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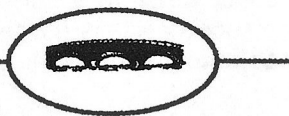
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Parish Diary

From the Parish Register

12th December Funeral - Violet Canon
14th December Funeral - Robert Lane

January 1996

Sun 7 10.15am Choral Communion (1 after Ep'ny, ASB 465, Margaret A)
Mon 8 7.30pm PCC meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 13 10.30am Coffee Morning (Judith Smith, Leaways, Grange Rd)
7.30pm Trivia Schmivia Quiz (Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 14 10.15am Family Communion (2 after Ep'ny, ASB 469, Brownies)
Fri 19 10.30am Cygnet Appeal Coffee Morning (Meadowbank, Pav'm Rd)
Sun 21 10.15am Choral Communion (3 after Ep'ny, ASB 474, David K)
Sun 28 9.00am Light House Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
10.15am Matins (4 after Ep'ny, ASB 478, Sally C)
11.20am Said Holy Communion. (Ken S)

February

Sat 3 10.30am Coffee Morning (Mrs Folbigg, Old School House, High Rd)
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Sun 11 10.15am Family Communion (8 before Easter, ASB 492 Brownies)

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My thanks to Viv Melville for organising our Christingle Service and to Rosemary Brough and Gill Greenish for helping her and the Brownies for making up the Christingles. We raised £67.76 for the Children's Society at the service.

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

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White.

My hearty thanks to the small but dedicated band of helpers who transformed the Church for Christmas.

Particular thanks go to the Lighthouse group for the lovely tree decorations; to the Melville and Greenish families for decorating the tree and arranging the crib; to Ron and Judith Smith for erecting the trees and putting the lights on them; to George and Anne Airtton for putting the candles in and decorating the holders; to Mary Birks, Sue Whitehouse, Emma Robinson, Jessie Marsh, Edna Turner, Pat Hartop, Celia Hulatt, Renee Whitbread, Margaret Alleway and Maggie Spoor for their truly seasonal arrangements and finally to Ken Shrimpton for the basic mechanics and electrical connections which made it all possible!

Trivia Schmivia

Mark Overett

Join us for a night of useless information, gossip and fun at the PSA's trivia night, raising funds for new playground equipment for the school.

Get together a team of 4 to 6 players (or just bring yourself and we'll put together a team for you) and you could win tickets to see the recording of the 'Barrymore' show at LWT ... or loads of other prizes including cd's, music videos, books and more! The fun starts at 7.30pm, Saturday 13th January in Pinchmill Hall.

Tickets available for £2.50 per player from Gill Greenish 782559 or Ruth Barrett 822046.

Women's Institute

May Mills

Who killed Santa Claus? The question kept us guessing at our Christmas get together, thanks to Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Youth Group. To our delight, Carole Murton led 46 talented youngsters, from age 6 and upwards, as they performed a series of improvised sketches leading to the mysterious death of a very unconventional Scrooge-type Santa Claus.

Business was kept to a minimum except to report on the success of the Senior Citizen's Tea Party. Despite inclement weather an appreciative audience of hardy souls enjoyed some Christmas cheer provided by Janet Welsh and Laurie Mills. The food went down rather well too!!

The competition was won by our President Celia Hulatt; 2nd Dorothy Galliver; 3rd Jane Wells. Next month subscriptions are due (£12.50) and new members are most welcome

[If you want to know who killed Santa Claus you'll have to ask May - we believe this matter to be sub-judice. Ed.]

Cygnets Appeal

Mary Freeman

Your are invited to a Coffee Morning to be held on Friday 19th January from 10.30am at the home of Mary Freeman, Meadowbank, Pavenham Road. It is in aid of the **Cygnets Appeal** which is raising money for a new Maternity and Children's Unit at Bedford Hospital to be completed in May 1996.

Coffee and biscuits £1, Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall. I hope you and your friends will support this appeal run by the Bedford Hospitals Charity.

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Christmas Dance

Brian Smith

It was a most enjoyable and successful evening with Razz Club playing all the favourite tunes to a full house. The hall was beautifully decorated and the pre-dance cocktails got the evening off to a splendid start. The village hall made nearly £200 profit including the proceeds of the 'fun' raffle. Thanks to all.

Six Ringers

Mark & Jane Ward

Thanks to everyone who sent good wishes and cards and for those who have put up with the 'novices' over the first month.

Forthcoming events:

Friday January 26th Fawlt Towers Evening - £12.50 for a 3 course meal

Are you brave enough to attend this function. Maximum of 20 diners so book early for this gastronomic challenge. Tel. 781353

Sunday February 18th Pancake Breakfast followed by Pancake Race

Ladies, men and children's races. Bring your own frying pan - race entry pancakes provided. Will the 'Tossing Tarts' return?

Thanks (again)

Clive Just

Owing to technical reasons this item was truncated last month!

As well as thanking the Miaseks for keeping the Ringers open, Charles Wells should have been thanked for not preventing the Six Ringers from remaining as a public house.

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Local Agenda 21 - Felmersham and Radwell

A 2nd Open Meeting for the parish was held on 28th November. It allowed people to add any more concerns to the Local Agenda 21 Action Plan and discuss the way forward on many issues.

A summary of those discussed follows.

PLAYING FIELD

The concern about no permanent site for the playing field is being moved forward by the Parish Council.

LOSS OF CLUBS

Requests were made about 4 clubs, and information passed on to those others that might be interested.

- These included -
- Bridge Club - meets already at Pinchmill.
 - Ramblers Club - there are already some walks organised in the village, however there was interest in a more regular group.
 - Gardeners Club - perhaps based at allotments.
 - Literary Club.

WELCOME PACK

Work has started on this, and it is hoped to be completed by the end of January.

WILDLIFE GARDEN

The school is planning a wildlife area for the grounds with an emphasis on planting food for wildlife.

YOUTH CLUB

There is a need to identify adults that are willing to help run the Youth club on a Friday evening. Nic Hutchins has also been invited to return to the Youth Club to run a workshop on the needs of youth in the village.

RECYCLING

Recycling banks are available however, there was discussion about the site for them. A suggestion was made about a regular collection coming from Sharnbrook Upper School where they already have banks, and the school makes money from recycling. This is being investigated further with discussion about whether there still needs to be a central collection point in the village.

The problems of hazardous/toxic waste disposal such as car oil and paint was brought up, with the recommendations that there should be a Local Authority collection of these materials. A village composting scheme based at the allotments, and perhaps run by a Gardeners Club was proposed as a method of dealing with organic waste. Nic Hutchins will talk to the Borough Council to see if any incentives are available, and investigate grant schemes for funding.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Nic Hutchins will contact the Traffic Calmers at County Hall to explain the process, and then pass them on to the Parish Council.

LOW COST HOUSING

The Rural Communities Charity, housing association and Parish council have been investigating sites that might be a possibility for six dwellings.

FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Most are in not too bad a state, however one is particularly bad and needs clearing. There is already a P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) group in the village, and Nic will speak to the P3 officer on how to take things forward.

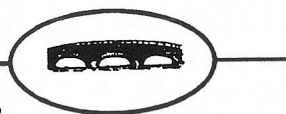
SWIMMING POOL

the school has difficulties funding the pool, and feels it should be used more regularly throughout the summer. Grants may be available for it if it was owned by the village rather than the school, which would allow it to be used throughout the summer holidays. The school, Parish Council and Village Hall committee will meet to discuss the possibilities.

As this pilot project draws to a close, it was suggested that an exhibition or Open Day could be held in early February to highlight the projects that are underway in the village, and promote Felmersham and Radwell's Action Plan for the 21st Century.

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Wed 14 7.45pm Village Hall Committee AGM (Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 18 10.15am Choral Communion (7 before Easter, ASB 497 Don G)
12.15pm Pancake Races (The Six Ringers)
Tue 20 7.30pm Women's Institute (Pinchmill Hall)
Fri 23 **Skips in Felmersham & Radwell**
Sun 25 9.00am Light House (Pinchmill Hall)
10.15am Matins (Lent 1. ASB 506 Richard P)
11.20am Holy Communion. (Ken S)

March

- Sun 3 10.15am Choral Communion (Lent 2, ASB 510 Margaret A)
Tue 5 7.30pm Parish Council Annual Assembly (Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 9 10.30am Coffee Morning (Mrs J Knowles, Long Mynd, Pavenham Rd)
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My thanks to Fred Turner who has made and presented us with a lovely wooden cross and candlesticks to go on the Altar when we are not holding a service.

Trivia Schmivia

Gill Greenish

Pinchmill School's Trivia Quiz was a great success thanks to the hard work of Mark and Cathy Overett researching and presenting the evening's entertainment. The success was two fold: in attracting a full house with many people not associated with the school; and raising almost £320 for playground equipment. Thank you for your support. We are also grateful to the Six Ringers, Pemberton bookshop, and Helen Tingey who donated prizes and Mark Leach who helped with the equipment. Our next event will be a Family Barn Dance on 26th March.

PC Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

During the past week I have been in touch with the present owner of the Cricket Field, with a view to the Parish purchasing it for public use in perpetuity, as a commemoration of the millennium. The good news is that there is a strong possibility that the field will be available for purchase; however the bad news is that the price is likely to be very high, since developers already have their eye on it.

I am now therefore making enquiries of organisations who are trying to acquire millennium money from the lottery funds - for example the Countryside Commission and the Sports Council - and I haven't ruled out a direct approach. However, I believe that we should be able to raise some of the funds ourselves. If anyone is prepared to start the ball rolling (in principle!) please give me a call; to put the matter into context the project will be well into six figures!

Frogs and flights of fancy!

Young people are invited to monitor the progress of frog spawn, tadpoles and froglets in their own area using Bhs Frogwatch survey packs. Special packs (£1 each, 50p for Watch members) are available on 18 February from Bhs stores around the country. The information collected by the children will be used by Cardiff University who are investigating the possible effects of world change on frog numbers.

Fancy a trip in a glider over the ancient woodlands of Waresley & Gransden or a flight over Cambridge in a private Cessna, then look no further than the Wildlife Trust's grand Auction of Promises and Collectables at Hinchingsbrooke House, Huntingdon on 28th February at 7.30pm! Buy a catalogue (£2.50) and gain entry to a treasure trove of bargains and an evening packed with excitement and entertainment with our special guest, DAVID BELLAMY. If you can't get there, why not make a postal bid Phone (01223) 846363 for details.

Sunday 11th February 'Get Hopping'. Watch (children's) group find out about frogs that live at Randalls Farm, near Stewartby. 3 - 5pm. Contact: Beni Wright on 01234 768742

Cygnnet Appeal

I would like to thank everyone for their generous support in helping to raise £136.40 at my recent coffee morning held in aid of the Cygnnet Appeal. The money raised will be used for the new children's and maternity unit at Bedford Hospital. Again many thanks.

The Wildlife Trust

Crossroads comes to Bedfordshire

Carers will now have the additional support of the Bedfordshire Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme. Crossroads is a national charity providing practical relief for those who are caring for someone, and need time off for themselves.

The Scheme can provide help day or night, where and when it is needed, but they need to recruit and train local people to become aid Care Attendants. Nursing experience is not essential and hours are flexible. Own transport is essential and telephone desirable. Care Attendants are paid in line with other similar service providers. If you are interested in applying or are a Carer who needs help, please contact Mrs Shirley-Ann Woodward on (01525) 841472.

W.I.

Most of us had no idea what to expect from our talk entitled "Two Dimensions" and were even more intrigued at the arrival of two identically dressed gentlemen!! No, Roland King and Jeff Moorbey are not a comedy duo but presenters of an audio-visual show comprising photographic slides accompanied by music. Mid-winter gloom was dispelled as we lost ourselves in wide-ranging scenes encompassing the four seasons; Yorkshire and Derbyshire Dales; flowers, cats, butterflies; and ending with truly magical views of Western Scotland.

Three intrepid members will be braving the intellectual rigours of the W.I. Quiz in order to defend our win of last year. They are: Maggie Spoor (again), Christine Linley and Margaret Leach. Good Luck!

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PARISH COUNCIL

CHEESE and WINE PARTY

SIX RINGERS, SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 1996, 8 pm

ALL WELCOME - NO CHARGE!

Cheese provided, plus a free glass of wine
to the first thirty guests!

Everyone welcome to the last of the
Parish Council's Centenary Celebrations !

Pinchmill School Association

Family Barn Dance

16th March, 6.30-10.30pm

Pinchmill Hall

Tickets £5 adults, £2.50 children
including Supper, Licensed Bar

Raffle, and Prizes for best dressed adult and child

Contact Ruth Barratt 822046 or Gill Greenish 782559

Sponsors Wanted

Mary Whiting

I am currently in the 6th form at Sharnbrook Upper School and will be leaving at the end of June after sitting 'A' levels. Before entering higher education I will be spending 12 months in Zimbabwe as a volunteer on a teaching placement with an educational charity called Project Trust. Their aim is to provide young people with an opportunity to help others and at the same time discover life outside Europe.

The cost of sending a volunteer abroad for a year is £3450 of which Project Trust raise £500 - the rest I need to raise through fund-raising, sponsorship and my own earnings.

I am planning on carrying out many sponsored events leading up to my departure at the end of August. I would be most grateful of any support or donations you could offer me. If you would like to find out more please feel free to contact me at Greenfields, Pavenham Road (781662). Watch out, I will probably be visiting you with my sponsor form!

Pinchmill Playgroup

Joy Davies

Sadly, due to vandalism, a few of our trikes have been broken. If anyone has any spare trikes (to donate or sell) for ages 2-5 years, in good, safe condition we would be most grateful. Please contact me on 781332 if you can help.

The Six Ringers

February 18th - 'Pancake' Day

11am Breakfast Maple Syrup Pancakes or
Traditional English Breakfast

12.15pm Races Men's, Ladies' & Children's
Sunday Roast Dinners as usual

March 17th - Mothers' Day

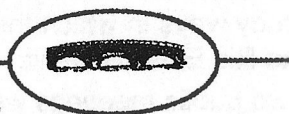
Soup, Roast Dinner, Sweet - Adults £5.75, Children £4.00
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| Sun 24 | 9.00am Light House Meeting | (Pinchmill Hall) |
| | 10.15am Matins | (Lent 5, ASB 524, Sally C) |
| | 11.20am Holy Communion | (Ken S) |
| Sun 31 | 10.15am Palm Sunday Choral Comm'n | (ASB 527, Rosemary B) |

April

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| Fri 5 | 7.30pm Good Friday - Devotional Service 'The Cross of Christ' | |
| Sat 6 | 10.30am Coffee Morning | (Viv Melville, 63 De Parys Av, Bedford) |
| Sun 7 | 10.15am Easter Day Choral Communion | (ASB 574, Dick A) |
| Sun 14 | 10.15am Family Communion | (1 after Easter, ASB 604, Brownies) |

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On the 4th Sunday, 24th March, at 10.15am we will have a service of Matins from the Book of Common Prayer. This will be followed at approximately 11.20am by a short service of said Holy Communion.

Palm Sunday is on 31st March when I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

As in previous years I would be grateful for help in making up the posies for Mothering Sunday on 17th March. If you would like to help please contact me in good time.

It is also time to think Easter lilies. These have to be ordered well in advance so if you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one please let me know as soon as possible.

Sue Ryder Group

Dorothy Galliver

The group would like to thank everyone who supported the Edwardian Dinner so generously in January. St John's, Hospice, Moggerhanger are extremely grateful to receive the profit of £513.24.

Autumn Show

Maggie Spoor

We will be holding an Autumn Show again this year on Saturday 14th September in Pinchmill Hall. Surely we can't have a drought two years running - not that last year's was a handicap to many entrants!

Schedules will be available soon so watch this space.

Stella Gough

It was with great sadness that we heard of Stella's death but we carry in our minds very fond memories of the 18 years she spent among us in Felmersham.

The church was important to her. She held many offices and gave her time and talents willingly to support St. Mary's. She enjoyed her W.I. membership and made friends quickly. The activities of the movement always attracted her interest. Her well known sense of humour often came to the fore and was much appreciated.

She was an early member of the Sue Ryder Group because she felt strongly about St John's and worked readily for many years. In the same way she found time to serve in the Save the Children shop.

All that she did illustrated her commitment and at the same time her infectious cheerfulness. We send Don and the family our sincere sympathy.

W.I.

May Mills

W.I. by proxy this month, thanks to Mother Nature! Congratulations to our quiz team on their success in reaching the second round of the competition. Any queries with reference to "W-Eye" should be directed to Celia Hulatt. Those attending the Group Meeting on March 6th should contact Mary Freeman regarding transport arrangements.

There will be a bring and buy stall at March's open meeting, when Ken Shrimpton will speak on an aspect of local history. Guests will be very welcome.

Dorothy Galliver

Community Twenty One

Ken Shrimpton

Felmersham and Radwell parish in association with Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity have been working together on a pilot project to study ways in which the local community can help towards the aims of the Rio Earth Summit.

Two public meetings were held in the parish where the aims of the Rio Summit were discussed and how we, in Felmersham and Radwell, can contribute towards those aims as we enter the 21st century. The discussions centred on ways of improving the quality of our lives in the parish, but at the same time making the way in which we live our lives more sustainable.

Many ideas were discussed, including the results of the Parish Appraisal, and they form the basis of *COMMUNITY Twenty One*, an exhibition to be held in the church from Saturday 23 March to Sunday 21 April 1996. The church will be open from 9-30am until dusk each day so please find time to drop in and have a look. To open the heavy church door, pull the door towards you and then turn the handle.

This project is supported by Bedford Borough Local Agenda 21 Community Working Group which is made up of local government, business and voluntary sector representatives.

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Take Aways - Thursday & Saturday between 5 - 7.30pm

Phone orders on 781353 or just turn up

Fish & Chips or Chicken & Chips £3.00

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Scampi & Chips £3.50

Spaghetti Bolognese or Chilli with rice/chips £3.95

MARCH WILDLIFE - HARE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW!

Hares are the hotted-up hatchbacks of the animal world. Their powerful hind limbs, tipped with two 15cm-long feet, can take them from nought to 45 miles per hour in a matter of seconds and they can still corner on a sixpence!



Despite their prowess of acceleration, hares can disappear in the blink of an eye, even without moving, as they prefer to press themselves flat against the ground rather than run. The objective is a sure way to confuse a predator, but which can end in tragedy if the hare is unable to tell the difference between a tractor and a fox. Most activity occurs at dawn, dusk and night. In winter they keep to woods, moving out to fields to breed.

Folklore talks of the 'Mad March Hare', especially in the children's book Alice in Wonderland. However, boxing pairs of 'mad March' hares are not two competing males, but annoyed females slapping their over-zealous suitors!

Sunday 10 March Tree Dressing with Randalls Farm Watch Group at the Farm nr Stewartby 3-5pm. Phone Beni on 01234 768142

Wednesday 13 March Join the Bedford local group for a talk on the Burren by Sean Karley. Meet at the Visitor Centre, Priory Country Park, Bedford at 7.30pm. Phone 01234 871086 for information.

Friday 15 March Join the Sharnbrook group for an illustrated talk on woodland flowers with Peter Walker, one of the Trust's wardens at the Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook at 8pm.

Saturday 16 March 'Butterflies' talk at Cranfield Lower School at 8pm
Contact: 01908 583097 for further details.

Wednesday 27 March 'The Brilliant Kingfishers' - illustrated talk by Barrie Marsh. 7.30pm at Maulden Church Hall (next to church) Join the Ampthill & Flitwick group, phone 01525 752647 for details.



To join the Wildlife Trust, telephone 01223 846363. You can either join over the 'phone or ask for a Membership leaflet

Parish Diary

From the Parish Registers

20th February	Funeral - Stella Gough.
1st March	Funeral - Jack Eaton.
8th March	Funeral - Cynthia Felce
17th March	Baptism - Tessa Elizabeth Priano

April

Fri 5	7.30pm	GOOD FRIDAY - The Cross of Christ (devotional service)	
Sat 6	10.30am	Coffee Morning	(Karen Stokley, Midwicket, Pav'm Rd)
Sun 7	10.15am	EASTER DAY Choral Communion	(ASB 574. Dick A)
Mon 8	12.00	EASTER MONDAY Hunt the Bunny	(The Six Ringers)
Sun 14	10.15am	Family Communion	(1 after Easter. ASB 604. Brownies)
Sun 21	10.15am	Choral Communion	(2 after Easter. ASB 610. Don G)
Tue 23		St George's Day Celebrations	(The Six Ringers)
	7.30pm	Women's Institute AGM	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 28	9.00am	Light House	(Pinchmill Hall)
	10.15am	Matins	(3 after Easter. ASB 615. Richard P)
	11.20am	Holy Communion	(Ken S)
Mon 29	7.30pm	Annual Church Meetings	(Pinchmill Hall)

May

Sun 5	10.15am	Choral Communion	(4 after Easter. ASB 619. Margaret A)
Tue 7	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 11	10.30am	Coffee Morning.	(Mary Watson, Plantations, Ravensden)
Sun 12	10.15am	Family Communion.	(5 after Easter. ASB 624. Brownies)
Mon 13	7.30pm	PCC meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)

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April 1996

Church News

Douglas Claypole White

On Good Friday, 5th April, we will be holding our usual devotional service of hymns and readings at 7.30pm. Then on **EASTER DAY**, Sunday 7th April, I will celebrate Choral Communion starting at 10.15am.

On Sunday 14th April, I will celebrate communion at our Family Service. Then on the following Sunday, 21st April, I will celebrate Communion at 10.15am at a Choral Communion Service.

On the 4th Sunday, 28th April, there will be a service of matins from the Book of Common Prayer starting at 10.15am. This service will be followed at approximately 11.20am by a short service of said Holy Communion.

My thanks to everybody for making the posies which we handed out to the children at our Mothering Day Service. My thanks also to Jessie Marsh for giving us the book marks which were handed out with the posies.

Our annual meetings will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 29th April in the committee room at Pinchmill Hall. The first meeting is to elect two church wardens. Anybody who is on the local Government electoral roll may attend and vote at this meeting. Directly after this meeting we will hold our annual general meeting to elect members to the PCC, elect two representatives to the Deanery Synod, receive the church electoral roll, the audited accounts and the reports from the officers. Anybody who is over sixteen years of age and a confirmed member of the Church of England may be nominated to serve on the PCC. The voting at this meeting is restricted to those of you who are on the church electoral roll.

After the annual meetings, we will hold a short committee meeting to appoint a lay Vice Chairman, an honorary Secretary and an honorary Treasurer.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, 6th April. Please let me if you would like to help. Baskets may be left at the back of the Church before Saturday.

Children's Society

Anne Claypole White

There will be a house to house collection in Felmersham and Radwell between 13th and 27th April. The Society exists to help children and young people in need irrespective of race, colour or creed. Please contribute what you can if you receive an envelope - every little helps! We also need more collectors. Please contact me if you are able to help.

Save The Children Fund

Ron & Judith Smith

For whatever reasons the Fund's income has dropped to the point where projects are having to be shut down at a time when the distressing needs of so many children are increasing. Can you help? Every year Tesco nationally set aside the Friday and Saturday for collections outside their stores by SCF volunteers. We need volunteers on Friday and Saturday 26th and 27th April to act as collectors for an hour or so at the two Bedford stores. If you can help, please let us know at Leaways, Town Lot Lane, Felmersham or ring 781430.

Pinchmill School News

Jayne Dingley

It has been several issues since a piece from the school has been in Ouse News. The months seem to come and go quickly for the children and the staff!

The pupils have a very clear vision of the kind of environment they wish to live in. The recycling schemes we have established at school are a positive way of contributing to a greener world.

The can recycling scheme has been running for a year now and it's success continues month by month. Thank you to all those of you who bring us your empties. Two paper banks have also been sited on the school premises and one is almost full already. You are welcome to bring all papers and magazines for recycling. (Sorry no envelopes or brown paper).

Finally we are still collecting Sainsbury's vouchers, collection points at school and at Pavenham Post Office.

Fisherman's Mission

Sue Whiting

Thank you to all those who supported and helped with the collection which raised £84.72.

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Community Twenty One

Ken Shrimpton

Don't forget to visit the Community Twenty One Exhibition in St Mary's church. The Exhibition is open during April at the following times:

Saturday 9-30am to dusk

Sunday 12-00pm to dusk

To open the heavy church door, pull the door towards you and then turn the handle.

Monday to Friday the church is locked however the key is available from either: 8, Trinity Close or "Peacehaven" The High Road.

The exhibition shows how the local community can help towards the aims of the Rio Earth Summit (Agenda 21) and is produced by Ken Shrimpton and Maggie Spoor in association with Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity. Additional exhibits are from Celia Hulatt and Christine Linley (WI), Jayne Dingley (Pinchmill School) and Glenda and Paul Davis (Parish Paths Partnership). Please find time to drop in and have a look..

This project is supported by Bedford Borough Local Agenda 21 Community Working Group which is made up of local government, business and voluntary sector representatives.

Recycling at Pinchmill

Ken Shrimpton

As a result of the Agenda 21 initiative Pinchmill School has installed Newspaper and Aluminium Can Banks at the rear of the school. The school has already bought planters and bird tables using funds raised by the sale of waste aluminium cans. Please help your local school and the environment by using the recycling banks.

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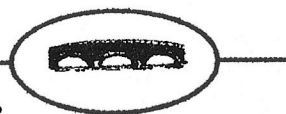
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Forthcoming events:

Usborne Books - Wednesday 17th April 10 - 5 pm - raising money
for CLIC (Cancer and Leukaemia In Childhood)

Tea Dance - Monday 29th April 2.30p.m.

Dreamtime Workshop - Saturday 4th May 2 pm - 8-12 year olds,
learn to play the didgeridoo.

Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE APPEAL

Appeal No. 164B2

Macmillan Nurse Care in the Community

A new Appeal will shortly be launched in the area to fund three further Macmillan Nurses - below are a few more details. At this stage support from people who may be willing to arrange events over the next two to three years to help raise funds for this appeal would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me should you wish to discuss this possibility or need any further information.

Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund is a national charity devoted to caring for people affected by cancer. At the heart of our work are the Macmillan cancer care nurses, of whom there are now over 1,400. We have also supported a whole network of cancer and palliative care services throughout the UK including specialist cancer care centres, grants for patients in need, Macmillan doctors, a nursing and medical education programme and a recently introduced Macmillan Carer and Family Support schemes. In addition, we offer information direct to patients and families through four associated charities.

In North Bedfordshire there are already two Macmillan nurses but the needs of people affected by cancer cannot be met without more specialist Macmillan support. The Charity has been asked to help with an increase in demand throughout the area. There is a need to provide a specialist Macmillan Team Leader and another community-based Macmillan nurse. This is part of Macmillan's continuing campaign to improve cancer and palliative care services in North Bedfordshire.

Macmillan is launching the North Bedfordshire Appeal (No.164B2) for £300,000 to enable these nurses to be provided and to allow for further enhancements to the service. All monies raised by this appeal will be spent on Macmillan services in the Region. This is a local Appeal the address for which will be:

Macmillan Appeal Office
3 Linden Road
Bedford MK40 2DD
Tel: 01234 273074

If you require any further information or are able to help raise funds by arranging an event, please contact me.

John Gregg - Appeal Manager
(01234) 273074

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Freda Burns

Police Aware! Parents Beware?

Following investigations into accidents involving children going to or coming from school it is obvious there is a great risk to **YOUR** child's safety. This has led us to take extreme measures to reduce risks. Starting in the Spring Term we **WILL** be attending schools on a regular basis and we **WILL** be issuing Fixed Penalty Tickets for vehicle obstruction offences. We need **YOUR** help to reduce accidents and play your part in protecting your own children.

PC Adrian Keep

Parish Footpaths & Bridleways

Much has been done recently to keep our local footpaths accessible and well maintained, especially through the Parish Paths Partnership (P3). Contact me if you want to know more about the scheme. It is part of our wonderful heritage to be able to walk the lovely footpaths and bridleways within this area and we hope that all will be able to enjoy them. To help keep good relations with the landowners please remember to keep to the designated walkways and not to wander onto crops or private land. It is also important to keep dogs under control. Enjoy the countryside but also consider the Country Code.

Glenda Davis

Womens' Institute

Did you know that once upon a time Felmersham had its very own fish and chip shop? Or that evidence of Anglo-Saxon burials was found on the site of The Plough? Ken Shrimpton's enthusiastic and informative talk on our village history offers us many such pearls! He gave us tasters from Edward Arpin's diary; an overview of Felmersham's 1766 Enclosure Act; a description of the 1608 Beating of the Bounds; and an account of various archaeological finds in Trinity Close and The Plough.

A touching letter was received from Don Gough in gratitude for our donation to Save the Children Fund in memory of Stella.

Judith Smith reported on a hugely enjoyable Group Meeting in Riseley, where the musical talents of the Grant-Jones were a revelation. We were pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs P Gershon. Next month is the AGM.

May Mills

The Six Ringers

Easter Monday - Hunt the Bunny

A light hearted walk around the village answering questions to find the 'Bunny'. All correct answers will be entered into the prize draw.

50p per family - from midday

St George's Day - April 23

'Proud to be English Day'

3 Course English Dinner lunchtime and evening. Evening piano playing by Margo - come along and sing

Sundays - now full snack menu too
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NORTH BEDS RURAL

We regret that due to reductions in the Beds. County Council budget North Beds. Rural Action Point is now closed. If you have problems with County Council services contact your local County Councillor J. Devenish on 840301.

Parish Diary

May

Sun	5	10.15am Choral Communion	(4 after Easter, ASB 619, Margaret A)
Mon	6	10.00am Bicycle Ride	(The Six Ringers)
Tue	7	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat	11	10.30am Coffee Morning.	(Mary Watson, Plantations, Ravensden)
Sun	12	10.15am Family Communion.	(5 after Easter, ASB 624, Brownies)
		11.30am Beating the Bounds Walk	(Bus Shelter)
Mon	13	7.30pm PCC meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Thu	16	8.00pm Deanery Ascension Day Holy Comm	(St Peter, Harrold)
Sat	18	7.30pm Garland of Songs	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun	19	10.15am Choral Communion (Sun after As'n Day, ASB 632, David K)	
Tue	21	7.30pm Women's Institute	(Pinchmill Hall)
Fri	24	10.30am Sue Ryder Coffee Morning	(Riverside House)
Sun	26	9.00am Light House	(Pinchmill Hall)
		10.15am Matins	(Pentecost, ASB 635, Sally C)
		11.20am Holy Communion.	(Ken S)
Mon	27	10.00am Ramble	(The Six Ringers)

June

Sat	1	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Sue Whiting, 'Greenfields', Pav'm Road)
		2.30pm Bowls Club Open Day	(Sharnbrook Bowls Club)
Sun	2	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity Sunday, ASB 640, Dick A)
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There will be a deanery communion service on Ascension Day, 16th May, at St. Peter's, Harrold. The service will start at 8pm. The preacher will be Prebendary John Pearce.

My thanks to the collectors and everybody for supporting our house to house collection in aid of the Children's Society. There will be another house to house collection in the week from 12th to 18th May in aid of Christian Aid. Please give generously.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter lilies and to the dedicated band of helpers who decorated the church so beautifully in spite of the challenges posed by the late spring!

Please note that the new flower rota is now up. (On the small board in the porch). Please sign up sooner rather than later if you would like to help with the altar flowers. Thanks to the cool, damp atmosphere flowers last very well in the church, so it makes sense to be responsible for two weeks at a time!

Beating the Bounds

Ken Shrimpton

On Sunday 12th May we will meet at the bus shelter at 11.30am. This year, by way of a change, we will take a different route heading across the fields to Odell, through the Country Park, over Harrold bridge and more fields to Chellington church, up to Monks Wood, along the Pavenham ridge to Pavenham Road returning to Felmersham. This is a 7 mile walk so please wear stout shoes or boots and bring a packed lunch. Everybody is invited to join in on this family walk, last year 29 people came along. If, however, you feel that 7 miles is too far for your family, then why not arrange to be picked up at the Country Park car park (2.7 miles) and spend a few minutes at the Visitors Centre? I look forward to seeing you on the 12th.

PC Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

This month I should like to concentrate on the state of tidiness of our Parish. Firstly I must compliment the W I for their participation in the National Spring Clean-up which took place on April 12-21, which has given the Parish a definite face-lift. I should also like to congratulate the W I for the improvements to the Village Green area by the bus shelter, which they have refurbished to commemorate their 75th anniversary in June.

I have also had some interesting correspondence from members of the Parish about dog mess. The Parish Council has debated the topic regularly over several years, and has reached the corporate decision that the installation of "dog bins" in the parish would not tackle the problem of selfish dog owners who leave the messes their animals create all over the villages. If an owner is not prepared to take the necessary measures to collect their dog's excrement, then Council cannot see that provision of bins will improve the situation. More radical solutions need to be found, and the Parish Council is much heartened to hear of new Government legislation, proposed for this year, which will enable Parish Councils to declare our villages as Clean Areas. This will, we believe, give Parish Councils for the first time powers to introduce byelaws to prosecute and fine people who defile our streets; hopefully this will act as a deterrent to those antisocial beings who allow their dogs to defecate where they will!

Your Parish Council thinks that it is disgraceful that many of our dog owners are prepared to spoil the environment of our villages, and endanger the health of our children, through sheer antisocial behaviour. Although we remain unconvinced about the benefits of bins, we shall do all we can to eliminate this nuisance.

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Women's Institute

May Mills

Can it really be that one whole year has passed
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In its role? For truth to tell,

With one voice we say "Didn't they do well!!!"

The Annual General Meeting brought no fear
of co-option, persuasion or election, so we hear -

Sighs of relief were heard on every hand,

Hurrah! For another year, to a woman, they agree to stand!!

Myths of the deadly nature of past AGMs were banished as members enjoyed a relaxed and fun April meeting. A VCO, Mrs Sheila Bradley, oversaw the official proceedings and afterwards told us about her duty as County Group Secretary. The Denman College bursary was drawn as follows: Margaret Leach, Jane Wells, Marjorie Pipe, Celia Hulatt, Mary Freeman, Kanzy Zaki. Commiserations to our quiz team who fell at the final hurdle! A very taxing pictorial competition was won by Hazel Sidebottom. We welcome a new member Marigold Sykes. Next month, in order to add some spice to the resolutions meeting, there will be a 'surprise tasting'. If you have a favourite dish (anything, home made or bought) bring it along together with the recipe.

Sue Ryder Group

Dorothy Galliver

On Friday 24th May we are holding a Coffee Morning from 10.30 - 12 noon at Riverside House, the home of Tom and Jane Wells. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and a Raffle as usual. Coffee and biscuits £1. We will be pleased to see you there.

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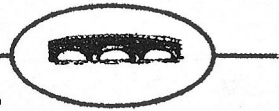
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Church Restoration

Normally we raise our funds for restoration work through events organised by the PCC. However, this year we are going to repeat the very successful formula used during the West Front Appeal. We are asking individuals, or groups, within the community to help by using their talents to organise events designed to generate income for our church restoration fund. The PCC has agreed to suspend, for one year, all traditional fund raising events such as fetes, bazaars, open gardens, etc. (except coffee mornings, which will continue) and instead to encourage and support you in your fund raising activities.

Our generation can take pride in the knowledge that we have helped to preserve our very fine church. However, over the next few years we will need to raise approximately £25,000 to continue this process of preservation and this is why we are asking for your help. If you are willing to participate, in any way, please contact either David Knowles (781549) or Stephen Hill (781064) or Ken Shrimpton (781381).

Sharnbrook Bowls Club

The club is actively seeking new members, with or without previous bowling experience. Coaching will be given. If you are interested in an inexpensive sport which offers exercise combined with convivial company and is capable of being played at various levels from beginner to County champion then this is for you. There is no finer place than a bowling green on a warm summer's day and you can bowl indoors during the winter so it is an all year round sport.

The Open Day on 1st June from 2.30pm will allow you to receive some basic tuition and to try out bowling along with others of the same standard so do come along. To allow us to cater for the number who may come along please let me know if you are interested - phone 7821073.

Barbara Curry

The Six Ringers

Monday May 6th - Calorie Free Cycle Ride

Leave the Pub at 10.00am to cycle either 10 or 16 miles.

Enjoy that lunchtime pint even more knowing you have earned it.

Saturday May 18th - Cornish Night

Home made pasties followed by saffron cake and clotted cream.

Bookings please. £7.50 per head

Sunday May 26th - Breakfast at Tiffany's (well, The Ringers)

A choice of continental breakfast: croissant, cold ham, cheese & coffee £2.75 per head or 'Full English' £3.50 per head. Served between 9.00 - 10.30am

Monday May 27th - Ramble

A circular walk leaving at 10.00am and returning 12.30pm approx.

Tuesday May 28th - Six Ringers Golf Day

Phone landlord for details of this or any other event on 781353

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**Saturday 4th May - Animal
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Magazine Cover

No one has yet designed a front cover for Ouse News. Please let me have any entries ASAP - you might even win the prize!

Clive Just

Sue Ryder Group

Despite the miserable weather, friends from the village and more distant areas came to the coffee morning at Riverside House last week. We would like to say a warm thank you to everyone who gave and bought so generously. Several donations were given from folk unable to come which helped to reach the pleasing result of £219.87. This will be gratefully received by St. John's.

Dorothy Galliver

Parish Diary

June

- Sat 1 10.30am Coffee Morning (Sue Whiting, 'Greenfields', Pav'm Road)
2.30pm Bowls Club Open Day (Sharnbrook Bowls Club)
- Sun 2 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity Sunday, ASB 640, Dick A)
- Sun 9 10.15am Family Communion (Trinity 1, ASB 645, Brownies)
- Sat 15 2.00pm Odell Scouts Jumble Sale (Odell Village Hall)
- Sun 16 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 2. ASB 650. Don G)
- Sun 23 9.00am Light House Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
10.15am Matins (Trinity 3. ASB 655. Richard P)
11.20am Holy Communion (Ken S)
- Wed 26 10.30am WI Coffee Morning (Perch Heights, Carlton Rd)
- Sun 30 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 4. ASB 661. Rosemary B)
3.00pm Project Trust Garden Party ('Greenfields', Pav'm Road)

July

- Sun 7 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 5. ASB 666. Margaret A)
- Mon 8 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
- Sat 13 10.30am Coffee Morning Joan Hughes, 'Stonehaven', High Rd
- Sun 14 10.15am Family Communion (Trinity 6. ASB 671. Brownies)

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My thanks to Alan Stevens and his collectors and everybody for supporting our house to house collection in aid of Christian Aid.

At our Annual General Meeting, Ken Shrimpton and Rosemary Brough were re-elected Church Wardens for another year. My thanks to them both for all their hard work last year and for all the support that they have given me.

Messrs Alan Stevens, Stephen Hill, Clive Just, David Knowles, Andy Evans and Richard Phipps together with Mesdames Jane Templeman, Sue Whitehouse, Sally Carr, Pam fforde, Vivienne Melville, Gill Greenish and Anne Airton were elected to the PCC. Alan Stevens and Clive Just were appointed as our representatives on the Deanery Synod. My thanks to the outgoing PCC, including Margaret Alleway who retired from the PCC and to Sue Whitehouse and Margaret Alleway for acting as our Deanery Representatives in recent years.

My thanks to our organist Pam fforde, the choir, the bell ringers, the readers, The Brownies for leading us in our prayers at our Family Services, Clive Just as the Editor of Ouse News and to him and his helpers for their work with the Light House Group, Anne Airton and her helpers who clean the Church, our Servers, Stephen Hill, Sarah Carr, Judith Templeman and Rosalind Templeman, everybody who helps with the church flowers, Margaret Alleway for organising our coffee mornings and everybody who hosted a coffee morning, Ken Shrimpton and his fund raising committee, Derek Walmsley for auditing our books and our accounts, to all who helped with our harvest tea and our fund raising events and last, but not by any means least, to our Verger, George Brown, who cycles to Felmersham from Bedford in all weather.

At the PCC meeting which followed our AGM 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 all their hard work in the previous year.

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Charity Envelopes

Judith and Ron Smith

Not at home when the envelope was collected? Would like to contribute but don't know who to contact? We will ensure your contribution is passed on if you leave it at Leaways - corner of Grange Rd/Town Lot Lane or ring 781430.

Organisers do your bit - please let us know who you are!

PC Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

For the past ten years and more, your Parish Council has been concerned at the impact which social trends, and in particular the housing market, have been having on our community. The Parish is getting older; we have lost our shop and Post Office, and until recently the numbers of children in the school have steadily declined. A major reason for these trends has been the lack of housing in the Parish which is at a price acceptable for young people with small families.

Consequently we have been trying to find a suitable solution to the problem, through the construction of a small number of houses through a housing association, for rent or partial purchase. The main problem has been to find a suitable piece of land for the houses which is outside the village envelope, is reasonably accessible, and whose owner is prepared to release without unacceptable strings attached.

We have at last found such a piece of land, and an option to purchase has been taken on it. Immediately beyond the playing field at the school, it is proposed in principle that four houses and two bungalows be built, for the priority use of people with a link to the Parish - the so-called "section 106 agreement". Now that the land has been identified, things should move quite quickly, but we are determined the project should proceed with maximum consultation with the parish. There will be a public meeting to discuss the proposal before the end of the Summer, but meanwhile your Council would welcome any comments you would care to make.

Homewatch Summer Tips

Joan White

What a wonderful display of colour! You must have worked hard on such a lovely garden. Everyone likes a compliment and a chat about the garden, but while you are being taken in by the "admirer" at the front gate, their accomplice is taking your possessions out the back door. LOCK IT!

Dreaming of drinks in the garden? Love BBQs in the sun? Burglars too like the summer. With doors and windows open it is easier to carry out a quick burglary, often whilst the family are in the garden. If you can't see that open door or window, shut and LOCK IT!

Six Summer Savers

- o Use upper windows to air the house. Secure ground floor quarter lights with a locking stay. Fit locks to larger windows that can be reached.
- o Don't leave doors or windows open when you are out....even in the garden.
- o Leave a radio on and the garage door shut and locked, even when you pop out for an ice cream, quick drink or a newspaper
- o Lock ladders away if you aren't up 'em! A burglar only needs four minutes.
- o Close curtains when you put the lights on. Your valuables are on show!
- o Check doorstep sellers very carefully! Bogus hairdresser, peat sellers and fish sellers are about in Bedford just now.

GET THE BENEFIT 1996 CAMPAIGN

BRIEF

On a low income? Perhaps facing redundancy or unemployment? Or are you sick or disabled or looking after someone who is?

To help people with independent benefit advice, BRIEF (Bedfordshire Rights and Information Exchange Forum) are holding another series of special advice sessions during their annual benefit campaign in June. Held at 16 different venues across the county between Monday 17 and Friday 28 June, their aim is to give as many as possible an opportunity to check on whether or not they are entitled to claim any benefits.

During last year's campaign sessions alone, nearly 700 enquiries resulted in a potential benefit increase of almost £200,000. With over £2 billion of welfare benefits unclaimed every year, it is a continuing concern to local advice agencies that many people still do not claim benefits or which they are entitled to.

"Too many people let the benefits maze confuse them. Some people simply do not know these benefits exist and that they could claim them. Often the claim forms themselves are off putting and people need to be told of the advantages of making the claim," says Wendy Hughes, Welfare Rights Information Officer, Bedfordshire County Council. "We aim to make things easier and give advice on how to make the right claim."

Advice can be found at many venues including the following:

BEDFORD Church Square, Wednesday 19th June, 9.30am-4.00pm;

CLAPHAM Village Hall, Thursday 20th June, 2.00pm-4.00pm

For further information contact: Wendy Hughes, Welfare Rights Information Officer on (01234) 270222 ext.5214

Pinchmill Lower School

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Jayne Dingley

The staff and pupils would like to express their thanks to everyone who is supporting our collection of Sainsbury's vouchers. We have so far collected an amazing 4,500 vouchers. This number moves us steadily towards our target of 6,900. The aim of our collection is to purchase a technology trolley which is fully equipped with tools, but beware, if we meet our aim we may be looking for willing volunteers to help us in our design and technology projects!.

On a more sombre note I would like to call upon the community to help us in our endeavours to combat the petty vandalism and misuse of the school and grounds. It is clear from the evidence regularly found that the school property is suffering a high degree of trespass. The damage (minor so far) is repaired using money that all of us as taxpayers have contributed to the funding of Education. The cost of repairs to the building is money taken from the resources budget for our pupils.

Please inform the police if you see any activity in the school grounds or on the school roof which may be construed as causing a nuisance or damage. Our Police contact is PC 159, Mark Jessup on Bedford 271212.

Project Trust

Sue Whiting

We are holding a fund raising Garden Party on Sunday 30 June from 3pm-6pm at Greenfields, Pavenham Road. There will be side shows, various stalls, teas, ice cream and a raffle. Everyone welcome.

If anyone would like to make a cake, give plants or contributions for the white elephant stall we would be very grateful.

Thank you to all of you who supported Mary with her parachute jump - she raised £1500 in sponsorship.


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Children's Society

Anne Claypole White.

A big thank you to all who contributed to the recent door to door collection and to the collectors: Renee Whitbread, Alan Stevens, Stephen Hill, Judith Smith, Betty Taylor, Truus Boyce and Sue Whiting. The total raised was £174. 75.

Womens' Institute

May Mills

Would you urge the government to reinstate realistic student grants or increase the availability of N.H.S dental treatment? Would you like to see "Skills for Living" included in the National Curriculum? These were resolution topics discussed at length, following their presentation to members by Judith Smith and Val Sexton. The diversity of opinion was reflected in the eventual voting, consensus being achieved on only one resolution. Our "Surprise Tasting" was perfectly designed to silence the debate - an array of delicious foods to be sampled with favourite recipes available if desired. Congratulations to Jennifer Knowles who was on the winning team in the golf competition, which she entered with Mary Watson - we were delighted to welcome another new member Carol Barford.

There will be a coffee morning at Perch Heights the home of Kanzy Zaki on Wednesday 26th June at 10.30 am. Bring and Buy, and Raffle. Everybody welcome - come and enjoy Kanzy's lovely garden! If you would like to join our coach trip on 6th July to the Gardens of the Rose, St Albans please contact Celia Hulatt as soon as possible on 781778.

Jumble Sale

Helen Rose

The 51st Odell Scout Troop is holding a jumble sale in Odell Village Hall at 2pm on Saturday 15th June. Please contact me (781448) if you have anything you would like us to collect.

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Quiz Car Rally

There will be a quiz car rally on 1st September for all the family followed by tea at Pinchmill Hall. Fun and prizes galore. All proceeds will go to the Church Restriction Fund. More details next month.

Parish Diary

From the Parish Registers

13th July Funeral Ron Harris.

July

Sun 7 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 5. ASB 666. Margaret A)
Felmersham Gravel Pits Open Day
Mon 8 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
Fri 12 8.00pm Teechers by Swan Theatre Co (The Six Ringers)
Sat 13 10.30am Coffee Morning (Joan Hughes, 'Stonehaven', High Rd)
7.00pm Red Cross Barbecue (Spinners Ingle. Sharnbrook)
Sun 14 10.15am Family Communion (Trinity 6. ASB 671. Brownies)
Fri 19 Six Ringers Olympics (The Six Ringers)
Sun 21 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 7. ASB 676. David K)
Sun 28 10.15am Matins (Trinity 8. ASB 681. Sally C)

August

Sun 4 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 9. ASB 685. Dick A)
2.30pm Sue Ryder Charity Cream Teas (The Six Ringers)
Sun 11 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 10. ASB 691. Margaret A)

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Church News

Doug Claypole White

On the first and third Sundays, the 7th and 21st July, there will be Choral Communion at 10.15am. On the second Sunday, 14th July we will have our usual Family Service at 10.15am. On the fourth Sunday, 28th July there will be a service of Matins from the Book of Common Prayer starting at 10.15am. There will be no communion service after this service.

Red Cross Week

Sue Whiting

Many, many thanks to all those in our area who gave so generously. I am sure many people will benefit in our county as a result of this.

Red Cross Summer Barbecue

Sue Whiting

On Saturday, 13th July 1996, at 7 pm we will be holding our annual barbecue at Spinners Ingle, Kennell Hill, Sharnbrook. Tickets are available from me and are £5 for adults and £3 for children and senior citizens. If you are interested please contact me on 781662. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Light Factory

Liz Dodwell

This is the name to be given to the SUMMER HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY CLUB which is being organised by Odell church (with helpers from several other local villages including Felmersham) over the period July 27th to August 4th.

In the morning the younger children will be busy at Pinchmill School attending their own Factory where they will be making things (machines) and generally working in creative and fun ways. In the afternoons mainly outdoor activities are being organising for children of all ages - tennis, golf, a cycle ride round Grafham Water and fun activities in and around the Harrold/Odell Country Park. In the evenings there will be events for all the family.

All children at Pinchmill School received a copy of the brochure giving full details. Please read it and support this enterprise, either by taking part, by helping, by donating some money and/or by praying for it. If you haven't received a brochure Clive Just has some copies or phone me on 720640.

Arthritis & Rheumatism Council

Jennifer Knowles

The house to house collection raised £174.80. Many thanks to all who contributed and also to the collectors: Mary Freeman, Lesley Gani, Sheila McKenzie, Karen Stokley, Betty Taylor and Renée Whitbread.

Felmersham Gravel Pits Open Day

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire is holding an open day at Felmersham Gravel Pits, SSSI, on Sunday 7th July from 11am to 5pm. There will be a marked up nature trail and experts will be on hand to guide visitors around and explain how the gravel pits came to be a nature reserve and what that means for wildlife.

A wide variety of habitats have developed around the lakes. This mixture of habitats is ideal for wildlife, supporting a large assortment of plants, insects and birds. The pits are particularly noted for dragonflies.

Do make a special effort and come and visit - it would make a great stroll after a Sunday lunch! Or you can bring a picnic and make a day of it! The event is FREE. For further details contact The Wildlife Trust on 01234 364213.

PC Chairman's Notebook

David Smith

I have recently received a letter from Bedfordshire Police, advising me of the existence of Neighbourhood Special Constables, and recommending that we might benefit from one in the Parish. These Special Constables are based in the Parish, and are only expected to carry out duties within the Parish; this makes them different from regular Specials, who can be called to duty anywhere in the County. Our Neighbourhood Constable would regularly patrol the Parish on foot providing a visible police presence; would provide community safety advice; would support the neighbourhood watch scheme, and would support the regular police officers in the region.

If there is anyone who would be interested in becoming our Neighbourhood Constable, or would like more information, please contact any member of the Parish Council, or Inspector Davidson at Kempston, tel Bedford 842400

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Every five years the PCC is required by law to have the church inspected by a qualified architect whose report categorises the required restoration work from 1 to 6 (this is known as the quinquennial inspection). Our last inspection was in April 1994 and we have already attended to the category 1 work, which was the most urgent, and we now propose to make a start on category 2. The first phase involves repairing the North and South Clerestory windows (they are the large windows along the top of the nave) and the Chancel windows. This will cost approximately £25,000 of which we have already raised £7,000 towards the target.

One of the great spin-offs from fund raising is that it increases the social life in the parish and it is this social contact with our neighbours that is one of the attractive features of a rural community. So what are we waiting for, let's get socialising!

Tidying up the Churchyard - Working Party

Ken Shrimpton

*Beneath those rugged elms, that yew tree's shade,
Where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap,
Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep.*

From Gray's Elegy

Your help is needed to tidy up the Churchyard on Saturday 13th July, 10.00 to 12.00 - refreshments provided. Please come along with your gardening tools, eg. gloves, secateurs, trowel etc. I look forward to seeing you, rain or shine!



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Since we are now into the second half of the life of this current Parish Council, it is the right time to start thinking about possible "new blood" for the next session. We always try to find enough candidates for there to be an election in order to give you all a choice in who represents your interests. If anyone might be interested in standing for election in 1998, or would like to know what being a Parish Councillor entails, why not come to a PC meeting as an observer? They are every two months on the first Tuesday in the month - the next is on 2 July at 7-30pm.

Harrold Twinning

Did you know that Harrold is twinned with Sainte Pazanne, a lovely town in France in the southern Loire, a little inland from the beautiful beach of La Baule? The signs are now up at all the points into the village to remind everyone! Small groups from Harrold and Ste Pazanne have visited each other over the past year, primarily to participate in the twinning ceremony in France and the affirmation ceremony in Harrold last September.

The benefits of a twin town in France are open to all in surrounding villages not just for people living in Harrold. A central activity is the exchange trips now set up between children of Sharnbrook High School and the Ste Pazanne College and this will involve children from a wide catchment area locally. A group of children from Sharnbrook spent their half term break in Ste Pazanne, improving their French and making new friends at the same time.

The Harrold Twinning Committee encourages awareness in the twinning concept by organising various social activities centred around a French theme if possible. We now have a wine appreciation society and regular wine tasting evenings throughout the year. The safari supper and our St Valentines wine and cheese evening have become annual events in our social calendar.

We are planning a long weekend to Ste Pazanne 27-29th September. Cost £70 per adult, £50 per child under twelve. We need to confirm numbers by end of July so if you are interested please contact us as soon as possible. Remember all local villagers are welcome! For further information please contact: Collette Bridgman (01234) 720720 or Mary Snow (01234) 720762

Mary Snow

The Six Ringers

Friday July 12th - Swan Theatre presents 'Teechers'

A half hour comedy sketch in the pub garden starting at 8pm.
B.B.Q. will be available after. (NB Changed from Saturday).

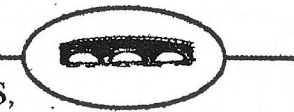
Friday July 19th - Six Ringers Olympics

Our own pub olympics - Darts, Shove Ha'penny, Shut the Box, Petanque, Horseshoe Pitching etc. Just turn up and enjoy the fun.

Boule Competition will run in late July and early August - please sign up on the pub notice board.

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Women's Institute

Christine Linley

On 18th June the Felmersham and Radwell Institute celebrated their 75th birthday with a dinner at Clapham Golf Club. On a perfect summer evening we welcomed the County Chairman, Mrs Parker, and a former County Chairman Mrs Nash, to celebrate with us. The meal was excellent followed by cake baked by Mary Heald, decorated by Renée Whitbread and was cut by Miss Marjorie Rootham. As entertainment, members gave readings from old minute books. In June 1931 the competition was for a knitted item from 2oz of wool - someone managed to make a jumper (size unspecified). May Mills had written two poems especially for the occasion; these caused much hilarity. The W.I. would like to thank Geoff Hulatt who drove the Villager and acted as group photographer. Celia Hulatt was presented with a basket of flowers for all her hard work.

We sadly said farewell to Dorothy Holborrow who is moving to Norfolk.

We hope you have all noticed the improvements in the flower bed by the bus stop in Felmersham. The W.I. are doing this to mark the anniversary year.

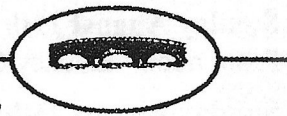
Quinquenials and Clerestories

Ken Shrimpton

Following the note in the May edition of Ouse News a number of people have expressed interest in supporting the scheme to raise funds for church restoration. You will recall that we asked parishioners either individually or as a group, to organise and run a fund raising event. We are not necessarily looking for big events (although that would be very acceptable!) because we have found in the past that every fund raising activity whether large or small, makes an impact on our restoration account. For instance during the West Front Appeal several people organised a dinner party and invited their friends along for an enjoyable evening whilst at the same time asking them to contribute to the Restoration Fund. This is just one of many ways in which you could help raise funds. If you would like to "have a go" at fund raising then please contact David Knowles (781549) or Ken Shrimpton (781381).

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Sun 11 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 10, ASB 691, Margaret A)
Sun 18 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 11, ASB 696, Don G)
Sun 25 10.15am Matins (Trinity 12, ASB 700, Richard P)
11.20am Holy Communion (Ken S)

September

- Sun 1 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 13, ASB 706, Margaret A)

Sun 8 10.15am PATRONAL FESTIVAL (ASB 797, Church Wardens)
11.30am Heritage Walk - meet at bus shelter
Mon 9 7.30pm PCC meeting (Pinchmill Hall)
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Church News

Doug Claypole White

On the first, second and third Sundays, 4th, 11th and 18th August I will be celebrating Choral Communion at 10.15am. As August is in the holiday period, there will be no Family Service on the second Sunday. On the fourth Sunday, 25th August there will be a service of matins from the Book of Common Prayer starting at 10.15am. This will be followed at approximately 11.20am be a Service of Said Communion.

Please make a note for your diary that our PATRONAL FESTIVAL is on the 8th September at 10.15am. The preacher at this Choral Communion service will be Rev'd John Phipps. We will be joined by the parishioners of St. Peter's, Sharnbrook.

W.I.

May Mills

Spouses beware: No ironed shirts or dinner on the table? - then perhaps our speaker is to blame! Mrs Sylvia Mitchell, a reflexologist, encouraged us to succumb to our negative and resentful feelings during the course of her rollercoaster ride through the vast field of alternative medicine. She barely stopped for breath as she enthusiastically expounded the benefits of Bach Flower Remedies and Tea Tree Oil, and explained how indispensable a man's handkerchief is - but that's another story!

Val Sexton gave an account of the NFWI's Intermediate General Meeting at Cardiff, which was impressively well organised and completely lacking in damaged auras and unbalanced vibrations!

Please come to our Coffee and Dessert Evening next month, by kind invitation of Gina Gunn, at Wills Farm, Town Lot Lane, where you will be assured of a warm and positive welcome!

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Stephen Hill

The fifth annual sponsored cycle ride organised by the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust takes place on Saturday 14th September. Cyclists choose their own route visiting local churches, so you can make the ride as long or as short as you like. Sponsorship proceeds are divided equally between the Trust and the church of the rider's choice. This is an ideal opportunity to exercise yourself and your bike while contributing to St Mary's restoration fund. Please contact me (781064) if you would like a sponsorship form or further details, or would like to volunteer to assist at the church gate checking through passing riders.

Amnesty International

In the recent house-to-house collection £50.94 was raised. Many thanks to all in Hunts Lane, Grange Road and Marriotts Close who contributed

Pat Jones

September Heritage Walk

Ken Shrimpton

A 7 mile walk through the Woburn Estate where you may see, amongst other animals, elephants, lions, giraffes, and bison. The walk will take us through the 3000 acres of deer park and give superb views of the estate and Abbey.

We will meet at Felmersham bus shelter on Sunday 8 September at 11.30 am, drive to Woburn and park in the car park opposite St. Mary's church. We will leave the car park at approximately 12.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch, wear stout shoes or boots and be prepared for changeable weather. There will be a £2 charge per adult (children free) with 50% going to Felmersham Church Restoration Fund and 50% to Beds. and Herts. Historic Churches Trust. All are welcome on one of the prettiest walks in the county!

Churchyard Tidy-up

Ken Shrimpton

A big thank you to Roy Durston, Andy Evans, Stephen Hill, and Tom McCready who gave up their Saturday morning to tidy up the churchyard.

Restoration Quiz

Chris & Maggie Spoor

When you are bored with people watching on the beach or watching the grass grow in the garden, why not turn to a Restoration Quiz Sheet - for a £1 you can enjoy a "quiz with a difference". Quiz sheets available from Chris or Maggie Spoor at Corn Close, Church End and entries to be returned to them by 31 August.

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The Six Ringers

Sunday August 11th - Children's Day

From noon - Bouncy Castle, Races, etc. Children's Menu £1.50

Sunday August 25th - Bank Holiday Sunday

Breakfast 9am - 10.30 am

Bank Holiday Monday August 26th - Farewell to Summer

BBQ and Village Treasure Hunt - on bicycles!

Sign up at the pub for scratch Tennis Tournament

St Mary the Virgin, Carlton

Patronal Festival

"Flowers in a Country Church"

Sat 7th Sept 11am - 5pm, Sun 8th Sept 1pm - 5pm

The Albany Consort

A choral concert directed by Patricia Laslett

Saturday 7th September, 8pm St Mary's, Carlton

Tickets £4 (children 50p) from Carlton P.O. and PCC Members

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 10.15am Matins (Trinity 16, ASB 719, Richard P)
 11.20am Holy Communion (Ken S)
 Sun 29 10.15am Choral Communion (St Mich'l, ASB 802, Rosemary B)

October

Sun 6 10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 18, ASB 731, Dick A)
 5.00pm Harvest Evensong (ASB 890, Church Wardens)
 6.00pm Harvest Tea (Pinchmill Hall)

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Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

September 1996

Church News

Douglas Claypole White

My thanks to Roy Hubbard for taking our services in July while Anne and I were away on holiday.

On the first, third and fifth Sundays, 1st, 15th, and 29th September I will be celebrating Choral Communion at 10.15am.

The second Sunday is our Patronal Festival. I will be celebrating Choral Communion at 10.15am. The preacher will be the Rev'd John Phipps. We will be joined by the parishioners of Sharnbrook, Souldrop and Knotting. There will be no Family Service in September.

On the fourth Sunday, 22nd September, there will be a service of Matins from the Book of Common Prayer starting at 10.15am. This will be followed at approximately 11.20am by a service of Said Holy Communion.

Please make a note for your diary that our HARVEST FESTIVAL is on Sunday 6th October. There will be our usual service of Choral Communion in the morning at 10.15am followed by Harvest Evensong at 5pm. After the evening service, there will be a parish tea in Pinchmill Hall at approximately 6pm. I will give full details in the next issue of Ouse News.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White.

I hate to be the one to remind you that summer is nearly over! However it is time to plan for Harvest Festival (October 6th). The church will be decorated on Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th October. We would be very grateful for any contributions of produce (including overgrown marrows!) flowers or Autumn foliage and berries. These can be left at the church on either of these days. If you would like to help decorate the church, please let me know in good time.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Stephen Hill

There is still time to enter the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride on the 14th September. Sponsorship forms and details are available from me on 781064. I am also still looking for volunteers to assist at the church gate on the day.

September Heritage Walk

Ken Shrimpton

Just to remind you of the 7 mile heritage walk through the Woburn Estate on Sunday 8th September. We meet at Felmersham bus shelter at 11.30am, drive to Woburn and park our cars in the car park opposite St Mary's church. We leave the car park at approximately 12.30pm. Everybody is welcome, for further details see last months Ouse News. Please note there is a shorter 4 mile route on this walk.

Thanks

Susan Webster

I would like to thank all parents and friends of Pinchmill Lower School for the wonderful "send off" I was given at the end of term in July. Thank you for the many generous gifts, cards and letters and for the very warm wishes all of which have been greatly appreciated and will be a reminder of the many happy days spent at Pinchmill.

Brownies

Margery Evers

Help! Disaster has struck the Brownies - we are losing our Tawny Owl at the end of October so we need someone to help me (Brown Owl) on Thursday evenings between 6pm and 7.15pm at the Village Hall. No experience needed but someone with even a little knowledge of the Guide movement would be great. For more information ring me on 781018 after 4.30pm, or between 8.30am and 4.30pm on 782211 at Sharnbrook Upper School, Science Department.

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Village Hall

Brian Smith

The Village Hall has been re-decorated and looks really smart. Please help to keep it in good shape after use. For your diary our forthcoming events include: Monday October 28th Village Hall AGM and election of committee; Tuesday November 5th Bonfire and Fireworks; Saturday December 14th Christmas Dance. We are looking for new members to join the committee - please call me on 781443 if you are interested. Newcomers to the village are especially encouraged to make contact.

Bus Timetable Changes

There are a few minor changes to our bus times from 4th September. Timetable leaflets are available at the bus station.

An additional bus to Bedford at 4.38pm (Radwell 4.41pm) on schooldays brings the service level to the best ever with 10 buses per day to Bedford and 9 from Bedford.

Save the Children Christmas Cards

Judith and Ron Smith.

"Christmas!" I hear you groan, "the Summer is hardly over". Christmas starts earlier every year! However, we do offer you coffee on the morning of Saturday 12th October or tea on the afternoon of Sunday 13th October at Leaways, corner of Grange Road and Town Lot Lane, Felmersham, where you can make your selections of cards and gifts in comfort.

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Project Trust

Mary Whiting

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the community who have supported me over the last two months in my frantic quest to raise £3000 for my year ahead. In case you are wondering exactly where all the money will be spent here is a list of expenses which it covers: travel (return air fare £1450.80), one week training and two days debriefing, medical cover, insurance, living costs and administration. Just to refresh your memory I will be leaving for Botswana on 6th September to teach sciences to the students at the Ramatta School and Activity Centre at Kanye which is approximately 85km south of the capital Gabarone. Throughout the year I will be in full time employment but will receive just enough money to live off. I will be sending news of my progress but if anyone would like to contact me my mum will give you the necessary details. Thanks again.

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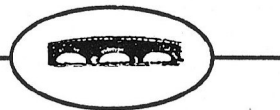
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Parish Diary

From the Parish Registers

7th September Wedding - Lisa Parrish and Timothy Farrand

October

Sat 5	10.30am	Coffee Morning	(Tydfil House, Grange Rd)
Sun 6	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Trinity 18, ASB 731, Dick A)
	5.00pm	Harvest Evensong	(ASB 890, Church Wardens)
	6.00pm	Harvest Tea	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 12	10.00am	Save the Children Sale	(Leaways, Grange Rd)
	7.30pm	Sue Ryder Musical Evening	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 13	10.15am	Family Communion	(Trinity 19 ASB 737 Brownies)
	3.00pm	Save the Children Sale	(Leaways, Grange Rd)
Sun 20	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Last Pent. ASB 748 David G)
Sun 27	9.00am	Light House Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	10.15am	Matins	(9 before Xmas ASB 399 (year 1) Richard P)
	11.20am	Holy Communion	(Ken S)
Mon 28		Village Hall AGM	(Pinchmill Hall)

November

Sat 2	10.30am	Coffee morning	(East Grange, Hunts Lane)
Sun 3	10.15am	Choral Communion	(8 - Xmas ASB 403 Margaret A)
Tue 5		Bonfire and Fireworks	(Playing Field)
Sun 10	10.30am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Matins	
	11.00am	Two minutes silence	(7 - Xmas ASB 408 Ken S)
	11.40am	Prayers at War memorial	
Mon 11	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)

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Church News

Douglas Claypole White

Our HARVEST FESTIVAL is on the first Sunday, 6th October. We have our usual service of Choral Communion at 10.15am and then Evensong at 5pm. After Evensong there will be a parish tea served in Pinchmill Hall starting at approximately 6.15pm. Entry for the tea will cost £1 for adults and 50p for children. Tickets can be purchased on the evening at the door. The harvest produce will be put into a Tombola. The proceeds from the Tombola together with the profit on the teas and the cash collected at both services will then be donated in equal shares to The Bishop of St. Albans Harvest for the Hungry appeal and our own missionary contact, Mission Aviation Fellowship, in Tanzania.

Mary Whiting left for Botswana on the 6th September to take up a post for one year teaching students Agricultural Sciences, Biology and Maths. We send her our very best wishes in her vocational year.

Sadly Paul Keeble has taken up a post abroad and Pat will be joining him at the end of October. My thanks to them both for all they have done for the church which includes serving on the PCC, helping with our family services and singing in our choir. However maybe we should say Au Revoir rather than good-bye as they are planning to return eventually.

After organising our monthly coffee mornings for a number of years, Margaret Alleway has decided that it is time for her to hand over to somebody else. My thanks to Margaret for all the hard work that she has put in over the years. We are now looking for a volunteer to take over from her from Christmas time. It involves finding hostesses for ten or eleven coffee mornings and explaining to any one who has not hosted a coffee morning before, what we do. Margaret has also made a point of helping with each coffee morning, manning the cake stall, collecting the cash and handing it over to the treasurer. This is a very important part of our fund raising for the Restoration Fund. If anybody is interested in taking over from her, will you please have a word with either myself, Margaret or one of the Church Wardens.

We will have our usual Family Communion service at 10.15am, on the second Sunday, 13th October, Choral Communion at 10.15am on the third Sunday, 20th October and 1662 Matins (Book of Common Prayer) at 10.15am on the fourth Sunday, 27th October. The latter will be followed at approximately 11.20am with a service of said Holy Communion. Remembrance Sunday falls on the 10th November. Our morning service will start fifteen minutes later, at 10.30am, on that Sunday.

Babysitting

Babysitting jobs wanted for mature and experienced teenager with First Aid knowledge. Please phone 781724 and ask me.

Clare North

Save the Children

Ronald & Judith Smith

You are invited to coffee from 10am - noon on Saturday 12th October or tea from 3pm - 5pm on Sunday 13th October at Leaways, corner of Grange Road and Town Lot Lane, Felmersham, when Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale.

The Six Ringers

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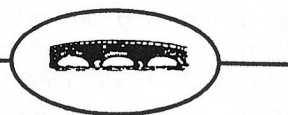
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Pinchmill School News

Jayne Dingley

We are fortunate at Pinchmill School to have the support of the community in many of our projects. Perhaps, for us, one of the most outstanding results has been the great success of our re-cycling scheme. The school received a cheque for £30 in July, the cheque being first prize in the annual competition run by the Borough Council. The efforts of the whole community meant that we collected an average of 236 cans per pupil from September to July! In addition to this prize we receive an average of £30 per term for the cans collected.

The paper re-cycling has also proved to be very popular and once again the school has already benefited by £80. The funds raised enable us to carry out environmental projects which we hope will also benefit the community.

It must be noted too that the response to our appeal for Sainsbury's vouchers has been overwhelmingly generous on the part of parents, relatives, community groups and, it seems, many passing visitors. The school is now in possession of items that would normally be beyond our budgetary expenditure. A technology truck, complete with tools and resources, two C.D. players and several educational games and materials have been added to the school resources. You are more than welcome to come into school during October to see the range of equipment that will be on display in the hall.

Members of the community are always welcome to attend school events, the following dates may be of interest to you. Please feel welcome to telephone school or call in if you would like to know more.
3rd Oct Informal Harvest Service at 2:30 in St. Mary's Church
22 -24th Oct and 4th Nov Book Fair in the school hall - books for children available for purchase.

Finally, I have a further request for help. The next stage of our ground's development involves tree and hedge planting. The 5 trees have been ordered and also the hedging (to span the gap between the existing hedge and the car park gates). The school is committed to preparing the ground in readiness for late November planting. I would appreciate volunteers to help us in this manual work. I hope to arrange a meeting before the end of October. Please tell Mrs. Sandra Nightingale (school secretary) if you are able to offer a couple of hours one weekend soon.

RESTORATION QUIZ ANSWERS

26 Letters of the alphabet	5 Rings on the Olympic Flag
7 Deadly sins	24 Blackbirds baked in a pie
360 Degrees in a circle	200 Pounds for passing Go in Monopoly
147 Maximum break in snooker	20,000 Leagues under the Sea
100 Centimetres in a metre	1 Flew over the cuckoos nest
18 Holes on a golf course	2 Gentlemen of Verona
1000 Mls in a litre	9 Planets in the Sclar System
366 Days in a leap year	1,2 Buckle my shoe
76 Trombones in the big parade	10 Commandments
27 Books of the new testament	39 Steps
52 Cards in a pack	60 Seconds in a minute
7 Pillars of Wisdom	57 Heinz Varieties
12 Signs of the Zodiac	22 Yards in a cricket pitch
7 Brides for 7 Brothers	4 Strings on a violin
180 Maximum score with three darts	4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse

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Children's Society Boxes

Anne Claypole White
Would all box holders return their boxes to me before the end of October please?

Wedding Invitation

Pam fforde

Members of the congregation will be welcome at the wedding of Amanda fforde with Simon Oxley on Saturday October 12th at 1pm. I will not be organist on this occasion - I hope!

Jumble Sale

Hilary Foot

Are you planning an Autumn 'spring clean'? If so, you might be interested to know that there will be a jumble sale at the Village Hall early in the New Year, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. Please bear us in mind as you clear out those cupboards and drawers!

Remembrance Sunday

Fred Turner

There will be a short wreath laying service at the War Memorial at approx. 11.45am on Sunday 10th November immediately following the Morning Service. Will anyone wishing to contribute towards the cost of the wreath please contact me on 781864 or leave your donation at Five Elms, Moor End Road, Radwell.

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Women Institute

May Mills

If you had come upon our meeting unawares you could be forgiven for thinking that, like Alice, you had stumbled upon a Mad Hatter's tea party. Tea cups and tea pots galore - circa 1760-1860 - were the subject of Mr Bert Hockett's slides. He is a commercial dealer and specialist in porcelain of this era, as well as a considerable collector. He was happy to show off his expertise 'antiques roadshow' style by judging our competition. Choosing the prettiest jug from the large selection brought along by members proved no easy task. But the eventual winners were: 1st Carol Barford, 2nd Margaret Leach and 3rd Mary Watson.

There will be a coach trip to London on Saturday 16th November leaving Felmersham at 9.30am at a cost of £6. Contact Ann Airton or Celia Hulatt to book a seat. Friends welcome. What other creature was at the Mad Tea Party besides Hatter and March Hare?? Next month's demonstration provides a clue.

Coffee Morning

Dorothy Galliver

This month's Coffee Morning will be held at Tydfil House, Grange Road on Saturday 5th October at 10.30am. Next month's will be hosted by Jacky Phipps.

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12th October Wedding - Simon Oxley and Amanda fforde

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Sun 3	10.15am Choral Communion	(8 - Xmas, ASB 403, Margaret A)
Tue 5	Bonfire and Fireworks	(Playing Field)
Sun 10	10.30am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Matins	
	11.00am Two minutes silence	(7 - Xmas, ASB 408, Ken S)
	11.40am Prayers at War memorial	
Mon 11	7.30pm PCC Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Fri 15	1.00pm Pinchmill Pre-School Open Day	(Pinchmill Hall)
	7.30pm Red Cross Coffee Evening	(Sue Whiting, Greenfields)
Sun 17	10.15am Choral Communion	(6 - Xmas, ASB 413, David K)
Tue 19	7.30pm Women's Institute	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 24	9.00am Light House Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	10.15am Matins	(5 - Xmas, ASB 418, Sally C)
	11.20am Holy Communion	(Ken S)

December

Sun 1	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent 1, ASB 422, Dick A)
Sat 7	10.30am Coffee morning	(Doris Aitken Peacehaven High Rd)
Sun 8	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent 2, ASB 427, Margaret A)

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Our coffee morning this month is at 10.30am on Saturday, 2nd November, at the home of Jacky Phipps, East Grange, Hunts Lane Felmersham. Next month it will be at 10.30am on Saturday 7th December at the home of Doris Aitken. Peacehaven, High Road Felmersham.

My thanks to Judith Smith for organising our Harvest Tea and to all who helped her. Also to David and Jennifer Knowles for organising the tombola on the day they returned from holiday and to everybody for their gifts of harvest produce. Lastly my thanks to all for decorating the Church so beautifully for Harvest.

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who worked so hard to decorate the Church for Harvest Festival and to those of you who contributed produce, including giant marrows! Harvest Festival is very special in a country church like St Mary's and I think you will all agree that it looked glorious.

Women's Institute

May Mills

Can you tell your Lancashire from your Wensleydale? Do you know what differentiates a British Farm Cheese from a supermarket variety - apart from taste? We were enlightened on these questions, and much more, by The Cheese Kitchen's Mrs Grumbridge, a Victoria Wood look-a-like, and almost as funny! She demonstrated her undoubted marketing ability with skill, reinforcing her words with delicious samples of the cheeses concerned. How many of you have already visited her shop??

Many congratulations to Janet Cook, Hazel Pearce and Judith Smith, whose delightful collage won 2nd place in the County Baker Brothers Competition. Thank you for all your hard work - and inspiration:

Felmersham and Radwell Senior Citizens are once again invited to a Christmas Tea on Sunday, 15th December, so make sure your party frocks are ready!

There are a few places still available on the coach trip to London on 16th November - If you are interested please ring Celia Hulatt 781082.

RSPCA Collection

Félice Kingerlee

The RSPCA house to house collection raised £100. Thank you to my helpers Gemma Bance and Vicki Walker and to all who kindly contributed.

Jayne Dingley

Pinchmill School News

It has been pleasing to note that incidents of nuisance and vandalism on the school grounds have been markedly reduced throughout the past weeks. I would like to thank those people in the community who have taken active steps to keep a 'neighbourhood watch' on the premises and grounds out of school hours.

I have had my attention drawn to an initiative called 'Bedfordshire Crimebeat' which is being promoted by the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire. The scheme invites groups of young people, under the age of 25, to submit an action plan for reducing crime in rural communities. There are grants of up to £500 available for appropriate projects.

There is a pack of very useful ideas and an application form available at school, I am more than willing to allow any interested group of young people to hold meetings in the school at times that are convenient to them and the school. I have a strong belief that young people can make a difference to what happens in their own community and this initiative encourages action and can provide the funding.

Please encourage any likely candidates to have an initial meeting to find out more about the possibilities. If I can be of any assistance in organising a time and venue I will be more than pleased to help. Contact me at school on 781371 or alternatively request an information pack from Lionel Stewart (Crimebeat) 346287

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NOVEMBER WILDLIFE

WILDLIFE CALENDAR OF PHOTOGRAPHS

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Each one of the month's pictures is a winner, quite literally, as they were selected from over 100 entries in the Wildlife Trust's photographic calendar competition. The added bonus is that each month tears off to make an individual postcard.

Priced very reasonably at £3.00 each (+ 50p for P&P), including envelope, they make a super gift. So whether it's a present to send abroad to friends and relatives or a stocking filler, make sure you buy your calendar soon whilst stocks last!

Saturday 9 November Join expert Beric Morley at Kings Wood, for session on EARTHWORKS & WOODLAND ARCHAEOLOGY. Meet Stockgrove Country Park, Leighton Buzzard 10am. Contact Liz Kelly 01582 481851

Friday 15 November LIFE AS A WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER by Ann Doody. Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook, 8pm. Tel 01234 782001

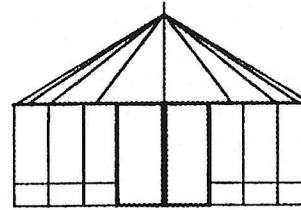
Wednesday 20 November The Wildlife Trust's AGM 7.45pm at Hinchbrooke House, Huntingdon. Contact 01223 846363 for details



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Countdown to Christmas

Friday December 6th - Fun Bingo

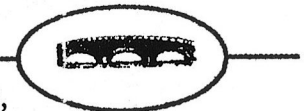
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Friday December 13th - Quiz Night

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RED CROSS NEWS

A busy summer!! - lots and lots of duties. Many thanks to all members who carried out these duties. A cheque for £250 was presented to us by one of the organisers of Sharnbrook F and R - this money is to be used for equipment for use on the ambulance. A coffee evening held at David and Gill Shaw's house in Riseley raised another £100.

Mrs Elizabeth Stevens took delivery of a wheelchair which had been presented by British Gas - this will be put to good use in Sharnbrook and surrounding areas. The BBQ held at the home of Tom and Margaret Anderson in July raised £200 and this money will go towards the purchase of a wheelchair for use in Sharnbrook. Many thanks to all those who have contributed to all the above. A Coffee evening will be held at the home of one of our members, Sue Whiting, in Felmersham on 15th November at 7.30pm. Ring 781662 for further details.

Hospice at Home Volunteers

Clarissa Robinson

We are looking for new volunteers for the training course starting in January 1997. This scheme, now well established in other parts of the county, is new to North Beds. The scheme aims to support patients with progressive disease, and their families, in their own homes: by befriending; sitting with a patient so the carer can get out; helping in practical ways; listening and supporting. This could be at any stage of the illness. The course dates are January 20th, 27th; February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th; March 3rd, 10th, from 7-9pm, to be held at Bedford General Hospital, South Wing. If you become a volunteer you will be giving an invaluable service to people who need you, and you will be well supported by the organisers. If you are interested please apply to:- Mrs C. Robinson, The Chantry, Great Barford, Bedford, MK44 3JH. for an application form or phone 870345.

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Save the Children

Ronald & Judith Smith

Thank you to all our friends who joined us for coffee or tea last month. The sale of Christmas cards and gifts totalled £541.25. If you could spare an hour or two collecting (see above) please ring us on 781430, leave a message or drop in at Leaways, Town Lot Lane.

Pinchmill Pre-School

Come and join us at Pinchmill Pre-School for tea and cakes. We shall be hosting an Usborne book party and a craft stall during the pre-school's open day on Friday 15th November from 1.00 to 3.00pm. We welcome visitors, young and old, to see the children at play.

Black and White Revival

Helen Dawkins

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Red Cross

Our Christmas coffee evening raised £225.50 which will be spent on equipment for our medial loans centre in Sharnbrook. Thank you all.

Pam fforde

Sue Whiting

Parish Diary

From the Parish Registers

17th November Baptism - Zachariah Nigel Claypole White

December

Sun 1	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent 1, ASB 422, Dick)
Sat 7	10.30am Coffee morning	(Doris Aitken, Peacehaven, High Rd)
Sun 8	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent 2, ASB 427, Margaret)
Sun 15	10.15am Choral Communion	(Advent 3, ASB 432, Don)
	3.00pm Christingle Service	(St Mary's Church)
Tue 17	2.00pm Pinchmill School Christmas Concert	(Pinchmill Hall)
	7.30pm Women's Institute	(Pinchmill Hall)
	8.00pm Cantamus at Christmas	(St Mary's Church)
Sat 21	7.30pm Hampers & Champers Dinner	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 22	10.15am Matins	(Advent 4, ASB 437, Richard)
Wed 25	10.15am Christmas Day Family Communion	(ASB 447, Ken)
Sun 29	10.15am Said Holy Communion	(Christmas 1, ASB 451, Rosemary)

January 1997

Sun 5	10.15am Choral Communion	(Christmas 2, ASB 455, Margaret)
Tue 7	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 12	10.15am Family Communion	(Epiphany 1, ASB 464, Brownies)

Vicar: Rev. Douglas Claypole White (881661)

Churchwardens: Ken Shrimpton (781381), Rosemary Brough (782104)

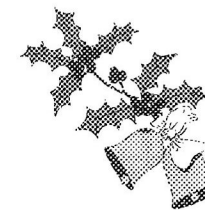
Contributions on any topic are welcome for inclusion in this newsletter. Anonymous submissions will not normally be printed.

Please send items (preferably on disk or typed) for next month's Ouse News to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory by the 25th.



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**Church News**

Doug Claypole White

I will be celebrating Choral Communion at 10.15am on the first three Sundays (1st, 8th and 15th December). There will be no Family Service this month instead there will be a Christingle Service at 3pm on the 15th. Although this is designed for smaller children I think it is a lovely service and would recommend all ages to attend!

On the 22nd there will be a service of Matins from the Book of Common Prayer at 10.15am followed by a short service of said Holy Communion at approximately 11.20am. Our Carol Service will be at 5pm on the same Sunday. This will be followed by sherry and mince pies served in the Church directly afterwards.

I will be celebrating a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, starting at 11.30pm. On Christmas Day there will be a Family Communion at 10.15am.

On the 29th, the organist and choir are having a well deserved Sunday off so I will celebrate a said Holy Communion at 10.15am

The Coffee Morning this month is at 10.30am on Saturday 7th December at the home of Doris Aitken, Peacehaven, The High Road and will be hosted by Margaret Allaway and Truus Boyce.

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

Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

The Church will be decorated on Saturday, 21st December, ready for the Carol Service the following day. Please let me know in good time if you would like to help; twining ivy round the candle holders is especially labour intensive! As always we need lots of holly and ivy (especially variegated) and would be grateful for any you can spare.

Jumble Sale

Hilary Foot

A sale in aid of the Church Restoration Fund will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 25th January 1997. A raffle and cake stall are planned for the event. Full details in the next Ouse News.

Church Flower Rota

We have no shortage of willing helpers when we decorate the Church for special occasions such as Christmas and Harvest. However, for the past two years the rota for the regular altar flowers has had more blank spaces than names,. This year a mere 5 of us have ensured there are flowers on the altar every week. Flowers have a long life in the cool atmosphere of St Mary's (Christmas flowers have been known to last six weeks) but although they do not need to be replaced each week, they need to be tidied up and given extra water. We need a regular team of up to 15 volunteers to have a workable rota. Please contact me if you are willing to be included. Thank you.

Anne Claypole White

Boxing Day Walk

I hope you and your family and friends can join us for the annual Boxing Day Walk designed especially to combat any over indulgence on Christmas Day. We meet at the bus shelter at Felmersham on **Thursday 26th December at 11.00 am**, for a 6 mile walk around the Colmworth Estate. We will be back in time for lunch so no sustenance is required (unless you decide to take a hip flask, because there is definitely a shortage of St Bernard dogs around here). If you do decide to take a flask, please may I walk with you?! See you on Boxing Day come rain or shine.

Lorraine Shrimpton

W.I.

If diamonds are a girl's best friend then the Royal Family females are high in the popularity stakes! Beverley Kelly set her splendid talk on the Royal Jewels in an historical context, while dazzling us with illustrations of some of the most magnificent jewellery in the world. Should Princess Diana's jewellery gifts be considered part of the national heritage and as such, be returned, or should diamonds be forever? A Royal Quiz was won by Isabel Buckingham and Hazel Sidebottom was second. Carol Barford gave an hilarious account of last month's Federation Meeting which turned out to be a catalogue of disasters. The attractive gift for Fairfield was won by Renee Whitbread, 2nd Eileen Sharman and 3rd May Mills. We were delighted to welcome Gail Holbourn, a new member.

May Mills

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Collection amounted to £151.69 in Radwell and £202.75 in Felmersham, making a total of £354.44. there was a church collection of £25.75 and donations to the war memorial wreath amounted to £28. I would like to thank all who contributed to the appeal, and particularly the collectors, Mrs C Hulatt, Mrs M Mills, Mrs M Leach, Mrs G Stevenson, Mrs S Evans, Mr D Holston, Mr R Horsford and The Six Ringers, The Sun and The Swan.

Fred Turner

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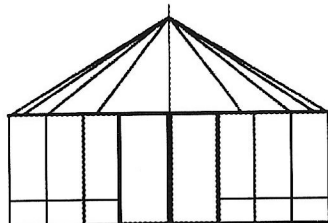
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from Mary Whiting in Botswana

Dear All

I have now been here for 10 weeks and have well and truly settled into my new way of life, that's not to say that it didn't take some getting used to. The first two weeks were upsy downsy, but once I started teaching and making friends things got a lot easier.

The school (Ramatea Vocational) is sited pretty much in the middle of the bush. Kanye, the nearest village, is about 4km away and the road there is rough and hilly so I am building up good leg muscles!

The landscape and scenery here are gorgeous. The school is set in a slight valley, surrounded by hills and plateaux. For miles all you can see is open scrubland, the occasional mud hut and goats! The wildlife is also spectacular; I have seen baboons, weaver birds, a chameleon and hundreds of insects including locusts, cockroaches and scorpions.

My work consists of teaching biology and technical drawing. As the school is a vocational training centre the students are quite old. In fact the majority of them are older than me! To begin with I found this very strange especially when it came to discipline. The school itself is a new venture although Botswana has many training centres (called Brigades) Ramatea is the first vocational school. It is currently still in its teething stages and funds are tight hence volunteer support is much needed.

Since my arrival I have begun to learn quite a bit about the culture, something I'm sure I would not have been able to be able to do if I had simply come over here on holiday. Actually living amongst the community is really great as you get a proper insight into everyday African life. The local people are generally very laid back and friendly and all very keen to teach us Setswanan.

Although very enjoyable sometimes our work can be quite demanding and draining, by the end of the day I'm usually exhausted. The school terms here are really long as there are no half term breaks. I am now very much looking forward to my Christmas holiday during which time Kate and I will be trekking our way down the East coast of South Africa to Cape Town where we will be spending Christmas Day along with most of the other Project Trust volunteers who are in southern Africa.

Thank you for all the support you gave me while I was fund raising. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Regards

Mary

Under New Management

As from the beginning of 1997 Ronald and Mary Watson will take over the co-ordination of the monthly Coffee Mornings and hope you will give them the same enthusiastic support which you have given to Margaret Alleway over the past years.

The first Coffee Morning of the New Year will be at the home of Judith Smith, "Leaways" Grange Road, Felmersham on the 11th January at 10.30am.

Please come and support us and more especially the church funds. Surplus christmas puddings, cakes and presents will be welcome!

Christmas Dance

Peter Stephenson

Although a week later than previously advertised, the ever popular Razz Club will be playing for us on Saturday 21st December, from 8 till midnight. For those who arrive between 7.30 and 8 pm there will be a welcoming cocktail. Get your tables organised for the traditional "Hampers and Champers" evening - where you bring your own food and drink, your Village Hall Committee provides the atmosphere and together we have some fun! Tickets, £10, from : Brian Smith 781443, Sue Evans 782523, Rosemary Brough 782104, Pete Stephenson 782556, John Hopkins 781105

Cantamus at Christmas

Alan Stevens

Cantamus will be giving their now traditional concert of Christmas music in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 8pm.

We hope that as many as possible will come along to enjoy the music and refreshments afterwards. Admission will be by programme at the door at £4 (children free!). All proceeds will be given to the Save the Children Fund.

Ronald and Mary Watson

The Sun

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School News

Jayne Dingley

I am writing this as snow is falling outside my window. Can it be that this year will see us with a white Christmas !

I would like to extend an invitation to members of the community to join us at school for our annual Christmas Concert. This year the open invitation is for the 2:00 pm. performance on Monday 16th December. Mince pies and hot drinks will be served afterwards. It would be appreciated if anyone intending to come on this date would let us know in order to assist our catering There is also an evening performance on Tuesday 17th December at 6:30 which some of you may find more convenient to attend.

Christmas Card Re-cycling: I am so sorry to be looking so far forward but the January Ouse News may prove too late for this information. Last year we took part in the County re-cycling scheme and as a result many new trees were planted throughout Bedfordshire. We intend to join the scheme again this year. Your used Christmas cards can be brought to School in the first two weeks of the new term up till Monday 20th January. These will be collected by Royal Mail and taken to a re-cycling centre.

Congratulations to Gemma Whitehouse....

..on securing a place in the National Youth Orchestra playing the Cor Anglais. Concerts are planned for the New Year in Nottingham, Hull and, on January 10th, at the Barbican.

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