

Sue Ryder

A successful evening was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 30th November when John Chennell, a gifted flower arranger, gave an interesting and entertaining demonstration on "Christmas decorations". Everyone enjoyed a warm mince pie with a glass of wine during the interval and at the end of the evening John Chennell generously gave his arrangements for raffle prizes. The profit of £546 was much appreciated by St. John's Hospice, Moggerhanger. We appreciate Hazel Pearce's contribution both for the initial idea and her guidance for the event.

Dorothy Galliver

Parish Diary

From the Parish Registers.

2nd December Funeral of Dudley Gershon.

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)
Sun 15 10.15am Choral Communion (2 after Epiphany. ASB 467. David K)
Tue 17 Womens Institute (Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 22 9.00am Light House (Pinchmill Hall)
9.15am Holy Communion. (Ken S)
10.15am Matins (3 after Epiphany, ASB 472, Richard P)
Sun 29 10.15am Choral Communion (4 after Epiphany, ASB 476, Rosemary B)

February

Sat 4 10.30am Coffee Morning (Mrs Vivienne Melville. 11 Tithe Barn)
Sun 5 10.15am Choral Communion (5 after Epiphany. ASB 480. Margaret A)
Fri 10 7.30pm Valentine's Supper (Pinchmill Hall)
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Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

January 1995

Church News

Douglas Claypole White

We will be having our usual shortened Family Communion Service at 10.15am on the second Sunday, 8th January and Choral Communion at 10.15am on the third and fifth Sundays, 15th and 29th January.

There will be a said Communion Service at 9.15am on the fourth Sunday, 22nd January, followed by our usual Sung Matins at 10.15am from the Book of Common Prayer.

We collected £91.35 at our Christingle service which will be donated to the Children's Society. My thanks to: Vivienne Melville for organising the service; Rosemary Brough, and of course to the children, for the play; and Gill Greenish, Clive and Rosalyn Just for their assistance.

The Christmas concert by Cantamus raised £80 for the Restoration Fund. My thanks to Alan Stevens for organising it and to Cantamus for their performance.

Lastly, but not by any means least, my thanks to everybody who helped decorate the Church so beautifully for Christmas. Anne and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who helped in so many different ways to decorate the church for Christmas. It was a real team effort and the results spoke for themselves.

Is there anyone who could be responsible for the altar flowers during January please?

Church Finances

Stephen Hill

Many thanks to those who have already responded to the appeal leaflet that was circulated in Ouse News a couple of months ago. The initial response has been encouraging, but there is still some way to go if St. Mary's is not to incur a deficit next year. Covenanting is very simple and the tax recovery that we can make is a precious addition to your gift. We look forward to hearing from more of you to help keep St. Mary's as a living Church in our community.

Women's Institute

Christine Linley

The Christmas meeting is one of the high spots of the year for the Institute and this year we welcomed a number of guests. We kept the business short to leave as much time as possible for the festivities. Pat Woodfine had devised a Christmas Quiz which kept us chewing the ends of our pencils. It was won by Hazel Sidebottom. Mrs Dorothy Wigg then entertained us with some readings. The buffet provided by the Committee was enjoyed by all. The atmosphere, as always, was one of friendship and was enhanced by singing carols accompanied by Val Sexton on the piano. We ended with a 'lucky dip' gift exchange. At the January 17th meeting Mrs Clarke's topic will be 'Fish is Fun'.

Women's Institute

Blanche Smith

If you had been passing the Village Hall on Sunday 11th you would have heard the sound of carol singing echoing into the grey December afternoon. The WI were there to entertain over 30 'senior citizens' to a Christmas Tea. The Committee Room was beautifully decorated and everyone was welcomed with a glass of sherry before sitting down to sausage rolls, mince pies etc. Pat Hartop, accompanied by Dorothy on the piano, sang 'old tyme' songs. Finally, in his own inimitable way, Dick Aitken gave a vote of thanks for a most enjoyable afternoon.

PC Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

I should like to return to the topic of juvenile vandalism in the Parish which reached such a potentially dangerous climax in the telephone kiosk on 5th November. We appear to be entering another period when youngsters are making their presence unpleasantly felt in the Parish. Apart from the telephone incident, the bus shelter in Felmersham is being affected by vomit and rubbish of various kinds to the point where Geoff and Celia Hulatt are having to increase their regular clean-up visits to the shelter even further.

Amongst the rubbish which is being found by the Parish Council, not only in the bus shelter but also in other meeting places such as the playing field and in the vicinity of the school, is a disturbing number of empty cigarette lighters. Quite apart from the obvious implication that our children are smoking in public places, it has been suggested that lighters are a cheap source of solvent for sniffing. So, if your children are in the vulnerable age group, the Parish Council would ask you to be particularly aware of the dangers which affect young people today. It is not only in the cities where these activities occur.

I have been asked yet again to remind us all of the offensive nature of dogs fouling the pavements in the Parish. Can we all try not to leave mess on the village's pavements after we have taken our dogs for a walk?

A happy new year to everyone!

started the Fund in his name, after his death. We reminisce over the past, when I belonged to the Royal Choral Society with Sir Malcolm as conductor, and how I never thought all these years later, that I would be in Rome playing for the Choir.

Suddenly my "knight in shining armour" appears. He is Monsignor Pablo Callino, and he is going to help me. In broken English he says that he will deal with the stops (I've already counted over 100 - all in Italian) I just have to say if I want it loud or soft - wonderful! He tells me which manuals to play, and I begin to relax.

Every thing goes really well, and at last I've finished. But wait - Dennis whispers "we'll do the Hallelujah Chorus at the end Janet". Oh no! I want to be home in Felmersham. Mon. Callino seems to pull out all of the stops that he can find and off we go. At the end he puts his foot on an extra stop, and the sound is enormous - he looks at me and says "Bene" and gives me a huge wink! At last it is all over, and I wonder if I really did it.

When I come back to Felmersham, I buy a card of St. Peters, Sharnbrook, where until recently I have been organist for 10 years. I send it to Mon. Callino "from one St. Peters to another".

Was it a nightmare, or just a bad dream? I keep thinking of the song -
"Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease"

Christmas Dance

Brian Smith

From the start we had the recipe for success. The full Razz Club band and vocalists in brilliant form and a 'full house' of 90 people obviously enjoying themselves. The "Hampers & Champers" Christmas Dance in the Village Hall set the scene for the start of the festive season.

Thanks are due to Stephen Lott who, with a team of willing helpers, put in many hours decorating the hall and cleaning up afterwards. We made nearly £250 profit including a contribution from Felmersham's version of the National Lottery.

Red Cross

Sue Whiting

Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas coffee evening in aid of the Rwanda and Somalia appeals. We are delighted to tell you it raised £325.

Ouse News

Clive Just

A new column will occasionally appear in Ouse News for services - next month's will be Baby-sitting. If you offer this service let me know - give name, phone number and any other information e.g. times and rates! I would also appreciate any suggestions for future columns.

My Nightmare in Rome

Janet Welsh

It was Sunday lunchtime when Dennis rang. Dennis is the Chorus Master of the Sargent Festival Choir of which I have been a singing member for some years. (The Sargent Festival Choir sings only to raise funds for the Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.) I come off the phone stunned. He wants me to accompany the Choir when they sing in St. Peters Church Rome. Ian, their usual organist, has to return to Australia where his mother is very ill and the trip is in two weeks! Now I don't consider myself an organist. I am a pianist, who plays the organ, not an organist who plays the piano. I ring back with questions such as "Will I get to practise on the instrument?", "What must I play?", "Can you find someone else?"

I am not happy when he tells me that it is a big four manual instrument and I will have to play without a practice. However, the pieces are ones that I know e.g. Vivaldi's Gloria, the Hallelujah Chorus, Elgar's Ave Maria etc. In the end I accept the invitation with the assurance that I will get at least a 20 minute practice.

Every available minute I practise the organ here in Felmersham, until the time comes to go - a week in Rome, all expenses paid, what a holiday to remember!

On the Wednesday we sing at the Audience with the Pope, in the open air, I just have to play on a portable keyboard. The sun is shining and we all have a really good time, but Sunday is fast approaching!

We have to get to the Vatican quite early on the Sunday. The service is the Closing Liturgy of the Synod of Archbishops and Bishops. It has been arranged that we sing an unaccompanied anthem, and at the end of the service we will sing the Hallelujah Chorus, but the organist there will play it. Unfortunately, the organist (who is the Pope's organist) hasn't been told about this and he is not very happy about it. Neither am I when he tells me that no one, but no one is ever allowed to practise the organ.

After the service, which was an amazing event to be part of, he kindly shows me some short-cuts, but it is like flying a jumbo jet, and I usually drive a 2CV!

The rest of the day is like a nightmare, with the time getting closer to the evening service. I feel like "a lamb being led to the slaughter". In the end I decide to have one manual soft and one loud, and leave the other two to their own devices! After all, I am only a substitute, "it's me or no one, they'll never ask me again". These thoughts go round and round my head, why did I ever say that I would do this? I must have been mad.

When we arrive again, there is some time while the Choir find their places and I talk to Sylvia Darley. She was Sir Malcolm Sargent's secretary, and she

Feedback!

We are writing to you regarding the letter written by the Chairman of the Parish Council which mentioned the recent vandalism to the phone box at Felmersham. He unjustly accused "the youth of the village" of this vandalism, saying that the evidence pointed to the culprit being from the village.

The police had been informed on the night and questioned us about it, he was satisfied that we were not involved, and none of us fitted the description that had been given to them. On the night in question we had been present at the local fireworks display and had been asked by one of the members of the Village Hall committee to place any rubbish found onto the bonfire which we did with pleasure.

If anyone has any queries as to our activities around the village could they please approach us: **Chris Bustin, Gemma Bance, Andrew Chandler, Ian Foresyth, Robin Saunders, Alison Spoor, Andrew Stapleton, Neil Stirling, Ian Tull.**

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Aid Convoy to Yugoslavian Refugees in Hungary

David Knowles

The need to help Yugoslavian families suffering the horrors of civil war is felt by most people in this country. To most it seems a senseless conflict and there is no desire to take sides. Sending help to families within Yugoslavia is impractical because of the danger and because it might be interpreted as taking sides.

The opportunity exists for taking aid to those thousands of men women and children who have fled to safety in Hungary, close to the borders of former Yugoslavia. Most have lost their homes and members of their family and are destitute. They are a mixture of Croat, Bosnian and Serb people but the majority are Bosnian.

The Rotary Clubs of Bedford Castle, Kimbolton Castle and Bourne will, in March, be taking a convoy of lorries with provisions to bring some hope to these largely forgotten people. As I am personally involved in this expedition I felt that, with Christmas now passed, you may welcome an opportunity to know about it and, should you feel so moved, to contribute in cash or kind.

Hungary has offered refuge but does not want the refugees to settle permanently and has a policy for refugees to return home when peace returns or be accepted into other countries across the world. They have therefore housed the refugees in ex Soviet army camps where they are kept, in effect, prisoners on a barely above subsistence diet. They are reliant on charitable aid, mainly private and small scale - the main charity organisations being preoccupied by even greater tragedies elsewhere. Some refugees, through family contacts, have moved on to settle in other countries but the majority have been in the camps for a very long time. They face a bleak existence with little or no hope of improvement. They feel forgotten people. Their need is not only for supplies but for reassurance that there are people who care about their plights and are prepared to help and make contact.

The refugees in the camps now have sufficient clothes due to the efforts of earlier aid convoys. The need now is to keep consumables flowing. Top of the list is food and household goods. There is also a need to provide activities to occupy their time and in particular for education of the children. One camp at Nagyastad has 600 children yet there is no provision or provisions for education. Even "luxury" goods such as talcum powder and lipstick are needed for the psychological uplift this would bring. A list of items needed is attached but it can be supplemented by you imagining what you would hope for if you or your family were in such a camp.

Rotary would be grateful for your help. It is such a needy and worthwhile cause. I can promise you that any help given would go to where it is most necessary and that it would be distributed fairly and efficiently using the

organisation and resources of the three Rotary Clubs involved here and of the Rotary movement in Hungary. If you wish to contribute do please leave things with me or Jennifer at Long Mynd, Pavenham Road by mid February.

Thank you for reading this.

Supplies Needed

Tinned food: meat (not pork products), fish, vegetables, soup, baby food.

Dried food: rice, pasta, peas, beans, lentils, porridge, flour, sugar, spices, salt, coffee, cocoa, milk, soups, potato, baby foods, currants etc.

Other food: cooking oil and fats, margarine, vinegar, biscuits, sweets, sealed packets of various long life foods.

General items: soap, household cleaners, disinfectant, razors, buckets/bowls, blankets, sheets, needles and thread, pegs, toilet rolls, cosmetics, toiletries, toothbrushes and paste, first aid items.

Education and recreation: pens, pencils, crayons, exercise books, paper, musical instruments, soft toys, simple toys (not battery driven) various balls, knitting wool and needles, dressmaking items, board games (not relying on words), playing cards.

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Valentine's Supper

Another W.I. extravaganza!

Pinchmill Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 10th February

Three course meal, entertainment
by 'local artists', raffle and bar

Tickets £7, including an aperitif,
available from WI members

Restricted numbers - book now!

NOTICES

Rubbish Skips

Skips will be in the villages during the weekend of 17th-19th February.

Babysitters

(Only two responded!)

Louise Gideon 781160

Sarah Evans 781037

Parish Diary

February

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Fri 10	7.30pm	Valentine's Supper	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 12	10.15am	Family Communion	(9 before Easter. ASB 486. Brownies)
Wed 15	8.00pm	Community Shop Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 19	10.15am	Choral Communion	(8 before Easter. ASB 490. Don G)
Tue 21	7.30pm	W.I. Antiques Road Show	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 26	9.00am	Light House Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	9.15am	Holy Communion.	
	10.15am	Matins	(7 before Easter. ASB 495. Richard P)

March

Sat 4	10.30am	Coffee Morning	(Sue Ronaldson, 'Maybank', Paven'm Rd)
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On the third Sunday, 19th, I will celebrate Communion at a Choral Communion Service at 10.15am. The 'new' Archdeacon of Bedford, The Ven. Malcolm Lesiter will be preaching. I hope that there will be ample opportunity for everybody to meet him after the service.

There will be a said Communion Service at 9.15am on the fourth Sunday, 26, followed by our usual Sung Matins at 10.15am from the Book of Common Prayer.

Please make a note for your diary. Mothering Sunday is on 26th March and I have therefore switched the March Family Service to that day.

Dinner Parties

Pam fforde

Private dinner parties arranged for up to six people at £12 per head including a bottle of wine at the table. All proceeds to St Mary's Restoration Fund. For more information or bookings contact Pam fforde on 720398.

Community Shop Public Meeting

Wednesday 15 February
8.00pm Pinchmill Hall

To discuss and then decide on the future
of the Community Shop project.

It's your shop - it's up to you! Please come.

Open Gardens 1995

Ken Shrimpton

St. Mary's PCC has decided to hold an Open Gardens weekend on Saturday and Sunday 24 and 25 June 1995. The gardens will be open between 2.00pm and 6.00pm on each day. All funds raised will go towards church restoration.

In order to ensure the success of an Open Gardens weekend we need to open a minimum of 12 gardens. (20 would be better!). We are looking for all types and sizes of gardens, including vegetable gardens. If you would like to volunteer your garden or would like further information then call me on 781381.

Women's Institute

Blanche Smith

Despite gale force winds and torrential rain, over thirty ladies attended the January meeting. It was very encouraging to welcome three new members, Jean Partridge, Mrs Annette and Gina Gunn as well as two guests. "Fish is Fun" was the title of the cookery demonstration by Mrs. Carol Clarke who kept up a flow of anecdotes while cooking three different recipes all of which were sample by the audience. Carol was thanked on our behalf by Val Sexton. Felmersham & Radwell are the hosts for the Group meeting on March 8th and the speaker will be Mr. Darcy on "The Tower of London". The Group includes Sharnbrook, Poddington, Hinwick & Farndish, Wymington, Bletsoe and Riseley W.I.s. By popular demand another Texas Scramble Golf Fun Day has been arranged at Tilsworth Golf Club on May 17th and Sheila Mackenzie and Jane Ward will participate. Tickets for the Valentine's Supper have all sold out. The next meeting on February 21st is an Open Meeting. Mr Higgs will officiate at the "Antiques Road Show" and anyone who is interested will be most welcome to attend. The competition is for an "antiques item".

Jumble Sale

Sue Whitehouse

The church jumble is on Sat. 25th March. If anyone is able to help out, even if only for an hour or so, please let me know (781300). All offers will be welcome.

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Pinchmill School News

Jayne Dingley

The pupils and staff of Pinchmill School, Felmersham would like to wish everyone a prosperous and happy new year.

If your Christmas was dominated by television or new CD's and tapes perhaps you are tired of this technological age which provides our entertainment 'second hand'. There is nothing quite like the experience of seeing and hearing instruments being played and songs being sung 'live'.

The week beginning 30th January has been designated 'Music Week' at our school. We are looking for volunteers to share their musical abilities with us. If you know any musicians or choristers who would be willing to come into school sometime during that week to play or sing for us we would be very grateful to hear from them. Call us on 781371. You can be assured of a warm welcome and an enthusiastic audience at Pinchmill School.

HOMEWATCH: "Operation Bumblebee"

Felise Kingerlee

The above police operation has been very successful with numerous arrests in the Bedford area and much stolen property recovered. The police are providing an additional sticker to complement the Homewatch one. The sticker carries the message "Burglars beware, our property is post-coded. This will be delivered shortly by your local co-ordinator, who also has a UV marker pen to lend. For phone numbers see last November and December's Ouse News.

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PC Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

Ken Shrimpton recently wrote in Ouse News about the possibility of establishing a shop in the Parish which would operate by volunteers. The project has made its first tentative steps forward, and it was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 17th January. I should like to endorse the concept on behalf of the Parish Council, to confirm the Council's support for the initiative, and to invite all interested people to come to a meeting in Pinchmill Hall on 15th February.

As was described in more detail in December's Ouse News, as more and more village shops close round the country, it has become recognised that the shop means more to a community than a place to buy provisions. It acts as a social focus and provides an opportunity for people to meet their neighbours. Many village communities have found that their heart has been lost with the closure of the shop and I would venture to guess that we are no exception. Stevington have tackled the problem by opening a shop-cum-meeting place which is apparently proving successful; this provides an encouraging example to us, if we have any intention of trying for ourselves.

If you would be interested to get such a scheme off the ground, please put 15th February in your diaries; if there's insufficient support we'll drop the whole idea.

My congratulations to our young people for their spirited response to my piece in the November Ouse News. It's good to see the freedoms provided by a democracy being used to such good effect!


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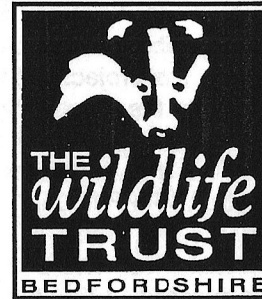
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Safaris in Zimbabwe:
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Elizabeth & Joe Pinnock

Sharnbrook Methodist Church
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and transport? Contact Heather Pitt at:
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Local Plan Consultation

During February and March there will be a touring exhibition setting out the Council's vision for the future of the Borough. It will tackle many issues including the provision of homes and jobs and the character of villages and the countryside. The Council would like to hear your views on its proposals and invites you to come along to one of the exhibitions where a Planning Officer will be present. There will also be an exhibition in the Town Hall foyer. Exhibitions in the vicinity of Felmersham are as follows:

Mon. 27th February	Oakley Village Hall	3.00 - 7.45pm
Wed. 8th March	Harrold Centre	3.00 - 8.00pm
Mon. 13th March	Clapham Community Centre	3.00 - 8.00pm
Tue. 14th March	Turvey Village Hall	3.00 - 8.00pm
Tue. 21st March	Sharnbrook Village Hall	3.00 - 8.00pm

Parish Council Meeting

Nancy Fagence

The following points were discussed at the meeting on the 17th January:

- o Homewatch signs to be ordered.
- o Navigation rights on Felmersham Reach existed under common law.
- o Maggie Spoor is investigating the prospect of a village shop.
- o Lights on Marriotts Close/High Road steps to be installed on 26th January.
- o The Council agreed to apply for a Precept of £5,000 for the coming year.
- o The NRA are carrying out borehole drilling at Daisy Bank.

NOTICES

For Sale

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Andy Evans 782523

Babysitters

(Note corrected phone no!)

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From the Parish Register

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13 February	Funeral	Henry Turner-Bird

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Sun 19	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Lent 3, ASB513, David K)
Sat 25	2.30pm	Jumble Sale	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 26		MOTHERING SUNDAY	
	10.15am	Family Communion	(Lent 4,ASB518,Brownies)

April

Sat 1	10.30am	Coffee Morning	(Mrs May Mills,Storrington, Hunts Lane)
Sun 2	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Lent 5,ASB522,MargaretA)
Sun 9		PALM SUNDAY	
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I will be celebrating Choral Communion at 10.15am on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday in March, 5th, 12th and 19th. Our Family Communion Service will be held at 10.15 am on the 4th Sunday, 26th March because this is MOTHERING SUNDAY when the children will be given posies to present to their mothers.

The house to house collection for the Children's Society will take place between 25th March and 8th April. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

Although Easter is late this year, it is not too soon to be thinking about Easter lilies now. They do have to be ordered well in advance. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, please let me know in good time. I would appreciate any help in making posies for Mothering Sunday, 26th March. Please tell me if you would like to be involved.

Rotary Convoy to Hungary

David Knowles

Many thanks to those of you who were moved to respond to my appeal for support for the Rotary convoy which leaves County Hall, Bedford at 1.00pm on Saturday 4th March. The response from across Bedford and North Bedfordshire has been tremendous and we shall be able to help the Yugoslavian refugees to the extent of about 17 tons of food, toiletries, toys, educational equipment, blankets and clothing. The help and cash donations from friends and from the community of Felmersham and Radwell is particularly valued and I would want to thank you most sincerely for your caring concern for so many who are so much less fortunate than are we.

Joyce and Stephen Franklin thank everyone for the cards and donations sent after the sad loss of John. £200 was donated for the British Heart Foundation

Community Shop Update

Clive Just

About 40 people attended the meeting, which was very pleasing, and the mood was generally in favour of the combined facility of a meeting place and shop. This has encouraged us to take the next step of finalising the location. We still need a large number of volunteers to help run it. If you could spend even a couple of hours once a fortnight please let me know.

PC Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

The Annual Meeting of the Parish is due on Tuesday 7th March, and I would ask you all to consider coming this year, if only to help the Parish Council to resolve the issue of the Plough site. The Plough stopped being a pub in 1993, and Greene King have tried to find a buyer for the site. As part of this process the Parish Council worked hard with the Borough to produce the best plan for us all. This plan included:

- Seven medium sized dwellings (apart from the pub) in a style which matches that of the Centre of the village.
- An extension of the churchyard which will enable us to be buried close to the church for up to fifty years more - the current churchyard has only another ten years' capacity for burials.

A developer has acquired an option on the site and has put in an application to change the Parish Council's plan so that it includes four executive dwellings alongside the Plough. These houses will be built of simulated stone and the development will look quite attractive; the churchyard extension is included. However, your Parish Council believes that smaller houses are more appropriate in the centre of the village.

We have been given a delay of four weeks (until March 12th) to decide our final approach to the development of this site. It is not an easy task; the site is one of the most important in the Parish - what should we do? This will be an item on the agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting on 7th March - please come and help us!

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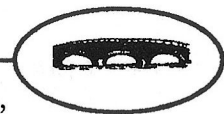
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Light House Meeting

The Keepers

There will be no Light House meeting this month as it is Mothering Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to come to the Family Service with their Mother. (The rest of the family is welcome too!)

Valentine's Dinner

Anne Airton

Passionate Paté, Cupids Chicken and Raspberry Romance were on the menu for our Valentine Supper, when 83 members and guests enjoyed a memorable evening.

The Village Hall was beautifully decorated in red and silver hearts, balloons and table decorations all made by the talented ladies of the WI. The menu was masterminded by Karen Stokley, and her enthusiastic team of helpers produced a first class meal. Hazel Pearce and her team made the table and wall decorations, Reneé Whitbread designed and printed the menu. Pat Maskey provided the almond parcels, Jane Wells organised the bar, Marjorie Pipe and Pauline Tull the raffle. A wonderful team effort, all achieved in such a lovely spirit of comradeship. But not only are the WI members to be thanked. We also enjoyed a cabaret with Janet Welsh on the piano, Pat and Anoushka Hartop, Laurie Mills and George Airton. Geoff Hulatt arranged the lighting.

My thanks to Sharnbrook News, Milton Ernest Garden Centre, Rael Brook Shirts, Marren Interiors and WI members for raffle prizes. There is a wonderful community spirit alive and well in Felmersham and Radwell. We are fortunate in our friends and neighbours.

Jumble Sale

Sue Whitehouse

Saturday March 25th at 2.30pm in Pinchmill Hall. Please bring jumble to the hall in the morning or phone me (781300) for collection before then. All volunteers most welcome.

Open Gardens Weekend 1995**Ken Shrimpton**

So far 7 people have offered to open their gardens for the weekend of 24/25 June. A further 3 have promised to open theirs if circumstances permit. Whilst the response is good I feel that we must have a minimum of 12 gardens (ideally 15) before we start advertising and organising. If you can volunteer your garden or need more information then please call me on 781381.

Women's Institute**Christine Linley**

We had a shock at our last meeting, the speaker, Mr. Brian Higgs joined in with the singing of Jerusalem at the beginning of the proceedings. We understood later, when he explained that he talks to about 200 WI's per year. One of his ambitions is to be invited to broadcast on Desert Island Discs and he will definitely have Jerusalem as one of his eight. He went on to give us a solo antiques roadshow and held us enthralled for an hour with anecdotes of his experiences. You missed an excellent evening Felmersham and Radwell as it was an open meeting and we only had one visitor.

On March 8th we will be hosting a group meeting for some of the other WI's in the area and we will have Mr. Darcy talking about the Tower of London.

March 21st is our regular monthly meeting when Mrs. Arnold will be talking about the WI magazine Home and Country - now on sale in W.H. Smiths.

Brownies**Margery Evers**

Brownies is doing so well we need some additional adult help. No experience is necessary and wearing a uniform is not essential. If you can spare time from 6-7.15 pm on Thursdays please contact me (781018) or Pat Keeble (781234).

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Area co-ordinators

Felmersham	Felise Kingerlee	781778
Deputy	Joan White	781702
Radwell	Freda Burns	781887

Local co-ordinators

Church End	Maggie Spoor	782031
High Rd/Tithe Barn	Alan Stevens	781167
High Rd (west side)	David Folbigg	782591
Pavenham Rd lower	Jackie Evans	782114
Pavenham Rd upper	Trevor Thurston	781968
Marriotts Close	Felise Kingerlee	781778
Marriotts Close	Jill Chesher	781601
Grange Rd (east)	Rosemary Brough	782104
Grange Rd (mid)	Ronald Smith	781430
Grange Rd (west)	Martha Spies	782088
Hunts Lane	Joan White	781702
Bridge End	Robert Bass	781940
Moor End Rd (rhs)	Freda Burns	781887
Moor End Rd (lhs)	Paul Keeble	782134
The Green	Eric Evans	781859
Felmersham Rd	Helen King	782338

Town Lot Lane Allotments

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Parish Diary

April

- Sat 1 10.30am Coffee Morning (Mrs May Mills, Storrington, Hunts Lane)
Sun 2 10.15am Choral Communion (Lent 5, ASB 522, Margaret A)
Sun 9 10.15am PALM SUNDAY - Family C. (Lent 6, ASB 532, Brownies)
Fri 14 7.30pm GOOD FRIDAY - "The Cross Of Christ" devotional service
Sun 16 10.15am EASTER SUNDAY - Choral Communion (ASB 573, Don G)
Tue 18 W.I. Annual Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 23 9.00am Light House Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
9.15am Holy Communion (Easter 1, ASB 602, Ken S)
10.15am Matins (Easter 1, ASB 602, Richard P)
Mon 24 7.30pm Annual Church Meetings (Pinchmill Hall)
Wed 26 10.30am Sue Ryder Coffee Morning (Tydfil House, Grange Rd)
Sun 30 10.15am Choral Communion (Easter 2, ASB 608, Rosemary B)

May

- Sat 6 10.30am Coffee Morning (Mrs M Watson, Plantation, Ravensden)
Sun 7 10.15am Choral Communion (Easter 3, ASB 613, Margaret A)
Wed 10 8.00pm Fashion Show (Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 14 10.15am Family Communion (Easter 4, ASB 618, Brownies)

Vicar: Rev. Douglas Claypole White (881661).
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Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

April 1995

Church News

Douglas Claypole White

I will be celebrating Choral Communion at 10.15am on the 2nd April. The second Sunday, 9th April is PALM SUNDAY. We will still have a Family Communion Service starting at 10.15am. I will be handing out Palm Crosses after the Service.

On Good Friday, 14th April, we will be holding our usual one hour Devotional Service of readings and hymns, 'The Cross of Christ' at 7.30pm. Then on EASTER SUNDAY there will be Choral Communion at 10.15am.

On the fourth Sunday, 23rd April, I will celebrate a said Service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. This will be followed by Sung Matins at 10.15am. On the fifth Sunday, 30th April, I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am.

My thanks to Sue Whitehouse for organising our Jumble Sale, to her willing band of helpers and to all of you for your gifts of goods for the sale and for supporting the sale which raised over £95 for our Restoration Fund.

Our ANNUAL MEETINGS will be held on Monday 24th April in the committee room at Pinchmill Hall. The first meeting at 7.30pm is to elect two Church Wardens for the coming year. Anybody who is on the Local Government Electoral Roll may vote at this meeting. The second meeting, to elect the Parochial Church Council, will follow directly afterwards. Anybody who is over sixteen years of age and a confirmed member of the Church of England can be proposed for membership, only those on the Church Electoral Roll may vote. The meeting will also receive the annual audited accounts and the reports of the Church Officers. After this meeting, there will then be a very short meeting of the new PCC to elect a lay Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

My thanks to the posy makers for Mothering Sunday. These flowers give so much pleasure.

The Church will be decorated for Easter on SATURDAY, 15th April. Please let me know in good time if you are able to help.

Pinchmill School News

Jayne Dingley

May we remind parents that any child in the parish of Felmersham and Radwell and the parish of Pavenham is entitled to a place at Pinchmill School, Felmersham. Any child who is 5 on or before 30th April may join us as a rising 5, mornings only, after Easter this year and start full time school in September. If you would like to visit the school you are very welcome to contact me on 781371 to make an appointment.

Are you looking for a new Spring / Summer wardrobe? Why not come along to the school hall on Wednesday 10th May at 7:30 where the Pinchmill School Association are holding a 'Fashion Show'. Tickets, which include a glass of wine upon arrival, are available from the school and members of the PSA.

Parish Miscellany

Ken Shrimpton

Once again we shall be "Beating the Bounds" on Rogation Sunday, 21st May. We will meet at the bus shelter at 12 o'clock mid day, more details next month.

Last call for volunteers to open their gardens over the weekend of 24/25th June from 2pm to 6pm each day. If you are interested then please call me (781381).

The Carol Service is always well attended unlike the Good Friday service. This is a great pity because both services are of equal significance. The Good Friday service is the precursor of Easter, spring and a new beginning. Why not give it a try? Friday 14 April at 7-30 pm.

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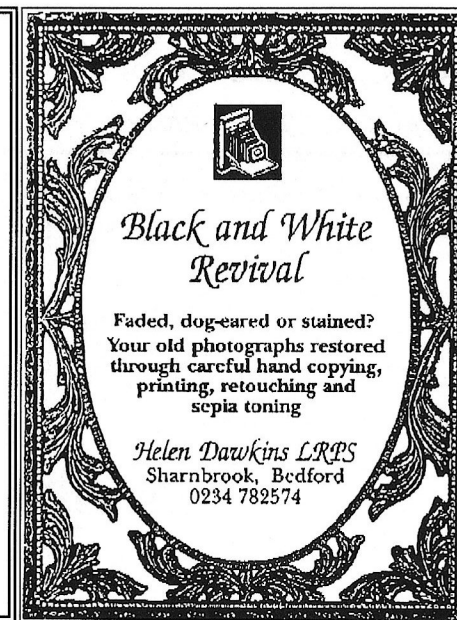
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Save the Children

Ron & Judith Smith

The annual Save the Children Week this year is from Sunday 30th April to Sunday 7th May. Each year Tesco kindly allow the Fund to make collections in all their stores. This year they will be held on Thursday and Friday the 27th and 28th April. We need as many as two dozen collectors, can you help? If you can give some time for the sake of the children with real needs please ring us on 781430 or call at Leaways, Grange Rd.

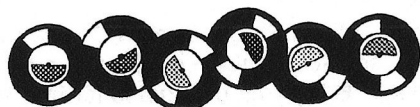
Women's Institute

Christine Linley

The Group Meeting at the beginning of March was very entertaining and informative. Mr. Darcy, the Curator of the Crown Jewels, gave us an illustrated talk on the history of the Tower of London. There is now a new Jewel House which is well worth a visit. A large group of ladies from all over North Bedfordshire attended the meeting.

For the regular March meeting, Val Sexton arranged for Mrs. Nora Arnold to talk about 'Home and Country', the magazine published by the W.I. This excellent publication is full of articles on the environment, health, crafts and many other items. Men read it too! There is a large classified section containing Bed and Breakfast addresses, holiday cottages, etc. Available now at W.H. Smith.

Our Annual Meeting is being held on 18th April.



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Annual Parish Assembly

35 members of the public attended the annual meeting. The Chairman's Report provoked discussions on the development of the Plough site and raising the annual precept. Following the Financial Statement the Chairman solicited views on spending up to £700 on restoring the War Memorial - the consensus was to proceed. County Cllr. Devenish was not present to give his report. Borough Cllr. Hughes made a brief statement. The meeting was then opened to the floor. Subjects discussed included: opposition to the development in Town Lot Lane; various problems with drains; dogs fouling the pavements and requests for dog litter bins; the possibility of a Youth Parish Council.

Parish Council Meeting

This followed the Annual Assembly. Points discussed included the following:

- Cost of providing the temporary footpath at Radwell Bridge.
- Four 'Home Watch Area' signs are on order - need volunteers to put up.
- County to be asked if road can be widened near Laburnum House, Radwell.
- Loan of up to 50% of the start-up costs (max £500) of the Community Shop.
- Subcommittee now set-up to make proposals for the new play equipment.
- Quotes to be sought for a dog litter bin in Felmersham.
- Restoration of War Memorial to be put in hand as soon as possible.
- Speed limit signs in Radwell to be investigated.
- Bridge over brook in Marriotts Close to be checked, especially handrail.

The following planning matters were discussed:

- Harrowdene Farm - provisional, limited development of existing area of buildings, especially for B1 business use, would be approved.
- Land adj. Wills Farm - in view of the comments at the Annual Assembly a further letter would be written reiterating the Council's views.
- Formation of new access, 5 Grange Road - no objection.
- Renewal conversion of squash court to dwelling, Old Stables - no objection.
- Plough Site - the Council would continue to strive for 7 smaller houses.

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Black and White Revival

Helen Dawkins

We will be at the Art Shop in Milton Ernest Garden Centre from 2-4pm on Sat. 1st and Sun. 2nd April to advise on how your treasured old photos can be restored to their former glory! Bring your old photos for free assessment.

W.I. Quiz

Christine Linley

Felmersham and Radwell has been well and truly put on the map by the W.I. Quiz team of Maggie Spoor (capt.), Mary Mundy and Pat Woodfine. They are the proud owners of the W.I.Q. Shield organised by Three Counties Radio. The finals took place at Hitchin on March 12th when our valiant team had to compete in four games, finally beating a team from Milton Keynes W.I. Market Stall to win the trophy. Don't miss the broadcasts on Sundays at 4.30p.m.

Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen

Sue Whiting/Valerie Sexton

Thank you to all those in Felmersham who supported and helped with the collecting. The total amount raised was £86.85. (Sue Whiting)
 I would like to thank the residents of Radwell for their contributions of £29.31 and to Jeane & Victoria Partridge in helping with the collection. (Val Sexton)

Annual Spring Clean

Christine Linley

For 10 days at the beginning of April the W.I. will be picking up litter in and around the two villages as part of the Tidy Britain Campaign.

Please keep our Parish litter free for the future.

Sue Ryder Group

Dorothy Galliver

A Sue Ryder coffee morning in aid of St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger, will be held at Tydfil House, Grange Road on Wednesday April 26th at 10.30am. Cakes, Books, Bring and Buy, Raffle, Coffee and Refreshments £1.



Fashion Show

8pm Wednesday 10th May
 Pinchmill Hall

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Parish Diary

May

Sat 6	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Mrs M Watson, Plantation, Ravensden)
	2.30pm Cricket v Elstow 1	(Home)
Sun 7	10.15am Choral Communion	(Easter 3, ASB 613, Margaret A)
Mon 8	7.30pm PCC Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Tue 9	8.00pm Parish Council Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Wed 10	8.00pm Fashion Show	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 13	2.30pm Cricket v Pilgrim 1	(Away)
Sun 14	10.15am Family Communion	(Easter 4, ASB 618, Brownies)
Tue 16	W.I. Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 20	2.30pm Cricket v Renhold 1	(Home)
Sun 21	10.15am Choral Communion	(Easter 5, ASB 622, David K)
	12.00 Beat the Bounds Walk	(meet at bus shelter)
Thu 25	8.00pm Choral Communion	(Ascension Day, All Saints, Riseley)
Sat 27	2.30pm Cricket v Putnoe	(Away)
Sun 28	9.00am Light House Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	9.15am Holy Communion	(1st after Ascension, ASB 630, Ken S)
	10.15am Matins	(1st after Ascension, ASB 630, Sally C)

June

Sat 3	10.00am Summer Fayre	(Brierley Meadows, Pavenham Rd)
	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Sue Whiting, 'Greenfields', Pavenham Rd)
	2.30pm Cricket v Caldecote1	(Home)
Sun 4	10.15am Choral Communion	(Pentecost, ASB 635, Margaret A)
	6.00pm Pentecostal Praise	(St Peter's, Sharnbrook)
Sun 11	10.15am Choral Communion	(Patronal Festival, All Saints, Souldrop)

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Doug Claypole White

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At our Annual General meeting on 24th April Ken Shrimpton and Rosemary Brough were re-elected church wardens for the following year. My thanks to them both for all they have done in the previous year.

Messieurs Alan Stevens, Stephen Hill, Clive Just, David Knowles and Mesdames Jane Templeman, Sally Carr, Pat Keeble, Pam fforde, Vivienne Melville, Gill Greenish and Anne Airtion were elected to the PCC. Mesdames Margaret Alleway and Sue Whitehouse continue to serve on the PCC as our Deanery representatives. My thanks to the outgoing PCC for all their work in the previous year and to Margaret and Sue for serving on the Deanery Synod.

My thanks to our organist, Pam fforde; the choir; Clive Just as the Editor of Ouse News and for his work with the Light House Group; Rosemary Brough, Rosalyn Just, Vivienne Melville and Gill Greenish for helping with the Light House group; Ken Shrimpton and his fund raising sub committee; our Verger, George Brown; Stephen Hill, Sarah Carr and Judith Templeman, for acting as my servers; Anne Airtion and all who clean the Church; all who decorate it; Margaret Alleway for organising our coffee mornings and all who have hosted a coffee morning; Derek Walmsley for auditing our books and accounts and to all who have helped with our Harvest Tea and our various fund raising events.

At the short PCC meeting which followed the annual meetings Gill Greenish was re-elected secretary, Stephen Hill was re-elected treasurer and David Knowles was re-elected lay Vice Chairman. My thanks to all three of them for their conscientious service during the previous year.

There will be another house to house collection in the week 14th to 20th May for Christian Aid. Please give generously for this worthwhile cause.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter lilies and other flowers and to those responsible for the lovely arrangements in the Church: Jessie Marsh, Edna Turner, Janet Cook, Pat Hartop, Margaret Alleway, Renée Whitbread, Sue Ronaldson, Becky Ronaldson, Sue Whiting, Anne Airtton and Celia Hulatt.

Please note we still have several gaps on the flower rota and would be grateful for volunteers to fill them!

Children's Society

Anne Claypole White

Thanks to everybody who contributed to the recent house-to-house collection and the collectors; Alan Stevens, Stephen Hill, Jane Wells, Judith Smith, Betty Taylor, Renée Whitbread and Sue Whiting. We raised a record £180.59.

Youth Club

Chris & Maggie Spoor

We are in the fortunate position of having Paul Braithwaite, a qualified part-time youth worker, now running the Club. However, we urgently need a female assistant. If you can help please contact us on 782031 for further details. From May to August (weather permitting) Club will be held on the playing field.

Dates for your diary

Ken Shrimpton

Open Gardens on 24th & 25th June between 2.00-6.00pm each day.
Sponsored Swim in heated pool at Homelands, Turvey on 15th July.
Full details of both events next month.

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Beating the Bounds

Ken Shrimpton

We will be "Beating the Bounds" on Rogation Sunday 21st May starting at the bus shelter at midday. The walk is a 10 mile circular walk around the parish boundary with 6 and 7 mile short cuts.

Please bring a packed lunch with drinks and plenty of calories! Wear stout shoes or boots and be prepared for changes in the weather. The pace will be leisurely and children are welcome, however do make sure they can walk at least 6 miles unaided otherwise, guess who will be carrying them! The walk will go ahead whatever the weather.

Last year 29 people started the walk with approximately 16 adults and one juvenile finishing the full walk. Why not join us and enjoy the spirit of camaraderie?

Summer Fayre

Glenys Thurston

Saturday 3rd June at Brierley Meadows, Pavenham Road from 10.00am in aid of Kettering Hospital Intensive Care Unit and Miscarriage Support Group.

**bric-a-brac
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bookstall**

**plant stall
refreshments**

If you would like to donate items please call me (781968).

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Parish Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

At the Parish Assembly on 7 March, I was delighted at the number of people who attended, which enabled us to have a lively and worthwhile discussion about several important issues. The Parish Council will take note of your opinions as expressed in the meeting. One particular issue on which I would welcome your further thoughts is the Parish's rating policy,

At the Assembly, a Parish precept of £5000 was agreed, which is about £20 per household. This is less than half the rate per household which is charged by some of our neighbouring parishes, and the Assembly debated whether we should remain a low spending parish, or whether, say, we should double the precept and use the money on improvements. The Assembly voted by a substantial margin for the higher spending level.

We would now welcome your views on this matter in the six months before we have to decide on next year's budget. Do you agree with the Assembly or not? What projects would you like to see the extra money spent on? Examples already proposed include a lay-by in the High Road; improvements to the slipway at the bridge; traditional cast iron street lights in Church End. Please give us your opinion, either in writing or verbally - all will be listened to!

The plans for four large houses at the Plough were approved at the end of March, but the developer who had made the application promptly sold on the site to another developer who has different ideas again! We are actively talking to the new people, and will continue to strive to get the best deal for the parish. (The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May at 8pm.)

Bowls

Ken Booker

Sharnbrook outdoor bowls club is looking for new members. If you are interested please ring D Bowyer (781366) or me (781800).



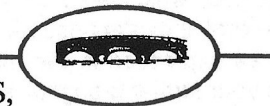
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Women's Institute

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In April we held the Annual Meeting. We now have 50 members. Anne Airtton and Janet Clear were thanked for all their hard work in the last three years as President and Treasurer. The new President is Celia Hulatt, we wish her every success. We welcomed Shirley Nash as our speaker who gave an interesting talk on Denman College, the WI Residential Adult Education College near Oxford. Here you can learn about any subject under the Sun, not just how to make jam! After this we made Easter bonnets, as a competition, an activity accompanied by much hilarity.

At the next meeting on May 16th we will discuss the resolutions to be presented at the Intermediate General Meeting at Blackpool.

Musical Youth

Clive Just

On Maundy Thursday evening the Royal Albert Hall was full to capacity for the Bedfordshire County Youth Concert compered by Fran Godfrey from Radio 2. The musicians were all young people from Bedfordshire (including 6 from Felmersham) and included a combined choir from ten Middle Schools, including Harrold.

After the introductions the County Fourth Orchestra, which included Aili Just (violin), opened. They were followed later by the County Third Orchestra which included Kathy Whitehouse (cello) and Peter Rose (violin). The evening culminated with the County Youth Orchestra admirably led by Judith Templeman and including Gemma Whitehouse (oboe) and Rosalind Templeman (viola). Judith played some marvellous solo parts, as did Gemma.

The standard of music was excellent throughout; it was a wholly enjoyable evening and, hopefully, raised a lot of money for charity.

Summer Fayre

Saturday 3rd June at Brierley Meadows, Pavenham Road from 10.00am in aid of Kettering Hospital Intensive Care Unit and Miscarriage Support Group.

Glenys Thurston

bric-a-brac

plant stall

bookstall

home made cakes

refreshments

If you would like to donate items please call me (781968).

Parish Diary

From the Parish Registers

May 10 Funeral - Mrs Pat Stephens

June

Sat 3 10.00am Summer Fayre (Brierley Meadows, Pavenham Rd)
10.30am Coffee Morning (Sue Whiting, 'Greenfields', Pavenham Rd)
2.30pm Cricket v Caldecote 1 (Home)

Sun 4 10.15am Choral Communion (Pentecost, ASB 635, Margaret A)
6.00pm Pentecostal Praise (St Peter's, Sharnbrook)

Sun 11 10.15am Choral Communion (Patronal Festival, All Saints, Souldrop)

Tue 13 8.00pm Pinchmill Players (Pinchmill Hall)

Sun 18 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 1, ASB 644, Don G)

Tue 20 WI outing to Milton Ernest Garden Centre

Sat 24 **Open Gardens Weekend 2pm-6pm Saturday/Sunday**

Sun 25 9.00am Light House Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)

9.15am Holy Communion (Trinity 2, ASB 648, Ken S)

10.15am Matins (Baptism, ASB 919, Richard P)

Wed 28 7.15 WI Group Walk (Village Hall)

July

Sun 2 10.15am Choral Communion (Patronal Festival, St Peter's, Sharnbrook)

Sun 9 10.15am Family Communion (Trinity 4, ASB 658, Brownies)

6.00pm Evensong

Sat 15 2.30pm Sponsored Swim (Homelands, High St., Turvey)

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

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I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am on 18th June and a said service of Holy Communion at 9.15am on 25th June. This will be followed by Sung Matins at 10.15am. There will be no services in St. Mary's on Sunday 2nd July as we have been invited to St. Peter's, Sharnbrook to share their Patronal Festival starting at 10.15am

My thanks to Alan Stevens for organising the house to house collection for Christian Aid and to his collectors, and of course all of you for your donations.

On Saturday, 12th July, Anne and I are holding a SPONSORED SWIM in our pool in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. Weather permitting, we hope to provide tea in the garden for spectators. The swim will be held between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Sponsor forms can be obtained from me or Vivienne Melville. Swimmers are asked to swim a maximum of 60 lengths or 15 minutes, whichever is the shorter. The pool is 12 yards long. Whilst I anticipate that most of the swimmers will be children, all ages are welcome! If you have difficulty contacting either me or Vivienne for a sponsored form, please ask any member of the PCC.

I am sure that you will all have noticed that the chestnut trees in the Church Yard have been lopped. I am sure that given time, the scars will be covered and that all three trees will regain their beauty.

Sue Ryder Group

Dorothy Galliver

We are pleased to inform you that we made £266.45 at the Coffee Morning on 26th April. It has been gratefully acknowledged by St John's Hospice. We thank you very sincerely for your continued support.

Mums & Toddlers

Joy Davies

Do come and join our friendly group on Mondays from 10-12 in the Village Hall. We have a wide variety of toys and activities. Mums have a drink and chat.

Churchyard Trees

Ken Shrimpton

Several people had expressed their concern about the safety of the 3 horse chestnut trees in the churchyard. An inspection by a local tree surgeon and the Borough Council Tree Officer revealed that they were dangerously unsafe. Previous lopping had resulted in water entering the crowns and sending the trunks rotten. In one case a test bore hole through the base of a large bough revealed a 12in. cavity of rotten wood with approx. 3 litres of water draining out during the boring!

It is fully appreciated that spring is not the best time to lop trees but the density of the new leaves caused a large "sail like" area which, in high winds, would put an intolerable strain on the trees. There was a possibility that boughs weighing several tons would collapse. Emergency approval was given by the Planning Department and the trees have been made safe. A more detailed explanation of the work is on the lych gate notice board.

Fire wood and chopped cuttings are for sale, please contact the Church Wardens for details.

Pinchmill Players

George Airton

A meeting to decide the final fate of the staging, props, costumes and scenery will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 13th June in Pinchmill Hall.

Fashion Show

Pinchmill School Association

Thank you to everybody who supported the above event it raised over £150 which will go towards buying some new PE equipment for the school.

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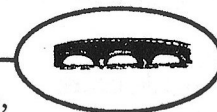
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Treasurer Isabel Buckingham reported on our finances and budget for the year and Mary Freeman reported on the Spring Federation Meeting held recently in Dunstable. With the business out of the way, we spent an enjoyable hour playing Scrabble. The winners were Joan Hughes and Sylvia Wilson. Celia reminded us of the WI Markets open in Bedford on Wednesdays and Olney on Thursdays.

On Wednesday, June 28th there will be a Group Walk around Felmersham. Meet at the Village Hall at 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. Afterwards, refreshments will be served at approximately 9pm. The next meeting on June 20th will be an outing to Milton Ernest Garden Centre when Mr. Graham Pavey will talk on "Low Maintenance Gardening". Supper will be served beforehand.

Open Gardens

on

Saturday and Sunday, 24 and 25 June
Gardens open between 2pm and 6pm

Tickets £1.50 available from church on the day
Teas at 1 Trinity Close

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Parish Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

It was with some regret that we had to agree last month to fairly major surgery to three horse chestnut trees in the churchyard. The Parish Council made careful enquiries about the seriousness of the damage but two independent advisers agreed that drastic surgery was the only realistic solution.

May was a particularly sad month for me owing to the death of Pat Stephens, and I should like to take this moment to confirm some of the words which Gerry Sidebottom spoke at her funeral. Pat was one of the leaders of a small group of enthusiasts who in the 1970s set about raising the funds to set up the Village Hall; their success in this activity was largely responsible for the facility which we have at Pinchmill, and Pat's contribution will long be remembered by all of us who were involved. My condolences go to Steve and his daughters.

Following my piece last month, I have absolutely no comments about the size of the Parish rate, and what the Parish Council should spend it on. We really would welcome some feedback!

Women's Institute

Blanche Smith

Celia Hulatt, President, welcomed members and introduced the new Committee for the coming year. Traditionally, the May meeting centres upon members discussing and voting on the Resolutions short-listed and put forward by National Council. These were: 1) Constitution & Rules, 2) Identity Cards and 3) Food Labelling. The delegates will now present our views at the Intermediate General Meeting in Blackpool on June 1st.

Autumn Bazaar

Craft Skills?

Greenfingers?

Amongst other things we are hoping to offer homemade cakes and produce plants and crafts. If you think you can help in any way please contact us by the end of June to help with the planning

Artistic?

In

Rosemary 782104
Gill 782559

and

Jam Making?

Clever with a needle?

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Parish Council Meeting

Nancy Fagence

At the meeting held on 9th May the following matters were discussed:

- o David Smith was re-elected Chairman, and David Barker Vice Chairman.
- o Mr Robinson has agreed a tree planting scheme for Brook Farm caravan site
- o War Memorial renovation will occur as soon as the contractors can schedule it. This may not be until next year.
- o Marriotts/High Rd footpath bridge to be checked/renovated as necessary.
- o Four Home Watch signs to be provided for the villages.
- o Letter from Col. Britton stated that Taps Bush has been accepted into the Habitat and Countryside Scheme which means continued free public access.
- o Next meeting 4th July.

Comment

An older resident

Recently I saw a member of the community staining the gate on the footpath near the Six Ringers. He is one of several people who, in their own time, try to keep Felmersham the pretty and tidy village we appreciate.

Recently again, in Ouse News, I read a disclaimer by some young people about the rubbish and untidiness in the village - and, in another edition, the idea of a Youth Council. I am in no way suggesting that these young people are culpable for graffiti, cans, syringes, etc. in the village, any more than an older person or pensioner!! - but - here is a challenge! Why do village teenagers not band together, form a rota and ensure these jobs are done? You will not be turned away and will show yourselves worthy of being more than names on a piece of paper. What about a long term contract to ensure younger siblings will continue. You have the leisure time so how about it?

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June 19 Funeral - Brenda Batty-Peirson

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		6.00pm	Evensong	
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		2.30pm	Cricket v Pilgrim 1	(Home)
Mon	10	7.30pm	PCC meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat	15	2.30pm	Sponsored Swim	(Homelands, High Street, Turvey)
Sun	16	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Trinity 5, ASB 664, David K)
			Red Cross Family Fun Day	(Old Warden Aerodrome)
		11.00am	Summer Fair	(Sharnbrook Upper School)
Tue	18		W.I. Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Wed	19	7.30pm	Farewell to Jean Pritchard	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat	22	2.30pm	Cricket v Renhold	(Away)
Sun	23	10.15am	Matins	(Trinity 6, ASB 668, Sally C)
		11.20am	Holy Communion	(Ken S)
Sat	29	2.30pm	Cricket v Putnoe	(Home)
Sun	30	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Trinity 7, ASB 674, Rosemary B)

August

Sat	5	2.30pm	Cricket v Caldecote 1	(Away)
Sun	6	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Trinity 8, ASB 679, Dick A)
	13	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Trinity 9, ASB 684, Ken S)

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

We have been invited to St. Peter's, Sharnbrook on Sunday 2nd July to share with them their Patronal Festival. The service will start at 10.15am. There will be no services in St. Mary's on that Sunday.

We will have our usual Family Service of Holy Communion on the second Sunday, 9th July, starting at 10.15am. This will be followed at 6pm by a service of Sung Evensong with the choir of the New Bedford Singers. No sermon! On the third Sunday, 16th July, I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am.

There will be a change in our arrangements for the fourth Sunday, 23rd July. As usual, we will have BCP sung matins at 10.15. There will be no Service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. Instead, I will celebrate a short Service of Holy Communion after matins starting at about 11.20am.

We have been invited to Knotting on 23rd July to share their Patronal Festival at 3pm. I will then be celebrating Choral Communion at 10.15am on the 30th July.

My thanks to Ken Shrimpton for organising our open gardens weekend; to Lorraine Shrimpton for serving teas; to the owners of the gardens who allowed us to enjoy seeing their gardens and to everybody who helped to make the weekend such a success.

Please remember that on Saturday, 12th July, Anne and I are holding a SPONSORED SWIM in our pool in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. Weather permitting, we hope to provide tea in the garden for spectators. The swim will be held between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Sponsor forms can be obtained from me or Vivienne Melville. Swimmers are asked to swim a maximum of 60 lengths or 15 minutes, whichever is the shorter. The pool is 12 yards long. Whilst I anticipate that most of the swimmers will be children, all ages are welcome! If you have difficulty contacting either me or Vivienne for a sponsored form, please ask any member of the PCC.

Firewood for Sale

Ken Shrimpton

There is still plenty of firewood in the churchyard which is for sale at half the commercial rate. The bargain price is possible because the purchaser will need to provide transport and some of the timber may require splitting. Chipped wood is also for sale at £1 a wheelie bin. Ideal for making compost or as a ground cover to keep down the weeds. Ring 781381 if you are interested.

Open Gardens

Ken Shrimpton

Once again the strategy of holding the Open Gardens over two days paid off. Saturday was so cold and damp that only a few braved the weather to see "some of the finest gardens in North Bedfordshire". By contrast Sunday was so warm and sunny that "people visited us by the hundreds". We even had visitors from Germany and Japan! Well done everybody who contributed to the success of our Open Gardens which raised a *net* income for the Church Restoration Fund of £1020.

First prize in the raffle was won by Keith Rose, Felmersham and second prize by Carol Cross, Sharnbrook.

Summer Fayre

Glenys Thurston

Thanks to everyone who came to the Summer Fayre at Brierley Meadows. We raised £150 for the Miscarriage Support Group and Kettering Hospital Intensive Care Unit. Thank you everyone.

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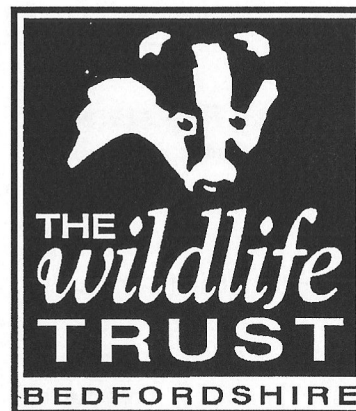
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Saturday 15th July

Dragonflies at Felmersham Pits.
Meet at 2pm in the car park.

Pinchmill Lower School

Jayne Dingley

Past pupils and parents of pupils at school may wish to know that Mrs Jean Pritchard will be retiring as from 31st August. Mrs Pritchard has given 21 years of loyal service to the school and the children in her care throughout this time. The loss of her as part of the teaching team will be felt by all staff and pupils; however we wish her well in her retirement.

There will be a presentation at the end of term in recognition of her work at Pinchmill. If you would like to make a contribution towards this gift please send it to school in an envelope marked for the attention of Sue Webster.

You are invited to attend an informal Cheese & Wine evening on Wednesday 19th July from 7.30pm when the presentation will be made.

Women's Institute

May Mills

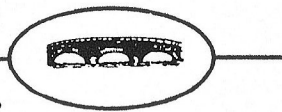
The venue for this year's June outing was Milton Ernest Garden Centre - not far afield perhaps, but nevertheless 38 members enjoyed a delicious light supper in pleasant surroundings. This was followed by an illustrated talk by garden designer Mr Pavey whose theme was "low maintenance gardening". However, it is doubtful whether many members will be embarking on projects such as wall building and gravel paths, as advocated by the speaker. Topical tip of the talk: if not entirely necessary scrap your greenhouse / pond / fountain / vegetable patch and even your lawn!!

At the July meeting the subject of our talk will be "musical boxes" by Mr Foster.

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a little of your skill and time

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Gill 782559

Memorandum

To: Jesus, son of Joseph, Carpenter's shop, Nazareth.
From: Jordan Management Consultants, Jerusalem.
Date: 1/7/30

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken our tests; we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in management ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper.

Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership.

The two brothers, **James** and **John**, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty.

Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale.

We feel it our duty to tell you that **Matthew** has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau.

James, son of Alphaeus, and **Thaddaeus**, definitely have radical leanings, and both have registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend **Judas Iscariot** as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you success in your new venture.

Weekday Conservation

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers

BTCV are offering you the chance to help improve the environment. Every Monday and Thursday during the summer teams will be working at various locations locally. Projects include pond clearing, dry stone walling and public rights of way work as well as grass raking at the gravel pits in Felmersham on the 7th September. Grass raking is important as it encourages the growth of grass and wild flowers next year. For more information call 838030.

Parish Diary

August

Sat 5	2.30pm Cricket v Caldecote 1	(Away)
Sun 6	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 8, ASB 679, Dick A)
Sat 12	2.30pm Cricket v Roxton	(Home)
Sun 13	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 9, ASB 684, Ken S)
Sun 20	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 10, ASB 689, Don G)
Sat 26	2.30pm Cricket v Thurleigh 1	(Away)
Sun 27	10.15am Matins	(Trinity 11, ASB 694, Sally C)
	11.20am Holy Communion	(Ken S)

September

Sat 2	2.00pm Cricket v Thurleigh 1	(Home)
Sun 3	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 12, ASB 699, Margaret A)
Thu 7	BTCV Grass Raking	(Felmersham Pits)
Sat 9	10.30am Coffee morning	(Corn Close, Church End)
	2.00pm Cricket v Mowsbury Park	(Home)
Sun 10	10.15am PATRONAL FESTIVAL	(BVM, ASB 797, Wardens)
Mon 11	7.30pm PCC meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)

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My thanks to everybody who helped to make our sponsored swim such an enjoyable afternoon. To the marshals; to the ladies for manning the tea table and for all the cakes they made and last, but not by any means least, to the swimmers. If all the sponsor money is collected, we will have raised £353 for our Restoration Fund.

Please make a special note in your diary. Sunday 10th September is our Patronal Festival. The Bishop of Bedford will be preaching and celebrating the Eucharist. I will give full details in next month's issue of Ouse News.

Playfield Equipment

Brian Smith

We now have the full grant of £12,000 from Bedford Borough Council and a sub-committee is considering proposals from a short list of suppliers.

The plan so far includes the removal of the existing wooden swings, some alterations to the mound and filling in the tunnel. Funds permitting we will install 4 new swings, a large roundabout, one large 'rocking rockette', a 'horse mobile', an aerial runway, two benches and a basketball goal.

We are waiting for firm quotations and detailed drawings before consulting as many villagers as possible through the clubs and special meetings. This should allow the full village hall committee, including the club representatives, to approve the final plan in September with a view to installation in October. The sub-committee consists of: Pete Castle, Jayne Dingley, Gill Greenish, Alleyne Leach, Brian Smith, Peter Stephenson and Roy Tingey.

We can save money by doing some of the site preparation and installation work ourselves. This will enable us to buy all of the above equipment. If you would like to help please contact one of the sub-committee members.

Thank You

Jean Pritchard

I would like to thank all those past and present parents who contributed so generously towards my leaving gifts. It has been a privilege to serve as a teacher at Pinchmill School for the past 21 years. I have valued the friendship and support received from the parents during this time.

Arthritis and Rheumatism Council

Jennifer Knowles

During the recent collection £140 was collected. Grateful thanks to all those who contributed, and also to the collectors who helped me: Jill Bance, Mary Freeman, Lesley Gani, Pat Hartop, Sheila McKenzie and Renée Whitbread.

Parish Council Meeting

Nancy Fagence

At the meeting of the 4th July the following points were discussed:

- o County Councillor Devenish's absence - assurance to be sought, from Cllr Hendry, that he will not be standing for election next time.
- o I R Quince to be asked to start work on the war memorial asap.
- o The verges along Moor End Rd are part of the publicly maintained highway and the contractor at Trevor Barn is being asked to reinstate them.
- o Advice and quotation are being sought for lighting in Hunts Lane.
- o £12,000 grant has been passed to Village Hall committee for play equipment.
- o Alliance Homes plan to build 4 smaller homes at the rear of the Plough, not 3. Planning Dept. state that the wall is being moved to improve the sight lines.
- o Parish Council agreed to underwrite the cost of the recent tree surgery in the churchyard, but grants are to be sought in the first instance.

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Pat Keeble, Owls Rest, Moor End, Radwell.

Get working on those show winning entries!

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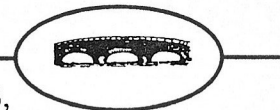
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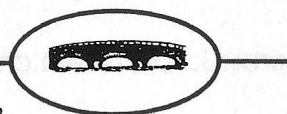
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		10.15am Matins	(Trinity 15, ASB 713, Sally C)
		11.20am Holy Communion	(Ken S)

October

Sun	1	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 16, ASB 717, Dick A)
		6.00pm Harvest Evensong	(ASB 891, Church Wardens)
Sat	7	10.30am Coffee morning	(Meadowbank, Pav'm Road)
Sun	8	10.15am Family Communion	(Trinity 17, ASB 722, Brownies)

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September 1995

Church News

Douglas Claypole White

I will be celebrating Choral Communion at 10.15am, on the 3rd September. Sunday 10th September is our PATRONAL FESTIVAL when we will be joined at our Choral Communion by the parishioners from Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting. The Bishop of Bedford will be preaching and celebrating the Eucharist. Coffee will be served after the service in the back of the church, when there will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop and have a chat with him.

I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am, on the third Sunday, 17th September at 10.15am. On the fourth Sunday, 24th September, we will be holding our usual Sung Matins from the Book of Common Prayer. The service will start at 10.15am. Directly after this service, at about 11.20am, I will celebrate a short service of Holy Communion.

Our Harvest Evensong this year will be at 6pm on Sunday 1st October.

There will be a Deanery confirmation service later in the year. 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.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

The Church will be decorated for HARVEST FESTIVAL on Friday and Saturday 29th and 30th September. Please let me know in good time if you would like to help. I know the drought has taken its toll of our gardens but we would be very grateful for whatever you can spare for our decorations - (except for elderberries which I'm afraid we have to bar, because they stain the floor when they drop).

Our PATRONAL FESTIVAL is on Sunday 10th September. I know it is very close to Harvest, but it would be nice to have some extra flowers for that occasion too. If some of you would be willing to make a small arrangement - a basket would be ideal - please give me a ring - (881661).

Coffee Morning

The monthly coffee mornings in aid of the Church Restoration Fund resume again after the summer break on September 9th at 10.30am at Corn Close, by kind permission of the Burbidge family, co-hosted by Truus Boyce and myself. Cakes, produce, bring & buy etc.

Autumn Bazaar

We are still looking for craft ideas, skills and materials for the Bazaar which is in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. If you can help in any way please contact Rosemary Brough (782104) or me (782559). Don't forget we will need your old books and toys. We can collect now or nearer the time.

Sue Ryder Foundation

The foundation are expanding their Bereavement Service at St John's Hospice and are looking for volunteers to train as bereavement visitors. I have more details for anyone who is interested (782559).

Mobile Library Service

The mobile library now carries not just books but also stories on tape, books for children, large print books and a whole lot more. Our staff are friendly and helpful and borrowers will always find a warm welcome in the heated vehicles. There are even lifts for disabled or wheelchair-bound users. The library stops on alternate Tuesdays (Sept. 12,26, Oct 10,24 etc.) at Radwell Green from 10.45-11.00 and The Sun, Felmersham from 11.05 - 12.10.

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PC Chairman's Notebook

One hundred years ago, an Act of Parliament was passed which transferred local government at the Parish level from the traditional bosses (the Squire and the Church) to the local people. Our Parish Council was born. We have therefore decided to celebrate our centenary this Autumn with a few activities during the weekend of 4-5 November to coincide with the bonfire. There will something for the youngsters, an evening event, and a special service in church; in addition we are planning something more permanent as a memorial of the centenary. Full details will be given in the next Ouse News.

David Smith

The Parish Council's contribution to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II has been the restoration of the War Memorial. I must say that it now looks as if the Parish cares about the sacrifice which members of the villages made in the two wars, and I think we can be pleased that the anniversary has been marked in such an appropriate manner.

I am delighted at the way in which the development at the Plough is shaping up. The insistence of the Parish Council that the houses alongside the Plough should match the rest of the houses on that side of Church End appears to be paying off. I now hope that our continuing negotiations with the developer will ensure that the four dwellings behind the old pub will be equally appropriate to their surroundings. We are already assured that they will also be constructed in stone.

SEP 95

Black and White Revival

Helen Dawkins

Although I have now moved from Sharnbrook I will still be maintaining a contact address at the Village Trader Gift Shop (28 High Street, Tel. 782117) where I can arrange to meet with you by appointment. My new address is:
15 San Remo Rd, Aspley Guise, Milton Keynes, MK17 8JY, Tel: 0908 585386.

Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show

Maggie Spoor

You can't afford to miss it! Get your entries in **now** for this inaugural show - prizes kindly donated by *Milton Ernest Garden Centre* and *Richard Wallis Photography*. Don't be a couch potato or a retiring wallflower - come and see the real thing at the Autumn Show! It's in Pinchmill Hall, 16th September 2.30-5.00pm. (See main ad for more details. Ed)

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Ken Shrimpton

On the 9th September to raise money for repair of our churches and chapels by getting sponsorship for cycling between churches. (50% of moneys raised will be returned to Felmersham church). Contact me on 781381 for more details.

Heritage Walk 95

Ken Shrimpton

A six mile walk on Saturday 9 September meeting at *Felmersham bus shelter at 11-30am*. We drive to Oakley church car park (just north of the church) and walk to Stevington, Pavenham and Felmersham. We will call at the parish churches, Stevington Baptist chapel (an absolute must) and will pass two locations referred to in Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress" and the locally renowned osier beds. All this plus the camaraderie of your friends and neighbours. Bring lunch, wear sensible shoes and be prepared for changes in the weather.

There will be a voluntary charge of £2 each which will go to Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust (50% will be returned to Felmersham church). This walk has been devised with the inexperienced walker in mind so please join us. Individual arrangements to transport drivers back to their cars may be made in advance or if required at the bus shelter before starting.

Save the Children Fund

Ron and Judith Smith

The SCF dinner at the Milton Room, Milton Ernest is on the evening of Friday 22nd September. If you have enjoyed Roz Tucker's catering previously you will know that the evening will be happy and memorable. The cost is £25 for a three course meal, wine, coffee and mints. There will be a bar, raffle and music during the meal. Ring us (781430) for a booking to enjoy a good night out with friends.

SCF coffee morning and sale of Christmas cards and gifts will be on the 21st/22nd October - more details to follow next month.

Clerk to the Parish Council

David Smith

There is now a vacancy for this position. The duties are not too demanding and there is a salary. If you are interested please contact David Smith on 781780.

Felmersham & Radwell Autumn Show

**16th September, Pinchmill Hall
open 2.30-5.00pm - entry 25p
(judging from 10.30am)**

Classes for Everyone

- ★ Produce ★ Preserves ★ Cookery ★
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- ★ Flower Arranging ★ Children's Classes ★
- ★ Novelties (e.g. longest bean etc.) ★

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Schedules and entry forms from:

**Maggie Spoor, Corn Cottage, Church End (782031)
Sue Whiting, Greenfields, Pavenham Rd
Pat Keeble, Owls Rest, Moor End, Radwell
The Sun**

Parish Diary

October

Sun 1	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 16, ASB 717, Dick A)
	5.00pm Harvest Evensong	(ASB 891, Church Wardens)
	6.00pm Harvest Tea	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 7	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Meadowbank, Pav'm Road)
Sun 8	10.15am Family Communion	(Trinity 17, ASB 722, Brownies)
Tue 10	8.00pm Local Agenda 21 Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 15	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 18, ASB 729, Don G)
Tue 17	WI Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Wed 18	8.00pm Fashion - Just for You	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 21	Save the Children Fund Sale	(Leaways, Grange Road)
Sun 22	9.00am Light House	(Pinchmill Hall)
	10.15am Matins	(Trinity 19, ASB 734, Richard P)
	11.20am Holy Communion	(Ken S)
	Save the Children Fund Sale	(Leaways, Grange Road)
Sun 29	10.15am Choral Communion (Last after Pent, ASB 745, Rosemary B)	
	10.30am Bonfire Preparation	(Playing Field)

November

Sat 4	10.30am Bonfire Preparation	(Playing Field)
	3.00pm Beetle Drive	(Pinchmill Hall)
	7.30pm Centenary Quiz	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 5	10.15am Choral Communion (9 - Christmas, ASB 398, Margaret A)	
	6.30pm Bonfire and Fireworks Display	(Playing Field)
Sat 11	2.30pm Autumn Bazaar	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 12	10.30am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Matins	(Brownies)
	11.45am Wreath Laying at the War Memorial	

Vicar: Rev. Douglas Claypole White (881661)
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Church News

Douglas Claypole White

Sunday 1st October is Harvest Thanksgiving. I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am. Then at 5pm we will hold our traditional Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong. Please note that this service will start at 5pm and not as I advertised last month at 6pm. After the service we will hold a Harvest Tea in Pinchmill Hall starting at about 6pm. The entry cost is £1 for adults and 50p for children. The Harvest produce will be put into a Tombola. The proceeds of the Tombola together with the profit on the tea and the cash collected at both services, will be donated in equal shares to the Bishop of St. Albans' Harvest for the Hungry Appeal and our missionary contact, Mission Aviation Fellowship in Tanzania. One half of the Harvest for the Hungry Appeal will in turn be donated to Christian Aid, one quarter to the World Development Movement and the remaining quarter to FARM, a charity working in partnership with small farmers in South Africa.

Our monthly Family Communion Service will be at 10.15am on Sunday 8th September. On the third and fifth Sundays, 15th and 29th, I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am and on the fourth Sunday, 22nd October, we will hold our usual service of Matins, from the Book of Common Prayer, at 10.15am followed by a shortened version of said Holy Communion starting at about 11.20am.

My thanks to Stephen Hill for organising the Sponsored Cycle Ride, to everybody who manned the gate and to Ken Shrimpton for organising the Heritage walk.

Bishop John has written to say how much he enjoyed his visit to us on the occasion of our Patronal Festival. It was good that so many of you turned out to meet him. He certainly enjoyed meeting you!

Remembrance Sunday

Fred Turner

There will be a short wreath laying service conducted by Rev Claypole White at the War Memorial at about 11.45am on Sunday 12th November, immediately after the Morning Service. Will anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of the wreath please contact me on 781864 or leave your donation at "Five Elms", Moor End Road. Please contact me if you can help with the Poppies in Radwell.

Sue Ryder Support Group

We invite you to an interesting evening on Wednesday October 18th at Pinchmill Hall, 7.30 for 8pm.

Fashion - Just for You

It will be something different presented by Jayne's of Olney. Their services are given generously. Admission £5 (inclusive of refreshments and a glass of wine). Tickets available from group members.

Felmersham and Radwell Autumn Show**Maggie Spoor**

The Autumn Show was held on 16th September in the Village Hall, when 58 people submitted 133 entries. Considering the very difficult growing conditions this summer, these were of a very high standard with some splendid looking flowers, fruit and vegetables. The cookery, handicraft, photographic and children's classes were also well supported, many congratulations to everyone who took part. Special thanks to Sue Whiting, Pat Keeble, Steve Miasek, Ann Smith, Lesley Gani, Mary Freeman and Jayne Dingley for the help and support they gave to the show.

There will be another Autumn Show next year, so watch out for notices in "Ouse News", If you would like to be involved with the organisation (and I've already had two offers!) please contact me, Maggie Spoor, on 782031.

Apologies**Bill and Jean Kelly**

We would like to apologise most sincerely to everyone whose lives and sleep were disrupted by the faulty alarm on Bill's brother's car while we were on holiday. The fault, which had not occurred before, was caused by damage to the car's wiring while it was being serviced a few days earlier.

WI Diary**May Mills**

August: Thank you to Jane and Tom Wells for their kind hospitality in offering their home as a venue for our summer 'Coffee and Dessert' evening. Social success was augmented by a bumper raffle which raised £48 for WI funds.

September: Our speaker this month was Mrs Blades, Chief Dietician at Bedford Hospital, who chose to present her subject of 'Healthy Eating' in the form of a quiz. This generated much discussion, and laughter, among members, as did the question and answer session afterwards. Topical Tip of the Talk: WHO recommend an intake of 1lb of fruit and vegetables per day!

October: Mrs Helen Kent will talk about travel, and the competition will be "the second worst holiday photograph"

November: We are organising a shopping trip to London by coach, leaving at 9.30am on Saturday 25th, price £4. Friends welcome.

Dorothy Galliver**Parish Council Meeting****Nancy Fagence**

At the Parish Council Meeting on 5 September the subjects discussed included:

- Local Agenda 21 - pilot project.
- Jubilee Lawn: BRCC to see if this can be registered as Common Land.
- War Memorial: very pleased with the cleaning. It is hoped to obtain a commemorative plaque to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war.
- Parish Council Centenary: celebrations on weekend of 4/5 November will include children's items, centenary quiz, commemorative church service on Sunday morning, and a bonfire on Sunday evening. One suggestion for a permanent feature is to replace the horse chestnuts (eventually) with pollarded trees, possibly limes.
- Footpath No. 7 (Six Ringers - Hardwick): one gate is still difficult to negotiate.
- Clerk resigned due to moving away, anyone interested in taking over, please see any Councillor.
- Seat at Dropshort demolished by a car - anticipate replacement to be covered by insurance.
- The village children were unable to use the school pool during the summer because of a lack of money. It was hoped this matter could be sorted.
- Subsidence at Dropshort and Town Lot Lane to be notified to CC Engineers.

Village Fireworks Display**Brian Smith**

Our bonfire and fireworks display will be on Sunday 5th November in the playing field starting at 6.30pm. We have the usual exciting blend of rockets, roman candles and mortars from Kimbolton Fireworks. Entry is only £1.50 per person with under 5s free so do come and bring the family. As last year there will also be a "best dressed Guy" competition with prizes for lower, middle and upper school age groups.

We also need help in gathering material for the bonfire on Sunday 29th October and Saturday 4th November at 10.30am in the playing field. See you there!

Note for your diary - the Christmas Dance will be on Saturday December 9th.

School/Village Hall Roof**Pete Stephenson**

Youngsters are, increasingly, climbing up on to the roof. Besides the nuisance damage (throwing drain covers off) and the potentially expensive damage of careless walking on flat roofing, there is the risk of falling

Please will all parents warn youngsters about the danger and the damage? Please will any villagers seeing youngsters on the roof take the time to call them down and ask their names? The head teacher, Jayne Dingley, or I, will willingly speak to the parents of the climbers.

Thank you for your good-neighbourly interventions.

Playfield Equipment

Brian Smith

The sub-committee's recommendations have been accepted by the full village hall committee and final negotiations are underway with the suppliers. Thank you for your comments and feedback. Installation should be possible in November, do let me know if you would like to help.

PC Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

Embarrassingly quickly, we are approaching the Millennium, and the Parish Council has been considering how we could best greet the arrival of the year 2000. Several ideas are already being considered, but we would welcome your thoughts. This is an opportunity to do something quite spectacular, with a lasting benefit to the community - we produced the Jubilee Lawn by the bridge for the Queen's Silver Jubilee, so surely we can do even better for the Millennium. Please let me have your thoughts before the November Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council has proposed that the memorial to one hundred years of local democracy should be the planting of a row of lime trees along the churchyard wall, including the new portion transferred to the community by the developers of the Plough site. These limes will be pollarded to provide an attractive boundary feature round the churchyard, in a fashion similar to many French towns and to the church at Leighton Buzzard; it will take twenty years for the trees to mature, by which time the horse chestnuts will have reached the end of their lives. This proposal has raised some controversy, so if you have any alternative ideas, please let me know.

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Local Agenda 21 in Felmersham and Radwell

Nic Hutchins

At the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 over 150 world leaders and their representatives signed a document called Agenda 21. This was their commitment to improve the quality of life in our global village.

In the UK, Local Governments have been asked to talk to everyone in their boroughs and districts to find out how to make our lives, and the way we live them, more sustainable. Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity has been given the opportunity by the Borough Council and the Local Agenda 21 Working Groups - made up of Local Government, business and voluntary sector representatives - to undertake a pilot study in one of the North Bedfordshire parishes.

We chose Felmersham & Radwell. WHY? Because of your excellent Village Appraisal, and the strong feeling of community that already exists.

What does it mean? This is an excellent chance for you all to have a say in what happens in Felmersham & Radwell, and come up with your own Local Agenda 21, an Action Plan for Felmersham & Radwell in the 21st Century.

If you'd like to know more we will be holding a meeting for everyone in the village on Tuesday 10th October at 8pm in the Village Hall, or contact Nic Hutchins at Beds RCC on 01234 838771.

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Judgement Day

PC Adrian Keep, Accident Prevention Unit

To achieve a 95% success rate is no mean feat, but as this is the percentage of road accidents attributable to "driver error", it is of grave concern.

Our dictionary states an error to be, "a mistake or bad opinion" but I find it difficult to believe drivers are that poorly educated. It begs the question, whether these "errors" are, in fact, miscalculated risks. Is it an error to overtake when it is unsafe to do so, to "cut the corner" when entering a side road, to fail to give way when entering a main road, to use inappropriate speed, or in more general terms have a complete disregard for the safety of other road users? If they are in fact errors, we appear to have grave cause for concern for our driving skills. All of these points are covered when we are taught to drive and are emphasised in the Highway Code.

If we are not careful, as a community we will allow driving standards to degenerate to a level where "errors" will become acceptable, we must not let this occur. We all have a duty to keep the roads safe, the more experienced of us need to set an example to those commencing their driving careers. I am well aware that you have heard this request before, but it is well worth repeating.

We are quick to respond if our safety is compromised at work, but apparently accept such risks on the roads. We need your support, help us achieve a reduction in casualties and eliminate the heartache caused by these errors.

Save the Children Fund

Ron and Judith Smith

You are warmly invited to this year's sale of Christmas cards and gifts at Leaways, Grange Road from 10.00 - 12.00 am on the 21st and from 2.00 - 4.00 pm on the 22nd October. Refreshments will be served. For more details phone 781430.

PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY

1895 - 1995

To celebrate 100 years of village Government through the Parish Council, the following events are planned for the weekend of
4-5 November 1995

Saturday 4th

- 3.00pm Beetle Drive; an event for the young and the young at heart! For tickets, contact Peter Castle on 782554
- 7.30pm Quiz Night; with a strong centenary flavour. A light hearted evening which won't stretch the intellect, following in a strong village tradition. Bar. Tickets £1-50, from David Smith (781780) or Maggie Spoor (782031)

Sunday 5th

- 10.15am Commemorative Service at St Mary's Church, with lessons read by Councillors Smith and Hulatt
- 6.30pm Village Bonfire organised by the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee

Autumn Bazaar

November 11th at 2.30pm

in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund

We are still looking for ideas and help.

There will be a collection of books, bric-a-brac etc nearer the time so please help with your gifts, help with collecting, help on the day.

Contact Rosemary (782104) or Gill (782559)

Parish Diary

November

Sat 4	10.30am Bonfire Preparation	(Playing Field)
	3.00pm Beetle Drive	(Pinchmill Hall)
	7.30pm Centenary Quiz	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 5	10.15am Choral Communion (8 - Christmas, ASB 398, Margaret A)	
	6.30pm Bonfire and Fireworks Display	(Playing Field)
Fri 10	7.30pm Red Cross Coffee Evening	(Greenfields, Pav'm Rd)
Sat 11	2.30pm Autumn Bazaar	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 12	10.30am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Matins	(Brownies)
	11.45am Wreath Laying	(War Memorial)
Mon 13	7.30pm PCC Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Thu 16	7.30pm W.I. Coffee Evening	(6 Marriotts Close)
Sun 19	10.15am Choral Communion (6 - Christmas, ASB 415, David K)	
Sat 25	W.I. coach trip to London	
Sun 26	9.00am Light House meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	10.15am Matins (5 - Christmas, ASB 420, Sally C)	
	11.20am Holy Communion	(Ken S)
Tue 28	8.00pm Local Agenda 21 Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)

December

Sun 3	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent Sunday, ASB 424, Dick A)
Sat 9	"Hampers & Champers" Christmas Dance	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 10	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent 2, ASB 430, Margaret A)
	3.00pm Christingle Service	
	W.I. Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea	(Pinchmill Hall)

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Church News

Douglas Claypole White

I will celebrate Choral Communion on 5th November at 10.15am. At this service we will also be celebrating one hundred years of local democracy with two of the lessons being read by our Parish Councillors.

Sunday 12th November is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Our service will start quarter of an hour later than usual at 10.30am. The service will be matins with a two minute silence at 11am. After the service, at approximately 11.45am we will have a second laying of a wreath with short prayers and another two minutes silence at the War Memorial.

On Sunday 19th November I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am. Then on the following Sunday, 26th November, we will have a service of Matins from the Book of Common Prayer followed by a shortened Service of said Holy Communion at approximately 11.20am.

My thanks to Judith Smith for organising our Harvest tea, to her helpers for providing such a lovely spread, to David and Jennifer Knowles for organising the tombola, to everybody for your gifts of produce which formed our tombola, particularly the children (I think I should say the parents!) from Pinchmill school and to you all for supporting the tea. The profit from both the tea and the tombola, together with the cash collected at both our Harvest Festival Services, will be donated in equal shares to The Bishop of St Albans Harvest for the Hungry Appeal and our Missionary contact in Tanzania. My thanks also to everybody for decorating the church so beautifully.

Our Christmas Bazaar is at Pinchmill Hall on Saturday 11th November starting at 2.30pm. The profit on the Bazaar will go into our Restoration Fund. Please do support it.

Sadly, because of vandalism, we are having to keep the Church locked up for the time being. If you want access to the Church when it is locked, a key can be obtained from either Dick Aitken (Peacehaven, The High Road) or Margaret Alleway (8 Trinity Close) At the weekends a key can also be obtained from either Ken Shrimpton (1 Trinity Close) or Stephen Hill (46 Marriotts Close). Unfortunately, locking the Church seems to have driven the vandals into the church yard. Some graves have been trampled on, pots overturned and flowers emptied out. This causes great distress to the families concerned and I would ask you all to be very vigilant. If you should see any questionable behaviour in the church yard, please report it either to the Church Wardens or to myself.


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Help! Help!

Peter Stephenson

Youth Club needs our help. Anyone know of young adult(s) willing to supervise the Youth Club on a regular or even occasional basis? There is a youth worker but he can no longer commit to every week.

Club meets once a week 7.30-9.30pm, currently on Friday (but that could be re-arranged), during term time in the Village Hall. Any offers, please contact me on 782556. Thanks!

Christmas Dance

Brian Smith

Tickets, at £7.50 each, are now available for the Village Hall Christmas Dance on Saturday December 9th. Don't delay - remember last year was a sell out and numbers are limited. The format is the same - bring your own "Hampers & Champers" and dance the night away to the full Razz Club band. Dress formally if you wish - some people like to. See you there! Tickets from Pete Stephenson (782556), Steve Lott and Brian Smith (781443).

Sue Ryder Support Group

Dorothy Galliver

An enjoyable fashion evening was held last Wednesday October 18th made a profit of £458.16 for St John's Moggerhanger. We thank all who patronised us.

We thought everyone would like to know that although Janey and her staff had worked hard in preparation to put on such a show they did enjoy themselves.

Church Flowers.

Anne Claypole White.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Harvest decorations, either by providing flowers and produce or bringing coffee and biscuits to us all! As always, the Church looked lovely.

Village Fireworks Display

Brian Smith

The bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm and fireworks start at 7pm. Do come and bring the family. Prices are held for the fourth year running at £1.50 each (under 5s free). There will also be a **Best Guy** competition.

Help with the bonfire would be appreciated at 10.30am both on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th at the playing field.

Chip Tip

Ken Shrimpton

Weeding under trees and shrubs in the outer reaches of the garden can be time consuming and offers little in the way of reward for a job well done. One solution is to hoe the area during the autumn and then spread 3 to 4 inches of wood chip; this will keep the area free from weeds for a season or two and at the same time will act as a mulch. The problem with this idea is the high cost of wood chip, but for residents of this parish there is a low cost solution!

In the churchyard is approximately 5 cu. metres of wood chip waiting to be carried away. Help yourself to as much as you require and donate a £1 towards the upkeep of the churchyard. When it ceases to be effective as a weed barrier it can be dug in and will then form a compost. This is an Ouse News exclusive offer.

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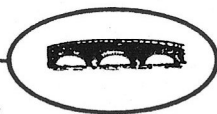
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Women's Institute

Our speaker this month was Mrs Helena Kent who gave us a fascinating and entertaining account of her travels to the South Sea Island of Papua New Guinea 10 years ago. She was visiting her daughter, a VSO worker, who was living in the inaccessible and primitive highland area in the heart of the island, where cannibalism was still being practised!!! Luckily for us she survived to tell the tale, which she did with insight, vitality and humour. "The second worst holiday photo" was judged by Mrs Kent to be won by May Mills, with Isobel Buckingham a close second!

May Mills

Next month Mrs Boddington will demonstrate "Crackers for all occasions" and the competition will be a gift to Fairfield.

Don't forget: bric-a-brac and books for the Autumn Bazaar; coffee evening at Celia Hulatt's (with raffle and bring & buy, friends welcome); coach trip (a few places are left, phone Anne Airton on 782080); Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea.



Wanted - House to Rent

Please reply to Box 1
c/o the Editor.



Marriage Announcement

On September 30th at
Gulval Parish Church, Penzance,
Anna Claire Rhodes to
Simon Jeremy Morris.

Red Cross News

We are holding a Christmas Coffee Evening in aid of Rwanda at 7.30pm on Friday 10th November at Greenfields, Pavenham Rd. Everyone is welcome!

Sue Whiting

A standard first aid course will be held at Sharnbrook Upper School on Tuesday evenings from January to April. Anyone interested should contact Margaret Anderson on 782413.

Autumn Bazaar

November 11th at 2.30pm

in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund

Games
Produce
Tombola
Crafts
Bric a Brac
Raffle
Tea
Books
Gifts
*Competition

There will be street collections for any donations you may wish to make to the above stalls. Alternatively bring them to the hall on the day or contact Rosemary Brough (782104), Anne Airton (782080) or Gill Greenish (782559).

* Competition:

under 9s colouring
9+ design an ice-cream sundae

Win the ice cream of your choice at Polly Flinder's Ice Cream Parlour in Bedford. Entry forms from Gill Greenish price 25p (which will be donated to church fund).

Local Agenda 21 in Felmersham & Radwell

Seventeen people from Felmersham & Radwell attended a meeting on the 10th October to start developing an Action Plan for the village. The meeting was facilitated by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC), with Nic Hutchins, the new Agenda 21 Field Officer keeping things moving.

The first thing on the agenda was to identify some of the good things about living in Felmersham & Radwell. In a one minute brainstorm the following list was drawn up: Smallness; Closeness to Bedford; Community Spirit; River; School; Church; Pubs; Proximity of nature reserve; Peaceful; Caring Village; Nice circular river walk.

The meeting then split into four groups to come up with an Action List of concerns - the complete list is shown in the table opposite. (It is by no means closed. Nic will be happy to add new concerns to it on a continuous basis. Call her at BRCC to add yours.)

Following a short talk on Agenda 21 and sustainability the Action List was prioritised. Voting then took place involving each person taking five dayglo sticky dots and placing them next to their five top concerns.

The group started to look at ways to move forward four of these issues taking the top three highscorers first.

No shop or Post Office

The idea for a community shop in the village is already moving forward with a committee setup. An application has been submitted for a grant to the Countrywork scheme.

No permanent playing field

Issues identified:

- ownership of cricket field
- lease lengths
- possibility of one combined field
- expansion near school

Action - suggest the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee liaise with the BRCC on forming a working group to try and move forward.

Loss of clubs

Possible lack of interest because of wrong clubs.

Action - include something in newsletter to identify needs. Put on Agenda of Village Hall and Playing Field Committees AGM on 27th November.

Welcome Pack

It was agreed that a Welcome Pack (which includes a What's On and Who's Who) is needed in the Village. A group of three people agreed to take this idea forward, with information starting to be collected at the school by Jayne Dingley, the Headteacher, already. It was agreed to meet again to address more of the concerns in approximately 6 weeks, with an emphasis on looking further into the future and addressing some issues from a more global perspective.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 28th November 15, 8pm at Pinchmill Hall, Felmersham.

More information is available from Nic at BRCC on 01234 838771.

Concerns about Felmersham & Radwell

Votes	Action List
12	No permanent sports field
12	No shop or post office
11	Closure of several village clubs eg Badminton, Drama, Bowls etc
9	Recycling facilities
5	Thurleigh Development
6	Traffic speed through village
4	Lack of low cost housing
4	No Welcome Pack
4	Lack of forward planning for development (an awareness issue). Also including the control of expansion.
3	Footpaths and bridleways obstructed and unmarked
2	Lack of car parking facilities at school
2	Not enough use of river
2	Roads not smooth enough
2	Environmental impact of new services
2	Destruction (and management) of trees and hedgerows
1	Remote playing field
1	More protection of gravel pits at Radwell
1	Route of Clapham bypass
1	Less community spirit
0	Vandalism
0	Poor public transport
0	Only one pub in Felmersham
0	Untidy bus shelter
0	Utilise church morej
0	Noisy fishermen in Radwell

Parish Diary

December

- Sat 2 10.30am Coffee Morning (Joan Thomas, Willow Lodge, Grange Rd)
 Sun 3 10.15am Choral Communion (Advent Sunday, ASB 424, Dick A)
 Sat 9 "Hampers & Champers" Christmas Dance (Pinchmill Hall)
 Sun 10 10.15am Choral Communion (Advent 2, ASB 430, Margaret A)
 3.00pm Christingle Service
 W.I. Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea (Pinchmill Hall)
 Sun 17 10.15am Choral Communion (Advent 3. ASB 434. Don G)
 Tue 19 W.I. (Pinchmill Hall)
 Sun 24 11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS (ASB 441. Church Wardens)
 Mon 25 10.15am Family Communion (ASB 447 Margaret A)
 Sun 31 10.15am Said Holy Communion (1st after ASB 452. Rosemary B)

January 1996.

- Sun 7 10.15am Choral Communion (Margaret A)
 Mon 8 7.30pm PCC meeting Pinchmill Hall
 Sun 14 10.15am Family Communion (Brownies)

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

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

Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

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Church News

Douglas Claypole White

I will celebrate Choral Communion on 3rd, 10th and 17th December at 10.15am. There will be no Family Service on the second Sunday but will be having a Christingle Service at 3pm on 10th December. This is a lovely service intended for small children but there is no age limit, up or down. All are very welcome. Money raised at this service will be donated to the Children's Society. Our Carol Service will be at 5pm on Sunday 17th December. After the service, sherry and mince pies will be served in the Church.

As Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, there will be no service in the morning but will hold our usual Midnight Mass starting at 11.30pm. Then on Christmas Day, I will celebrate Communion at a Family Service starting at 10.15am. The service on the Sunday after Christmas, 31st December, will be a said service of Holy Communion starting at 10.15am. The organist and choir will have their traditional well earned Sunday off duty!

Our Christmas Bazaar raised over £600 for our Restoration Fund. My thanks to the organisers: Rosemary Brough, Gill Greenish and Anne Airtton, to everybody who manned a stall and helped in so many other ways including with the refreshments and of course to all of you for supporting it.

We are looking for a volunteer to lead the Carol Singing around the village. If we are able to find one, we will probably be singing around the village on Tuesday 19th December. Any money collected will be donated to charity. If you are willing to volunteer please have a word with myself or any member of the PCC.

Cantamus are holding a Christmas concert at 8pm on the same evening, Tuesday 19th December. Full details appear elsewhere in this issue.

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

Church Cleaning

Anne Airtton

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helps with the Church cleaning. I would also be very grateful to hear from anyone else prepared to join our rota in the New Year.

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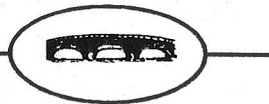
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Village Fireworks Display

Brian Smith

A near perfect night and a good turnout (over 300) contributed to a most enjoyable event. We made £124 profit for Village Hall Funds and also shared the profit on refreshments of £44 with Playgroup. The Best Guy competition results were:

- 1st Mark Sutherland and Nick Spoor
- 2nd Rachel & Christopher Dilley and James & Hannah Farthing
- 3rd Ben & Lucy Just
- Good effort: Sian, Rhys & Amy Davis and Rupert Earl, Tamsyn Stephenson

Thanks to all who contributed their time and effort to make the evening such a success.

Save The Children Fund

Ronald & Judith Smith

There has been much in the press recently about the degree to which charities benefit from the sale of Christmas cards. For the record, SCF cards and goods are sold at a profit margin of 50% of the retail price and from which no expenses are deducted. The only factor that reduces the profit is cards left unsold, which is why catalogue orders we receive are so useful. This year the sales at Leaways amounted to £600.00 and we sincerely thank all those who supported us. We still have a range of cards in stock if you find that you need 'top ups'.

This year Tim Grant-Jones will be playing his piano outside the Goldington Road Tesco on Thursday 21 December and the Clapham Road Sainsbury store on Saturday 23 December from 9am to 6pm. As in previous years we ask for your help as a volunteer collector for an hour or two at either store. If you can help, please contact Ron or Judith on 781430 or at Leaways. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you will be doing something positive for children whose needs are so great and whose hope lies in the work of the Fund

Christmas Dance

Brian Smith

All the tickets are now sold and the committee have decided to provide complimentary cocktails in a 25 minute "Happy Hour" starting at 7.30pm sharp. Razz Club will strike up at 8pm. There will also be a fun raffle so bring some 'sterling' with you.

Women's Institute

May Mills

November's meeting was busy with reports from members: our President and Mary Freeman had attended a superb lunch at Bletsoe, dedicated to the memory of Pat Woodfine; Margaret Alleway and Truus Boyce gave an entertaining account of their weekend at Denman College; Valerie Sexton amused us with her tale of a competition she had won in "Home and Country".

Last month's Bring and Buy raised £14.14, the President's coffee evening raised £64.45. Competition prizes for best wrapped gift were: 1st May Mills; 2nd Reneé Whitbread; 3rd Hazel Sidebottom. Mrs Boddington gave a timely demonstration on the art of making crackers. She explained how the cracker had evolved from paper wrapped sugar almonds to the product we have today, through the ingenuity of a Victorian confectioner's apprentice, Tom Smith. Her creations were a feast for the eyes and eclipsed shop-bought crackers for ever!

Next month is our Christmas Party when we will be entertained by 'artistes unknown'. The competition is a Christmas table arrangement.

Parish Council Meeting

Nancy Fagence

At the meeting on 7th November discussions included the following points:

- o Mrs Daphne Payne to be asked to take on the responsibility of Clerk.
- o Vegetation around stand pipe at Moor End/Collets Lane has been cut back.
- o Jubilee Lawn could be registered in 1997 following 20 years public use. Enquiries about Millenium Lawn (other side of the slipway) are being made
- o Mrs Dingley will collect information for the village Welcome Pack.
- o Centenary celebrations went well but suggestion of pollarded limes was not well received. County tree specialists to be consulted about different options.
- o Replacement seat at Dropshort to be pursued.
- o Subsidence at Dropshort and Town Lot Lane to be pursued.

Boxing Day Walk

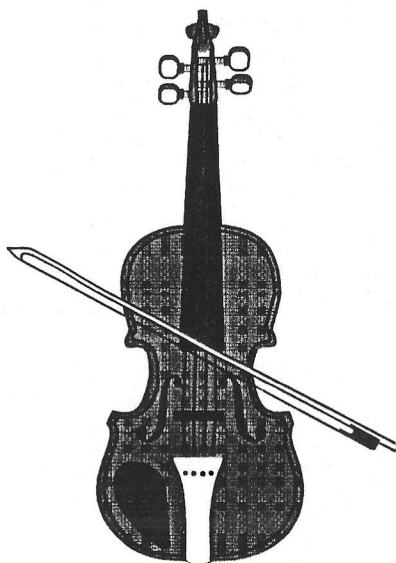
Anne Airton

I would like as many people as possible to join us for a Boxing Day walk. Meet at Felmersham bus shelter at 10.30am, come rain or shine, for a 4 to 5 mile leisurely strollalong.

Thanks

Clive Just

I hope I speak on behalf of all villagers in thanking Steven and Maureen Miasek for all their efforts in keeping the Six Ringers open over the last few months.



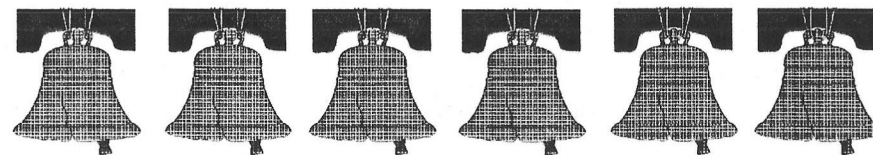
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Cantamus at Christmas

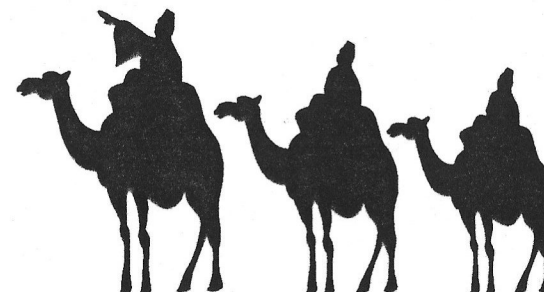
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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to all Ouse News readers*

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday, 16th December, ready for the Carol Service the next day. As always, we need lots of holly and ivy, especially the variegated kinds and many hands to put it all up! If you would like to help, please let me know as soon as possible. If you have greenery to spare could you please leave it in the church porch on the Friday?

Children's Society

Anne Claypole White

Our box collections this year came to £138.50. Thank you to all box holders. If anyone else would be willing to have a box, please let me know. It is a fairly painless way of contributing to a very worth while cause.

Poppy Appeal

Fred Turner

The poppy collection amounted to £169.65 in Radwell and £152.47 in Felmersham making a total of £322.12. There was a church collection of £25 and donations to the War Memorial wreath amounted to £28.

I would like to thank all those who donated to the appeal with a special thanks to the collectors: Mrs C Hulatt, Mrs M Mills, Mrs M Leach, Mrs G Stevenson, Mrs S Evans, Mr D Horsford and Mr D Hulston, and also The Sun and The Swan.

Red Cross

Sue Whiting

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our coffee evening for the Rwanda Appeal, we raised £225.

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School News

Jayne Dingley

Pinchmill Lower School is collecting cans for re-cycling. There are two large bins in the school playground where cans may be deposited. Last year the school came second in a can collecting competition and we are looking for first place this year. Please help us by bringing your empty cans down to school or give them to one of our own pupils who will bring them.

The money we are raising will be used to develop the school grounds. The children would like to attract more insects and birds into the grounds so that they can observe and study their life cycles and habits. The school already possesses a couple of bird feeders which are attracting a regular set of robins, blue tits and great tits. If anyone could help us to acquire a bird table we would be able to offer a wider variety of food. If you can offer us any help or advice please contact 01234 781371.

Playfield Equipment

Brian Smith

The contract has been awarded and delivery is imminent. Installation is scheduled for early December and will involve the use of heavy equipment so the field will have to be closed for safety's sake. Signs will be displayed and these **must** be observed.

Please make sure your children are aware of the dangers and that they keep off the playing field whilst work is underway.