharnbrook
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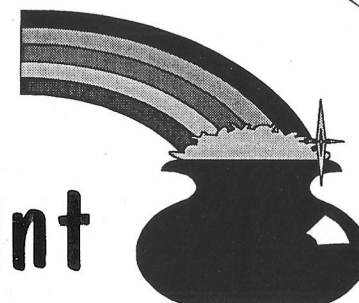
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Everyone Welcome!

2.30pm Sunday 10th July, Pinchmill Hall

Followed by High Tea

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Tickets from:

Clive Just (781967)

Ruth Barratt (822046)

Women's Institute

Blanche Smith

'Naturally it's Beer', the title of the video with commentary by Brian Redhead, was a great introduction to our tour of the Charles Wells Brewery. The brewery moved from its Horne Lane site to its present 16½ acre site in Havelock Street, Bedford on 15th May, its centenary year, when it was opened by the Duke of Gloucester. It was the first purpose built brewery in Europe this century. Charles Wells brew beers from other parts of the world including Jamaica and Japan and exports to many European countries as well as being in the forefront in the home market. It was very interesting to see the brewing process from the raw materials of barley, well water, sugar, hops and yeast to the finished product in cans, bottles kegs and casks and we were all given a sample of four cans of Eagle Draught Bitter! Unfortunately supper at the Queen's Head, Milton Ernest did not live up to the rest of the evening! At the next meeting on July 19th Mrs Dodwell, a Romanian Aid Worker, will talk to us about her work for that country and we asked to donate a small gift.

Ouse News & Parish Diary

Clive Just

We could still do with a lot more contributions to Ouse News, particularly details of forthcoming events and anything of interest that has happened in the villages, especially personal news (no gossip!). We would like particularly to have more things by young people and for young people - we will try and reward the more exceptional items submitted by younger contributors.

Please send all these fascinating new items for next month's Ouse News to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory by the 25th.

I will be happy to keep a 'Parish Diary' for all forthcoming public events. If you are planning an event let me know as soon as you have arranged the date or check with me for any potential clashes. (Sue Evans does this for events using the Village Hall but not all events happen there.) I will also then be able to remind you to submit your advert to Ouse News nearer the date.

Parish Diary

August

Sat 6	Felmersham Cricket Club v Grafham	(Away)
Sun 7	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 10. ASB 691. Margaret A)
Sat 13	Felmersham Cricket Club v Lt Staughton 2	(Away)
Sun 14	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 11. ASB 696. Dick A)
Tue 16	W.I. Coffee & Gateaux	(Stonehaven, High Rd)
Sat 20	Felmersham Cricket Club v Staploe	(Home)
Sun 21	10.15am Choral Communion.	(Trinity 12. ASB 700. David K)
Sat 27	Felmersham Cricket Club v Riseley	(Home)
Sun 28	9.15am Holy Communion.	(Ken S)
	10.15am Matins	(Trinity 13. ASB 706. Richard P)

September

Sat 3	Felmersham Cricket Club v Oakley 2	(Home)
Sun 4	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 14. ASB 711. Dick A)
Sat 10	10.30am Coffee morning	(Jane Wells, Riverside House, High Road)
	Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride	
Sun 11	10.15am PATRONAL FESTIVAL	(St Mary. ASB 797, Wardens)
Mon 12	7.30pm PCC meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 18	Ouse Valley Way sponsored walk - Wildlife Trust	

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

On the first, second and third Sundays, the 7th, 14th and 21st August, I will be celebrating Choral communion at 10.15am. On the fourth Sunday, 28th Aug, I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. This will be followed by a sung service of matins at 10.15am

Please make a note in your diaries that our Patronal Festival will be at 10.15am on Sunday 11th September and take the form of a Choral Communion service. Gerry Sidebottom will be preaching and I hope that we will be joined by the parishioners of Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting.

There will be no family services during August and September.

Coffee Morning

Margaret Alleway

Next month's Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Jane Wells, Riverside House, The High Road, Felmersham on Saturday, 10th August at 10.30am.

Women's Institute

Christine Linley

At the July meeting we listened to reports of the Triennial General Meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes held at the NEC, Birmingham. All the resolutions listed in May's Ouse News were passed. Michael Palin was a guest speaker in his capacity of chairman of Transport 2000.

Our speaker was Mrs Dodwell, a member of a Christian group based at Odell, who makes visits to Romania twice a year. She was a very lively and enthusiastic speaker, using sheets of photos to illustrate her talk. Over the last few years progress has been made and she had photographs of the same orphans one year apart so that we could see how they had improved. She received gifts of groceries from the members to take on her next trip.

The August meeting is a Coffee and Gateaux evening at the home of Joan Hughes, Stonehaven, High Rd on the 16th August.

The Six Ringers

Clive Just

Have you noticed the planning application to convert the Six Ringers to a private house? If you think that this is yet another village facility that we cannot afford to lose then please do something. Write opposing the planning application to the Chief Planner at Bedford Town Hall by 15th August. Write to Charles Wells suggesting ways they could be more creative utilising the Ringers - e.g. reopening the Post Office etc. Finally, use your local facilities!

Parish Council Meeting

Nancy Fagence

The following matters were discussed at the July meeting of the Council:

- Quotes for cleaning the War Memorial were too high - more to be sought.
- Complaints about poor visibility at Radwell Bridge - pursuing with County.
- Hand gate on the bridge still not closing - department to be chased again.
- Home Watch meeting will be in late Aug./early Sept. - see notice boards.
- Quotes to be obtained for low level lighting between the Marriotts Close steps and the High Road - hopefully to be installed before winter
- Several footpaths, especially those off Marriotts Close, partially obstructed by overhanging branches. Could residents please trim where necessary.
- Clerk has copies of documents relating to the formation of the Council on 4th December 1894. Mrs Spoor to consider a possible centenary celebration.
- Next meeting will be on the 6th September

Parish Council Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

The Council recently went on an official visit to New Farm, at the invitation of Mr Clifton Ibbett. The visit arose because of lots of complaints from parishioners about smell, and effluent affecting public footpaths.

New Farm is a modern dairy unit of 400 dairy cows plus 300 replacement heifers/calves. It produces nearly two and a half million litres of milk each year. These cattle produce a large quantity of slurry which must be disposed of. All of the solid material is put back onto the land but the liquid material, including a substantial volume of rainwater, is more of a problem. Bedfordia took the advice of the Government Advisory service (ADAS) in trying to solve it.

£100,000 was spent in 1993 on a new waste water treatment plant which proved to be disastrously inadequate to cope with the rains of last year. The corrugated steel tank designed to hold the water leaks and Bedfordia are going to have to rebuild the whole system in concrete. This will be started in a month or so, and it is hoped that it will be completed before the end of the year.

The manager of New Farm is David Matthews of Dibden, Moor End and he would be happy for anyone with a problem or question to contact him.

Wildlife Trust Sponsored Walk

Louise Wilby

The walk, either 3 or 12 miles, along the Ouse Valley Way in aid of local wildlife will be on 18th September. Meet at Paxton Pits near St Neots between 10-11am. Teams especially welcome. Phone (0223) 846363 for details.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Stephen Hill

This year's sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust will be held on Saturday 10th September. You decide which route to take and how far to ride, and half of the money you raise will come back to St Mary's. Please contact me (781064) for more details or if you could help for an hour or two at the church gate. Ken Shrimpton is also organising a walk for non-riders.

From Shepherd Boy to King

Hear the story of **David-the Giant Killer** at the Holiday Bible Club at Harrold Evangelical Church. Children aged 5 and over are welcome to come and enjoy activities, singing, quizzes and videos from 10.30-12.30pm each day during the week 8th-12th August, finishing with a Family Barbecue at 6.30pm on Friday evening. Call Richard Inns (721104/721406) for more details

Pinchmill Athletic Youth FC

Trevor Janes

The success has continued with the following tournament achievements:

- Under 8's: Winners of Kempston Reds Fun Day
Winners of the Fair Play award at the Willen World Cup
- Under 10's: Winners of Carlton Capers 1994
Runners up in the Willen World Cup - a substantial feat to finish second out of 18 top class teams
- Over 40's: Winners of Kempston Reds Fun Day - a "mums and dads" team beat both Putnoe and Kempston Reds to finish the day undefeated.
- Well done to all the lads that have represented the club and villages so well this season. Good luck for the new season.

NOTICES

Thanks

I would like to thank Geoff Cambridge for finishing off the seat in St Mary's churchyard so beautifully. Many thanks once again.

Sheila Juffs

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Reasonable rates
Mature and sensible girl.
Available at short notice.

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Wanted - your personal notices!

So far we've had 100% success with personal small ads. If you want something or have something to sell or say let us know.

NOTICES

Bus timetable changes

From Monday 5th September buses serving Felmersham and Radwell between 9am and 3pm all run 5 minutes earlier in both directions. Buses before and after these times are unchanged.

Parish Diary

September

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Sat 10	10.30am	Coffee morning	(Jane Wells, Riverside House, High Road)
		Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride	
	12.00	Heritage Walk	(Start at St Mary's)
Sun 11	10.15am	PATRONAL FESTIVAL	(St Mary. ASB 797, Wardens)
Mon 12	7.30pm	PCC meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	7.30pm	Yoga	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 18	10.15am	Choral Communion.	(Trinity 16, ASB 719, David K)
Sun 18		Ouse Valley Way sponsored walk - Wildlife Trust	
Fri 23	8.00pm	Birdwatching in Ethiopia	(Sharnbrook Methodist)
Sat 24	7.30pm	Sue Ryder Quiz Evening	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 25	9.15am	Holy Communion.	(Ken S)
	10.15am	Matins	(Trinity 17, ASB 724, Sally C)
Mon 26	10.30am	WI Jubilee Coffee Morning	(Riverside House, High Road)
Fri 30	7.00pm	Bat Watching	(Meet at Sharnbrook Post Office)

October

Sun 2	10.15am	Choral Communion.	(Trinity 18, ASB 731, Margaret A)
	5.00pm	Harvest Evensong	(ASB 891)
Sat 8	10.30am	Coffee morning.	(Jacky Phipps, East Grange, Hunts Lane)
Sun 9	10.15am	Family Communion	(Baptism, ASB 919, Brownies)

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

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There will be no family service during September.

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday the 2nd October- I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am. In the evening at 5pm there will be our traditional Service of Harvest Evensong.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

Harvest Festival is rapidly approaching once more. After the hot, dry summer, our gardens have suffered, but if you do have any produce, flowers, foliage etc.; you can spare we would be very grateful. (Marrows are welcome!)

We shall be decorating the church on Friday 30th September and before 12.30pm on Saturday 1st October. (There is a wedding at 3pm that afternoon.) If you would like to help, please let me know in good time.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Stephen Hill

We would welcome more volunteers to take part in the sponsored cycle ride on Saturday 10th September. The proceeds are to be split equally between the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust and our own Restoration Fund. I am also still needing more people for duty at the church gate for an hour or two to register passing cyclists on the day. Please contact me on 781064 if you can take part either as cyclist or checker.

A Plea to all Insomniacs and Horologium Observers

Ken Shrimpton

Twice this year you have been without your old friend. At the beginning of the year it was for 3 months and more recently for 2 weeks. His first breakdown was expected and we always knew that a replacement operation would be necessary; what we were not prepared for was the high cost of the replaced part. £350 was needed to put him right! His second breakdown was diagnosed and treated at no additional cost and he is once again working every hour, day and night, as he has always faithfully done for the past 114 years. You will understand that this operation was not on the NHS so somebody has got to pick up the bill. The Parish Council has kindly made a donation of £50. Please can you help towards the cost and thus ensure that he continues to give punctual and uninterrupted service to the community? Contributions should be passed to Steven Hill, 46 Marriotts Close and cheques made payable to St Mary's Felmersham PCC.

Women's Institute

Christine Linley

The weather wasn't kind to us at our August meeting which was to be held in Joan Hughes' garden. After numerous beautiful evenings it rained, Joan had set out all her garden furniture too. We had to make a dash as the heavens opened. We enjoyed some delicious gateaux (diets forgotten) and were able to catch up on the news. Thanks to Joan (and David) for their hospitality.

Next month sees the 75th anniversary of the Bedfordshire Federation of Institutes. We are celebrating with a coffee morning at Jane Wells' home, Riverside House. This will be on the 26th September at 10.30am. Any past members of the Institute are very welcome to attend.

Our meeting on September 20th will feature Mr Cornwall talking about Wisley Gardens.

Save The Children Fund

Ronald & Judith Smith

As inappropriate as thoughts of Christmas seem now, may we ask you to make a note in your diary that SCF cards and gifts will be on display for sale or order at Leaways, Grange Road, Felmersham on the morning of Saturday, 8th October 10 am to 12 midday and Sunday, 9th October, 2 pm to 4 pm. Come and join us for coffee or tea and make your selection at leisure. Catalogues are available at Leaways now.

Can you spare a couple of hours once or twice a year, particularly during the first week of May or in the week leading up to Christmas? The resources of Save The Children Fund are at greater stretch than at any other time in its 75 year history. We need your help. If you can give that time, please let us know.

Coffee Morning

Margaret Alleway

This month's Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Jane Wells, Riverside House, The High Road, Felmersham on Saturday, 10th September at 10.30am.

Parish Activities

Ken Shrimpton

One of the talking points in the village is the feeling that the community spirit has all but disappeared from the parish. Organisations are folding due to lack of support, and when events are organised very few people attend and those who do are either the organisers or their "you will come, won't you?" friends. Suddenly event organising has become hard work.

But wait, can I hear dissenting voices? Good, because here is your opportunity to disprove this feeling. On Saturday the 10th September there is a sponsored cycle ride in aid of Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust with 50% of the sponsorship going to St. Mary's and 50% to BHHCT. Cyclists of all ages and denominations (including none) are invited to seek sponsors who will undertake to pay an agreed sum for each church or chapel visited by the cyclist. All Bedfordshire (and surrounding counties) churches and some chapels will be open from 10am to 6pm. Sponsorship forms can be obtained from me or Stephen Hill, 46 Marriotts Close who will also receive any monies collected. If you don't like asking people to sponsor you then why not sponsor yourself?

OK, so you haven't got a bike! Especially for you we are arranging a Heritage Walk. We meet at the church on the 10th September at 12 noon and we visit Odell, Harold, Carlton and, if you have the stamina, Pavenham churches. Bring a packed lunch, the pace will be leisurely, and we will take approx. 4½ hours to walk the 7½ miles. If you are unable to walk the full distance why not arrange to be picked up at, say, Carlton church? Families are especially welcome. For our Beating the Bounds walk, 29 adults and children took part, let's see if we can better that. You can, if you wish, sponsor yourselves on this walk.

Yoga

Karen Stokley

Wendy Wynne will start a course of 8 yoga sessions starting Monday September 12th from 7.30-8.30pm price £16. New members welcome to try any session without committing to the entire course for £2. Phone 781176.

Sue Ryder Group

Dorothy Galliver

Felmersham and Radwell group are holding a Quiz Evening on Saturday 24th September at Pinchmill Hall beginning at 7.30pm. Maggie and Chris Spoor are organising the questions. A Ploughman's Supper will be provided during the interval. Prizes will be awarded to the winning table. Tickets £3.50 available early September.

Bat Watch & Birdwatching

Wildlife Trust

Bat watch - meet at Sharnbrook Post Office at 7pm on Friday 30th September. Also talk on Birdwatching in Ethiopia at 8pm, Friday 23rd at Sharnbrook Methodist Church. Contact Pam Raven for more details (782001).

Parish Diary

From the Parish Registers

10th July	Baptism	Annabel May Priano
11th August	Funeral	Lilian Fensom
3rd September	Wedding	Corrine Davis and Andrew Austin

October

Sun 2	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 18. ASB 731. Margaret A)
	5.00pm Harvest Evensong	(ASB 891)
	6.30pm Harvest Tea	(Pinchmill Hall)
Mon 3	2.45pm Story Time	(Pinchmill School)
Sat 8	10.00pm Save the Children Sale	(Leaways, Grange Rd)
	10.30am Coffee morning	(Jacky Phipps, East Grange, Hunts Lane)
Sun 9	10.15am Family Communion	(Baptism, ASB 919, Brownies)
	2.00pm Save the Children sale	(Leaways, Grange Rd)
Sun 16	10.15am Choral Communion	(Last after Pentecost, ASB 748, Don G)
	10.15am Matins	
	2.00pm Wildlife Trust Fungus Foray	(Waresley Wood)
Tue 18	W.I. Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Fri 21	8.00pm Wildlife Trust meeting	(Sharnbrook Methodist)
Sun 23	9.00am Light House meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	9.15am Holy Communion	(Ken S)
	10.15am Matins	(9/Christmas, ASB 398 (year 1) Richard P)
Sun 30	10.15am Choral Communion	(8/Christmas, ASB 403. Rosemary B)
Mon 31	8.00pm Full Village Hall Committee Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)

November

Sat 5	6.30pm Firework Display	(Playing Field)
Sun 6	10.15am Choral Communion	(7/Christmas, ASB 408. Dick A)
Sun 13	9.15am Holy Communion	(Ken S)
	10.15am Matins	(Remembrance Sunday, ASB 937, The Brownies)
	11.45am Wreath laying at War Memorial	
Mon 14	7.30pm PCC meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October. In the morning I will celebrate our normal Parish Communion at 10.15am. In the evening we will have our traditional service of Harvest Evensong at 5pm. This will be followed by a Harvest Tea in Pinchmill Hall starting at about 6.30pm. Entry will be on the door on the evening and will cost £1 for each adult. Our Harvest produce will be put into a Tombola. The money from the Tombola together with the profit on the tea and cash collected at both services, will be donated equally to the Bishop of St. Alban's Harvest for The Hungry Appeal and our missionary contact, The Mission Aviation Fellowship in Tanzania. 50% of The Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry appeal will in turn be donated to Christian Aid, 25% to the World Development Movement and the remaining 25% to the Rural Theological Institute in Tamil Nadu which is to support Dalit ('untouchable') families in the Southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Our usual Family Communion service will be held on the second Sunday, 9th October at 10.15am. On the third and fifth Sundays, 16th and 30th October, I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am. On the fourth Sunday, 23rd October, I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. This will be followed by a sung service of Matins at 10.15am

The Bishop of Bedford will conduct a Deanery Confirmation Service at 3pm on Sunday 20th 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.

Remembrance Sunday

Fred Turner

There will be a short wreath laying ceremony conducted by the Rev Claypole White at the War Memorial at 11.45am on Sunday 13th November. Would anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of the wreath please contact me (781864) or leave your donation at "Five Elms", Moor End Road, Radwell.

Future of the Ministry

Douglas Claypole White

The Sharnbrook Deanery Pastoral Committee has been working on a Deanery plan for the future of the ministry in the Sharnbrook Deanery. The plan takes into account five main factors:

1. The importance of the Church's task of mission.
2. The importance of the parish as the basic unit of the Church's mission.
3. The importance of having a Christian presence in every parish.
4. The size of the rural parishes in terms of human and physical resources.
5. The financial position, which means parishes must be more self supporting.

The plan is not an argument for clergy reduction but it recognises the possible future shortage of clergy and financial resources.

The Committee suggest that they way forward is to put parishes into informal groups. In our case they are proposing to group Felmersham with Milton Ernest, Thurleigh, Odell and Pavenham. Over a period of years they suggest a pooling of resources and the setting up of a lay Ministry team to work with the stipendiary clergy to do more of the hands on work at present done by the Clergy. The role of the full time clergy would then change to primarily that of trainer and teacher.

The two big question marks in my mind are whether there are a sufficient number of dedicated lay people who will be willing to come forward and if there are, whether they will be readily acceptable by the congregations. The PCC have discussed this plan at length over two meetings and support it subject to there being a continued Clergy presence in each group to take some of the services (particularly communion) in each parish.

Village Hall Fireworks

Brian Smith

This year's Bonfire and Fireworks Display will be held on the playing field on Saturday November 5th starting at 6.30pm. Do come with the family. We have the spectacular Kimbolton Fireworks, sparklers for sale also snacks and refreshments. Entrance only £1.50 (under 5s free). There will also be prizes for the best home made Guy.

If you would like to help in preparing the bonfire please come to the playing field on Sunday October 30th at 10.30am.

Parish Council

Nancy Fagence

The following points were among those discussed at the September meeting:

- Cleaning the War Memorial would cost about £700. To be discussed at AGM.
- Further attempts to be made to stop parking on Radwell Green.
- Gate at Radwell Bridge still unsatisfactory.
- Footpath behind New Farm is non-existent hopefully it will be reopened.
- Safety rail on Marriotts Close/High Rd footpath is in need of repair.

The County Engineer will be asked to investigate the following:

- Subsidence of part of the Felmersham Road, Radwell near Dropshort.
- The general state of Hunt's Lane.
- Blocking of drains at Radwell Bridge, possibly reinstating drainage gullies.

The next meeting will be on the 1st November.

Mobile Library

Warwick Holden

County Leisure Services are planning some changes to the mobile library timetable in the next couple of months. The **proposed** changes are as follows:

Felmersham, The Sun	now 11.25-12.45	proposed 10.55-12.10
Radwell, The Green	now 10.30-10.55	proposed 10.35-10.50

The above two stops will be visited on a fortnightly rota, as now,. The visits will remain on Wednesdays. If you have any queries or comments contact Warwick Holden (853092).

Training for Events Organisers

Hilary Western

Would like to find out how you can bring live entertainment to your village? Then come to this free training day. You will find advice, meet successful village arts promoters and see live an excellent example of what's on offer. There is also a promoters pack - a step by step guide - to take away. The event takes place at Thurleigh Village Hall from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, 5th November. For more information contact Hilary Western (Rural Arts Worker) on 838771.

Save The Children Fund

Ronald & Judith Smith

Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale at Leaways, Grange Road between 10am and noon on Saturday, 8th October and between 2pm and 4pm on Sunday. Do come and join us for coffee or tea and make your selection in comfort knowing that you will be helping children whose need is so great. One further advantage is the saving of postage and packing charges incurred when ordering from SCF catalogues by post. If you would like a catalogue in advance of the sale weekend please let us know (781430) or call in and collect one.

Pinchmill School News

Jayne Dingley

The Autumn term is perhaps the busiest of the school year. The lazy days of the Summer are over and pupils and teachers alike are adjusting to both new and familiar routines. We are looking forward to this term which is full of traditional events and some that may perhaps become traditions within the school.

An important project that we are undertaking is the refurbishment of our school library. This is being funded from various areas including the school budget and fund-raising events. We would like to thank all those who supported our sponsored bounce which raised £250 and will be used for equipment to enhance the use of the library.

We are holding a book week from the 3rd October to the 7th October and we hope you can join us in some of the activities we have planned. Details will be available from the school. You will be able to buy books from our book fair from 27th September to 4th October. Why not come into school on 3rd October at 2.45pm and join us for a story time, bring along a favourite story and read to a group of children, take part in the competitions that will be running or come dressed as a book character for our assembly on 5th October at 2.45pm.

If you can't join us for the above events perhaps you would like to support our craft fair which will be held on the evening of 16th November. This will be a good opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and a chance to buy some unusual hand crafted gifts. You may want to run a stall at the fair please contact the school if you would like further details.

Homewatch

David Smith/Joan White

The Parish Council recently organised a meeting to resurrect the Homewatch scheme. The police said that a strong commitment to Homewatch has led to reduced crime rates locally. Organisers from Greyfriars police station then made the telling point that our Parish was the only one in North Bedfordshire without an active Homewatch scheme! Co-ordinators were established for most parts (see list elsewhere) but a few more are still required - anyone willing to help should contact Felise Kingerlee or David Smith. Without a co-ordinator these parts of Felmersham will not be covered by the scheme.

Forthcoming Events

Wildlife Trust

Sharnbrook group are organising two events this month. On Sunday 16th October there is a Fungus Foray at Waresley Wood near St Neots. Meet at the entrance to the wood at 2pm. Later in the month an illustrated talk on wildlife management and wildflower seeding will be given at 8pm on Friday 21st October at Sharnbrook Methodist Church. For more information on either event call Pam Raven 782001.

Women's Institute

Blanche Smith

Congratulations to Janet Cook, a tutor of patchwork at Sharnbrook Community College, who has been named National Quilting Champion. She carried off the trophy at the Quilts UK exhibition in Malvern.

Judith Smith thanked the WI for her bursary to attend Denman College where she recently attained her Institute of Advanced Motorists certificate. Congratulations Judith.

Mr John Cornwall gave an illustrated talk on Wisley Gardens, headquarters of the RHS in Surrey. He explained that Wisley is well known for its facilities to train students and that it is a testing ground for many new varieties of fruit, flowers and vegetables. What a wonderful photographer! We saw beautiful close-ups of many plants and flowers in summer sunshine, rain and snow, and also orchids and cacti from inside the tropical glasshouses. Dorothy Galliver thanked him on our behalf. The plant identification competition organised by Isabel Buckingham was won, not surprisingly, by our own expert, Hazel Pearce.

We are pleased that Maggie Spoor, Pat Woodfine and Mary Mundy have volunteered to take part in the WI County Quiz. The first round is on October 17th and we wish them good luck.

Looking ahead, a Christmas Tea for senior citizens is planned for Sunday, December 11th. More details nearer the time. At the next meeting on October 18th Mr Constant a private detective, will be talking about his work and there will be a Bring & Buy of second hand books.

Restore your old photographs

Helen Dawkins

Black and White Revival will be holding an exhibition on the restoration of old photographs at:

Chapel Gallery,
High Street, Riseley
Sunday 30th October, 10.30-4pm.

You are welcome to bring along your old photographs - faded, damaged or those just requiring faithful copies to be made photographically, to discuss how we can 'revive' them to provide a unique gift or treasured possession.

NOTICES

Homewatch

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Further volunteers required for the following:
The High Road, Trinity Close, Tithe Barn,
Pavenham Road - upper part,

Congratulations

Congratulations to Janet Cook who has been named National Quilting Champion.

Old Toys Wanted

Christian Family Care are looking for donations of old toys, especially multi-cultural ones. They need to be in good condition and complete. Phone 353592 if you can help.

The Villager

Monthly Bus Timetable

Northampton - 1st Wednesdays

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Milton Keynes - 3rd Tuesdays

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Peterborough - 2nd Fridays

Dep	The Sun	09.22
Arr	Queensgate	10.30

Dep	Queensgate	13.45
Arr	The Sun	14.53

Thank you...

... for the kindness, love and help given to Betty and myself during my recent illness. I am pleased to say that I am on my way, hopefully, to a full recovery. We are fortunate indeed to live in such a caring village.

John Taylor

Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Jacky Phipps, East Grange, Hunts Lane on Saturday, 8th October at 10.30am.

Save the Children Fund Sale

Saturday 8th October 10.00-12.00
Sunday 9th October 2.00pm-4.00pm

Leaways, Grange Road

Mr David Richards Sr, formerly of 2 Trinity Close, died peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday 7th October at the Gardener's Royal Benevolent Society Home in West Sussex aged 93. The funeral took place in Alkham near Folkestone on 19th October. Further details from Margery Evers 781018.

Parish Diary

From the Parish Register

1st October. Blessing of marriage: Caroline Richards and Gianino Priano
9th October. Baptism: Patrick James Cochran

November

Sat 5 6.30pm Fireworks Display (Playing Field)
Sun 6 10.15am Choral Communion (7 before Christmas, ASB 408, Dick A)
Sun 13 9.30am Holy Communion (Ken S)
10.30am Matins (Remembrance Sunday, ASB 937, The Brownies)
11.45am Wreath laying at War Memorial
Mon 14 7.30pm PCC meeting, (Pinchmill Hall)
Fri 18 8.00pm Wildlife Trust - Owls (Sharnbrook Methodist Church)
Sun 20 10.15am Choral Communion (Baptism, ASB 919, David K)
Wed 23 2.30pm PSA Afternoon Fair (Pinchmill School)
Sun 27 9.00am Light House Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
9.15am Holy Communion (Ken S)
10.15am Matins (Advent 1, ASB 422, Sally C)

December

Sat 3 10.30am Coffee Morning (Pat Hartop, St Mary's Cottage, High Road)
Sun 4 10.15am Choral Communion (Advent 2, ASB 427, Margaret A)
Sun 11 10.15am Choral Communion (Advent 3, ASB 432, Margaret A)
3.00pm Christingle

Vicar: Rev. Douglas Claypole White (881661).
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Please send items for next month's Ouse News to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory by the 25th.

Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

November 1994

Church News

Doug Claypole White

I will celebrate our normal Choral Communion at 10.15am on the first and third Sundays, 6th & 20th November. As the second Sunday, 13th November, is Remembrance Sunday, there will be no Family Service this month. Instead I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.30am followed by Matins at 10.30am. Please note that both services are starting 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 short wreath laying service at the war memorial starting at about 11.45am.

On the fourth Sunday, 27th November, I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. This will be followed by a sung service of Matins at 10.15am

My thanks to everybody who donated produce and flowers for our Harvest Festival; to everybody who decorated the Church so beautifully; to the children at Pinchmill School for donating their Harvest produce and for their lovely display in the Church; to Alan Stevens for running the tombola; to Rosemary Brough and Gill Greenish for organising the Harvest tea and to everybody who contributed to the delicious spread. The cash collected at both the services on that Sunday, together with the profit on the tea and the proceeds of the tombola came to £152. We will donate one half to The Bishop of St. Alban's Help the Hungry appeal and the other half to our missionary contact in Tanzania.

Please make a note in your diary that our Christingle service will be at 3pm on Sunday 11th December. I will write more about this service in the next issue of our parish magazine.

Church Flowers

A warm thank you to Pinchmill School for the lovely display of artwork and produce and to all the individuals who gave so generously of their time, skills, flowers and produce to make the Church look so special for our Harvest Celebrations.

Anne Claypole White

Women's Institute

Maggie Spoor, Pat Woodfine and Mary Mundy were congratulated on coming second in the preliminary round of the 1994 WI quiz. They go on to represent Bedfordshire in the 3 Counties Quiz in January. Our speaker for the evening was Mr Constant who gave us an insight into his life as a private detective and into running a detective agency.

Mary Freeman

Members are planning to travel to Dunstable to hear the Vienna Boy's Choir, another celebration for Bedfordshire's 75th anniversary. We look forward to welcoming back Ken Shrimpton next month to talk about 'Timekeeping'. This month's competition is the best gift wrapped present for Fairfield Hospital.

Save the Children Fund

Our thanks to friends who supported a sale of Christmas cards and gifts at Leaways. The sales totalled something in excess of £680. Tim Grant-Jones, a SCF supporter, will be playing his piano outside the two Tesco stores and Sainsbury at Clapham for eight hour stretches on three of the days in Christmas week. He was told that he was a devil for punishment to which his reply was "Well, it's better than not having a roof over your head, is it?" We need people who would be willing to "shake a tin" for an hour or so while he plays. If you can help please let us know (781430).

Judith & Ronald Smith

Children's Society

It's box emptying time again. Would all box holders let me have their boxes please.

Anne Claypole White

Parish clock repairs

The PCC has received a total of £50 from 4 people following the request for donations towards the repair of the church clock. A big thank you to those who donated. The fund is still open.

Ken Shrimpton

Sue Ryder Group

Our support group recently held a successful Quiz Evening. An interesting selection of questions was compiled by Chris and Maggie Spoor. Everyone enjoyed a ploughman's supper and people were generous toward the raffle. So with pleasure we were able to send £525 to St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger.

We finish our 1994 events with a Christmas Flower Demonstration at Pinchmill Hall on Wednesday 30th November 7.30pm (for 8.00). Our talented guest is John Chennel and his subject is 'The Magic of Christmas'. Tickets are £5 including mulled wine and mince pies. They are available now so book an interesting and enjoyable evening. Again, all profits will go to St John's.

Dorothy Galliver

Parish Rises to Challenge

Felmersham and Radwell won the third prize of £150 (out of 19 entries) in the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Challenge 1994 with its "Parish Appraisal" entry. The judges were particularly impressed by the 92% response to the Appraisal, the high standard of the exhibition in the church and the follow up "Outcome" leaflet that was delivered to every household in the parish.

Ken Shrimpton

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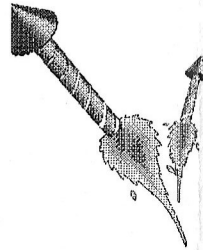
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The Police strongly recommend using the stickers being distributed. Contact your local co-ordinator if you've not received your stickers and booklet

NOTICES

Remember, Remember



Fireworks
Guy Competition

5th Nov 6.30pm
The Playing Field

Red Cross

We are holding a Christmas coffee evening on Friday 25th November 7.45pm onwards at Greenfields, Pavenham Road. Everyone welcome.

!!CORRECTION!!

The Villager

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PSA Afternoon Fair

Everyone is welcome to come to Pinchmill School on 23rd November between 2.30 and 4.00pm for Cakes and Crafts, Tea and Toys.

Found!

A set of keys by the swings
at the Playing Field.
Phone 782559

WANTED

News of clubs, organisations or items of interest for Beds Times.
Contact Mary Freeman 781645.

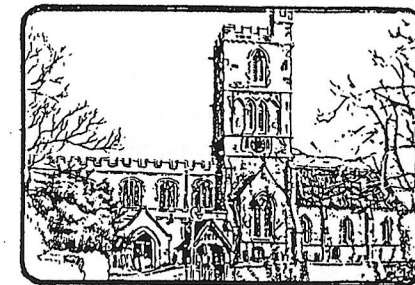
Thank you for taking the time and trouble to read this leaflet. Please do contact either of us if you are able to respond to this appeal, or would like more information.

Doug Claypole White

Doug Claypole White
Vicar
Homelands
Turvey
881661

Stephen Hill

Stephen Hill
Honorary Treasurer
46 Marriotts Close
Felmersham
781064



St Mary's, Felmersham

October 1994

Dear Parishioner,

Does it not always seem that demands on our money increase faster than our income? St Mary's is in the same situation and the parish faces substantial deficits from 1995 onwards.

You will probably know from press reports that the Church of England has met with significant financial difficulties in the last two years.

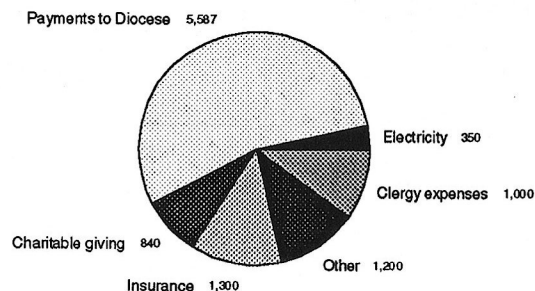
Historically, the Church Commissioners, who manage the church's assets, have contributed substantial sums to the Dioceses, essentially to help meet the clergy payroll. However, with income reduced by the slump in the commercial property market, and a rising expenditure on clergy pensions, this funding is being withdrawn.

If clergy numbers are to be maintained and the ministry continued, then this money has to be replaced by higher contributions from the parishes.

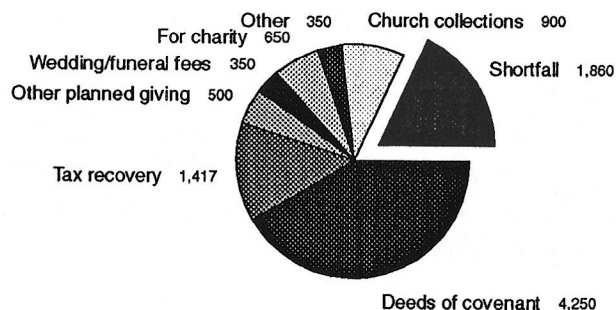
Simultaneously a change in the funding arrangements in our St Albans Diocese means that effective subsidies given by the towns to the country are being reduced. In future the rural parishes, such as our own, must make a more realistic contribution to reflect the cost of maintaining more clergy per head of population than in the urban parishes.

Our forecast income and expenditure for 1995, not including the restoration fund, is shown in the following charts:

Expenditure



Income



We need to increase our income for next year by nearly a quarter over and above the £8,400 that we are currently anticipating.

Many of you are already giving generously so that St Mary's Felmersham can play its part in the work and mission of the church.

The purpose of this leaflet is to explain why more support is needed and to encourage more parishioners to plan their giving, particularly through deeds of covenant.

We realise that most of our financial support will come from our committed members, but we think it right that everyone in the parish should be invited to support the continuation of a living church in our community.

Covenanting

If you are a taxpayer you can covenant to pay a fixed amount for each of 4 years. We can then recover tax on the amount you pay. Every £1 that you give by deed is worth £1.33 to the church. Payment can be made either by standing order or through our weekly envelope scheme. We commend this as the most effective means of giving.

Planned Giving

If you are not a taxpayer, it is nevertheless possible to arrange to give a certain amount per week/month which enables us to budget. Again payment can be made by standing order or through our weekly envelope scheme.

Spontaneous Giving

We recognise that there are some people whose circumstances make it impossible to plan their giving. There is the opportunity to give week by week in the collection plate. We wish you to know that your contribution, however large or small, is much appreciated.

Boxing Day Walk

Lorraine Shrimpton

Why not join me for a 5 to 6 miles walk on Boxing Day? Let's make a Boxing Day walk a Felmersham and Radwell family tradition - a mass effort to keep fit over the Christmas period! We will meet at Felmersham bus shelter at 11 o'clock come rain or shine - everyone welcome. I'll be there on Monday 26th and I look forward to seeing you.

Parish Diary

From the Parish Register

20th November Baptism	Sam Duddy
27th November Baptism	William Condliffe
24th November Burial	Jack Inskip

December

Sat 3	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Pat Hartop, St Mary's Cottage, High Rd)
Sun 4	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent 2 ASB 427 Margaret A)
Sun 11	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent 3 ASB 432 Margaret A)
	3.00pm Christingle Service	
	3.00pm WI Christmas Tea	(Pinchmill Hall)
Tue 13	8.00pm Cantamus Concert	(St Mary's Church)
Fri 16	8.00pm Christmas Dance to Razz Club	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 18	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent 4 ASB 437 Margaret A)
	5.00pm Carol Service	
Mon 19	6.30pm Carol Singing around village	
Tue 20	7.30pm WI Christmas Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 24	11.30pm Midnight Mass	(Christmas Eve ASB 441 Church Wardens)
Sun 25	10.15am Family Communion	(Christmas Day ASB 444 Richard P)
Mon 26	11.00am Boxing Day Walk	(Bus Shelter)

January 1995

Sun 1	10.15am Said Holy Communion	(Sunday after ASB 451 Dick A)
Sun 8	10.15am Family Communion	(1 after Epiphany ASB 463 Brownies)
Mon 9	7.30pm PCC meeting	Pinchmill Hall
Sat 14	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Judith Smith, Leaways, Grange Road)

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December 1994

Church News

Douglas Claypole White

I will celebrate our normal Choral Communion at 10.15am on the 1st, 2nd and third Sundays, 4th, 11th 18th December. As we have our Christingle Service on the second Sunday there will be no Family Service on that morning.

Our Christingle service will be at 3pm on the 11th when children from the village will perform a short play - 'Jesus's Christmas party'. The money collected at this service will be donated to the Children's Society. Every child at the service will be given a Christingle orange with a candle. The service is aimed for children but is open to children of all ages! Two to eighty two! I think it is one of the loveliest services in our church calendar so I do urge you to come along even if you don't have any young children!

Our Carol Service, which will be our traditional service of Nine lessons and Carols, will be at 5pm on the third Sunday, 18th December. After the Service sherry and mince pies will be served in the Church. There will be carol singing around the village on Monday evening, 19th December. The singers, who will be led by Mrs Pat Hartop, will meet up at the Church gate. If you would like to join them please be there at 6.30pm. We also need two or three volunteers to take the collecting boxes to each house. The money collected will be donated to 'Save the Children'. This is a very special year for them as they are celebrating 75 years of working with children in the UK and overseas.

On Christmas Eve, 24th December, I will celebrate a midnight Mass starting at 11.30pm. Then on Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December, I will celebrate our shortened Family Service of Holy Communion. There will be no Service of Said Communion at 9.15am or Matins on that day. The choir and the organist will be having a well earned rest on the Sunday after Christmas. I will therefore celebrate a short service of Holy Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 1st January 1995. No hymns and no sermon!

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday, December 17th in time for the Carol Service on the 18th. We need lots of holly and ivy and lots of help to put it all up! Please let me know in good time if you can help.

Women's Institute

It was in a happy and frivolous mood that over thirty members attended our November meeting and sang Jerusalem with Dorothy accompanying us on the piano. With the "business" over quickly we enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining illustrated talk on 'Timekeeping' by Ken Shrimpton, Ken gave us a potted history of how timekeeping first came to this country. The Anglo Saxons first introduced timekeeping by inventing the sun dial and in 1225 the first mechanical clock was made by a Mr. Richard Wallingford. Ken fascinated his audience by building a clock in two minutes which, with the help of the observant eyes of Mary Freeman, actually worked! We were all very impressed. We saw a number of colour slides showing the old sun dials embedded in the stone of local churches, and one of Ken's discoveries was a written description of the clock on St. Mary's, Felmersham erected in 1880 at a cost of £120. At the risk of boring us (he said) Ken concluded his talk but many of us felt he could have continued much longer. The sign of a good speaker! The evening came to an end with the judging of the competition for the prettiest wrapped present for Fairfield Hospital. The winners were Janet Clear, Renée Whitbread and Pat Woodfine. there was a good response to our invitation to the Christmas tea on Sunday, December 11th at 3pm and we look forward to entertaining around 40 villagers. The next meeting on December 20th we shall sing carols and exchange small gifts.

Blanche Smith

Bonfire Night

Despite a damp night we attracted around 250 people to our annual Guy Fawkes celebrations. The bonfire finally got going after a wet start and the Kimbolton fireworks were most spectacular. The 'Best Guy' competition, organised by Di Stephenson and judged by Anne Airtton, was well supported and the results were as follows:

Brian Smith

Lower School:	Christopher Houghton, Darren Anthony	Joint 1st Prize
Middle School:	Nicholas Spoor & Mark Sutherland	1st Prize
Upper School:	Caroline Ely & Tamsin Stephenson	1st Prize

Congratulations also to Ian Tull, David Brough and Aili, Ben and Lucy Just who produced "Guys of Character".

I would like to thank those Committee members and the other helpers who put in so much effort to make the evening a success. We made a profit for the Village Hall funds of £121. I would also like to thank Ruth Bowers and Philippa Castle for organising the refreshments which proved very popular and made a profit of £36.63 to be shared between the Playgroup and the Village Hall.

Road Safety

Tonight we had a visitor arrive who was very upset because she had almost run down a jogger on the Sharnbrook road. A car coming the other way dazzled her and only the reflective patches on his trainers saved him from being knocked over. He had no reflective clothing on at all, she just saw the trainers at the last minute and was able to brake. Please can we all learn a lesson from this.

Christine Linley

PC Chairman's Notebook

December 1994

We have all received messages concerning the future of the Six Ringers, to the effect that if we don't use it we'll lose it. We were all concerned in principle was announced that the Ringers would be sold as a private dwelling and the Brewery has responded to this concern by agreeing to keep the pub open for the time being.

However the planning permission for the conversion to a private house has been granted, so if we want to see the Ringers maintained as one of the centres of village life the future is in our hands. Steve and Maureen Miasek have agreed to run both the Sun and the Ringers for six months, and I thank them for making the effort on our behalf.

On 5th November the public telephone in Felmersham was destroyed by fireworks which blew the unit apart and deposited pieces in the front gardens of the house opposite. This action could easily have killed somebody, and all of the evidence points to the culprits being teenagers from the village who are too young legally to buy fireworks. Our children? Your children? I hope to return to this and similar topics in the New Year.

Christmas Dance

Brian Smith

Don't bother with boring office parties! Come and join in the fun at the Village's own Christmas Dance on Friday, December 16th from 8pm to midnight. Bring your own Hamper & Drinks. You will be dancing to, and entertained by, the popular eight-piece Razz Club Band. For tickets at £7 each telephone 781031, 781443 or 782556. Profits will be shared with the Pinchmill School Association.

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The Children's Society

Anne Claypole White

The total for this year's box collection is £141.43. Thank you very much all box holders. Is there anyone else who would be willing to take a box please? It is a fairly painless way of contributing to a very worthy cause. The Children's Society helps thousands of children, young people and their families each year. Its work includes projects to help teenagers found living rough on the streets, helping young people with disabilities to be part of the community and finding loving homes for children with special needs. Please call me if you can help.

Remembrance Sunday

Fred Turner

On Remembrance Sunday the annual service was held and Mr Fred Turner laid a wreath in the Church and at the War Memorial where prayers were said by the Vicar and two minutes silence was observed.

The Poppy Collection raised a total of £264.18 which included £115.74 from Radwell and The Swan, and £148.44 from Felmersham, The Sun and The Six Ringers. Donations to the War Memorial wreath amounted to £40. Mr Turner would like to thank all who donated to the appeal with a special thank you to all the collectors: Mesdames Hulatt, Miles, Leach, Stevenson, Evans and Turner; Mr D Hulston and not forgetting the three pubs.

NOTICES

HORSE OWNERS

Stables and yard together with large secluded paddock to let in Felmersham. Suit 1 or 2 horses.

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*Admission by programme
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includes wine and refreshments*

Proceeds to the Restoration Fund

Parish Council

Nancy Fagence

At the meeting of the 1st November Mr Andrew Prigmore of the County Engineer's Department attended and was informed of various problems relating to drainage, road maintenance, rights of way and Radwell Bridge. Mr Prigmore undertook to take action as required or inform the responsible Department. Other items discussed were:

- Electricity Board contacted again about damaged verge in High Road.
- Hoped to have new lights on Marriotts Close steps in by Christmas.
- Footpath from Bakers Lane to rear of New Farm has been temporarily diverted for 3 months while building work is in progress.
- Letter to be sent supporting Col. Britton's re-application for set-aside.
- The village appraisal won 3rd prize in the Calor Gas Rural Challenge. Cheque for £150 will be used for the benefit of the parish.
- Beds Borough Council to be contacted about very fast, low flying aircraft passing over, sometimes after dark.

'Operation Bumblebee'

David White

Bedfordshire police are mounting the largest anti-burglary initiative in the country. Its object is to deter would-be burglars, so as well as displaying your Homewatch stickers, please take advantage of the property marking scheme. Your Homewatch co-ordinator has an ultra-violet pen which you can borrow to mark your property. Telephone numbers were given in the last issue of Ouse News but please note two corrections: Joan White (781702) and Paul Keeble (782134).

Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News Community Shop Supplement

Consideration is being given to opening a *Community Shop* early in the new year. Managed entirely by volunteers it could prove to be one of the most exciting and challenging projects ever undertaken by the parish.

What is Community Shop?

There is no simple answer to this question because *Community Shop* is what **you** want it to be. It will probably sell only non-perishable goods but it could also offer a service to the community. That service could include:

- ♦ a meeting point where tea and coffee is served;
- ♦ a market where home grown plants and vegetables are sold;
- ♦ regular visits by the Health Visitor, Chiropodist etc;
- ♦ regular visits by the mobile Library service;
- ♦ regular visits by mobile shops selling perishable goods;
- ♦ a place where home made or second hand goods are sold;
- ♦ a point of sale for charity goods.

Community Shop will be what **you** want it to be!

Why do we need *Community Shop*, and how can it possibly compete with supermarkets and other local stores?

When the village shop closed down, parishioners felt that not only had they lost a shop but they had also lost a point of social contact. *Community Shop* is an attempt to put a store back into the village and at the same time revitalise the community. *Community Shop* prices will be about the same as supermarket prices with the added bonus of a cup of tea and a chat.

Who will run *Community Shop*?

A management committee will be formed and this is where we need your help. We need a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and two other committee members. If you have any skills to offer then please do so, please don't wait to be asked. If the *Community Shop* is to be a success then we need your help and support.

Where will *Community Shop* be, when will it open and who will finance it?

These will be just three of the many decisions the management committee will need to take. Naturally a great deal of thought has already been given to these vital issues so the management committee will have the benefit of a certain amount of ground work. The Appraisal Committee have promised their £150 prize money to the project and the Parish Council is sympathetic.

Whose idea is it?

A community shop has been running in Stevington for some time. Here, the results of the recent Parish Appraisal identified the need for *Community Shop* and the Appraisal Committee are trying to do something about it. If you would like to be involved in setting up or running the *Community Shop* project then please contact either Maggie Spoor, Ken Shrimpton, George Galliver, Brian Smith, Stephen Lott, Paul Keeble or Clive Just. They look forward to hearing from you.

It's your shop - it's up to you!

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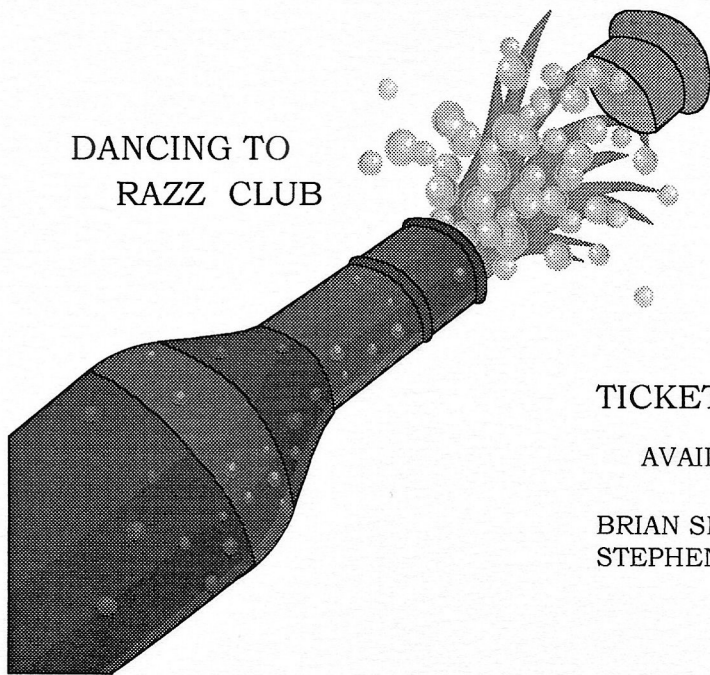
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FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER

8.00pm

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AVAILABLE FROM

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