

# Parish Diary

## January

Sun 5	10.15am Choral Communion	(Chr'mas 2, ASB 455, Margaret)
Sun 12	10.15am Family Communion	(Epiphany 1, ASB 464, Brownies)
Sat 11	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Judith Smith 'Leaways', Grange Rd)
Mon 13	7.30pm PCC Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 19	10.15am Choral Communion	(Epiphany 2, ASB 467, Don G)
Sat 25	2.00pm Jumble Sale	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 26	9.00am Light House Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	10.15am Matins	(9 before Easter, ASB 486, Sally C)
	11.20am Said Holy Communion	(Ken S)

## February

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Our coffee morning this month is at 10.30am on Saturday, 11th January at the home of Judith Smith, 'Leaways' Grange Road Felmersham. Our February coffee morning will also start at 10.30am at the home of May Mills, 'Storrington' Hunts Lane, Felmersham.

My thanks to everybody who decorated the Church so beautifully for Christmas. Also to David and Vivienne Melville for organising our Christingle Service and all their helpers. The service raised £50.20 for the Childrens Society.

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

## Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

My thanks to everybody who gave time, talent and greenery to make the Church look so festive for Christmas. It takes a long time to put in all those candles, twine the ivy, coax the holly into all the right places, put up the Christmas Trees and get the lights working! Moreover, it was bitterly cold in the Church. Your hard work is much appreciated.

## Flower rota

Anne Claypole White

At the time of writing this, I have not yet drawn up the rota for 1997. I have a number of offers of help - please keep them coming. January is already covered, thanks to Anne Airtton. I think we might regularly include details from the rota in the Ouse News each month in addition to keeping a copy in the Church porch,

### Jumble Sale

Hilary Foot

At 2pm on Saturday, 25th January, there will be a Jumble Sale held in Pinchmill Hall, Felmersham. It is in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. We plan to have a raffle, cake and bric-a-brac stalls as well as the usual clothes, toys and books. Teas will also be served.

Reminders will be distributed early in January throughout the village, indicating collection times. If you are able to provide either a Raffle prize or a cake, would you please let me know. Any offers of help would be most gratefully accepted for: collecting jumble; sorting and setting up, manning tables, serving teas, clearing up afterwards. More information on 781340.

### Restoration Lunch and Tombola

The Knowles & the R Smiths

You are invited to celebrate the New Year with wine and a light lunch at Long Mynd, Pavenham Road at 12.30pm on Sunday 26th January. Lunch will be followed by a Grand New Year Tombola. If you have not bought your ticket yet (£5) please apply quickly.

### Coffee Morning

Mary Watson

The next coffee morning will be held at the home of May and Laurie Mills, Storrington, Hunts Lane on 1st February at 10.30am. Please come and bring and buy. All friends will be welcome.

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### School News

Jayne Dingley

I am writing this piece before school ends for Christmas and I hope that those of you who managed to attend our concerts enjoyed watching the performance.

Last year we recycled used Christmas cards in support of the Community Forests project. This will be repeated this year and the school hall will be a collection point. If you have any cards to dispose of then please bring them to school by the 23rd January.

Two years ago a 'Music Week' was held at Pinchmill School. We intend to promote another such week in February 1997. Throughout the week beginning 10th February there will be a variety of musical activities for the pupils to enjoy. We would very much like to hear from any member of the community who would be willing to take some part in this week. There are a number of ways you could participate:

- Loan of any unusual instrument for the purposes of display and interest
- Singing or playing familiar or not so familiar music for the children
- Loan of any tapes or CD's that may provide a variety of music for pupils to listen to. Music from other cultures would be particularly welcome.

Any member of the community who feels able to support this activity week should contact me at school before the end of January. I look forward to hearing from you.

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### NHS Organ Donor Registry

David Knowles

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Should you wish to add your name to the register then I can provide a registration form which, on completion, can be returned direct to the national registration centre.

### Skills for Small Businesses

Jane Elliott Poxon

Heronswood Training, in conjunction with Bedfordshire Training and Enterprise Council is working with small businesses in Bedfordshire with between 2-50 employees to identify training needs which if met would be of a direct benefit to the business and the individuals involved. The programme is fully funded by the TEC and upon completion of a training plan, which will be produced in conjunction with an advisor, the sum of £500.00 will be available to meet or go towards the cost of the training identified in the plan. Companies worked with so far have chosen word processing, advanced sports massage and interview training there are no barriers to how the money can be spent if it has been identified as meeting a training need which would benefit the company. To find out more contact Heronswood on 01234 781397.

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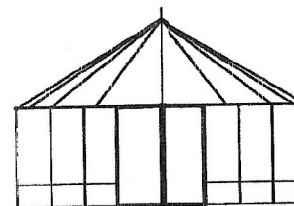
May Mills

Who needs the Queen Elizabeth Hall when you can, as a W.I. member, be treated to your very own recital in Pinchmill Hall! And what a treat it was! Bridget Pierson-Davis and her two companions thrilled us all with their delightfully varied repertoire - a magical end to our Christmas Party - after all, Bridget does have 'Fairies at the Bottom of her Garden'!

There appeared to be a minor dispute as to the winner of the quiz, however, there was no doubt that May Mills won the competition for a table decoration, closely followed by Ann Airtton and Judith Smith!

Thank you to all who helped to make the Senior Citizen's Tea such a jolly event, especially to our entertainers Margot Payne and Laurie Mills, and not forgetting 'Sam' who eventually picked up his musket!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - please remember that subscriptions are due in January.



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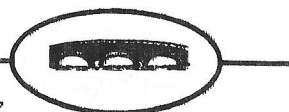
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Our coffee morning this month is at 10.30am on Saturday, 1st February at the home of May Mills, 'Storrington' Hunts Lane, Felmersham. Our March Coffee morning will also start at 10.30am on Saturday 1st March and will be held at the home of Mrs Sue Ronaldson. 'Maybank' Pavenham Road, Felmersham.

My thanks to Mrs Hilary Foot for organising the Jumble Sale, to everybody who helped man the stalls and to Peter Foot for stepping in at the last moment when Hilary was taken ill. The sale raised £400 for our Restoration Fund.

Please make a note for your diary. Mothering Sunday falls this year on 9th March when we will have our usual Family Communion Service and will distribute posies for the children to give to their mothers.

## Church Flowers

**Anne Claypole White**

My grateful thanks to the intrepid band of helpers who braved the sub-zero temperatures inside St. Mary's to clear the Christmas decorations, some of which were frozen to the Oasis!

The FLOWER ROTA for 1997 is now up in the Church porch. We have no flowers at the Altar during Lent (from 12th February) so the rota starts after Easter. A number of people have already said they would like to be involved, so please sign up as soon as you can. We can never have too many volunteers!



### Village Walks in 1997

55 adults and young people joined us for the annual Boxing Day walk! The sun shone, the ground was frozen under foot and there was very little wind. We all agreed that it was ideal walking weather for the 7 mile walk around the Colworth estate and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. The following walks have been organised in 1997, so if you are interested in joining us then please make a note in your diary. All walks start at Felmersham bus shelter.

Sunday 4 May 11-30am Rogation Sunday "Beating the Bounds" - our traditional walk around part of the parish boundary bring lunch.

Saturday 13 September. 10-00am. Heritage Walk - a heritage walk somewhere in Bedfordshire bring a packed lunch.

Friday 26 December. 11-00am Boxing Day Special

Ken Shrimpton

### Pinchmill Pre-School

Joy Davies

HELP! Pinchmill Pre-School provides a secure and stimulating environment for children in Felmersham and surrounding villages.

We are a charitable organisation which is committee run and obliged to provide audited accounts at the end of each financial year. We need an accountant who would be willing to be our honorary auditor for this year. If you could help us please ring me on 781332.

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### Jumble Sale

An enormous thank you to everyone who helped with the Church Jumble Sale: to those who provided the jumble, the cakes and the raffle prizes; to all those who helped in the morning to set out, and in the afternoon to sell and to clear away; and to those who stepped in at the last minute to help, due to illness among the original helpers. A special thank you to Sue Whiting who took over from me, as I was unable to be present on the day. The proceeds amounted to £400, including money for the left-overs which were collected by a firm specialising in recycling.

### Women's Institute

**"Where did you get that hat?"** If anyone could answer this question it would be Joe Batty-Peirson, doyen of the Luton Hat Manufacturing Trade, and our guest speaker this month. He began by giving us a brief history of hat making in Luton, and how straw plaiting was introduced by French prisoners of the Napoleonic Wars. His many years in the hat trade proved to be a rich source of anecdotal material, whilst the hat samples proved to be a source of fun - **"Where ere I go they shout hello where did you get that hat?"**

There will be a St David's Day Dinner on Saturday, 1st March in Pinchmill Hall. Numbers are limited therefore if you would like tickets please contact Celia Hulatt on 781082 as soon as possible.

Hilary Foot

May Mills

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**British Red Cross**

On Monday, 17th March 1997, at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall, Lodge Road, Sharnbrook, we will be holding an INTERNATIONAL EVENING. Please come and join us to find out more about the international side of the Red Cross - where blankets, food parcels and your money goes. Any queries please contact Ann Collis, Centre Organiser on 782471.

**Wildlife Trust**

Woodland Action Week is between 22nd February and 2nd March. Tawny Owls, like many owls, are rarely seen as they are active mainly at night, feeding on birds, mice and other small mammals. They rely on wooded areas in which to live, and will roost in trees during the day. At this time of year, the first Tawny Owl eggs are being laid. Listen out, and look for pellets on the woodland floor. These can be dissected to find out what the owl has been eating, giving vital clues as to which mammals are living in the area.

**Wednesday 5th February.** Morning walk at Browns Wood. Meet Twin Woods Road, Clapham, 10.30am. Contact 870948.

**Friday 14th February.** Otters! An illustrated talk by John Green. Meet Methodist Church, Park Lane, Sharnbrook, 8pm. Contact 782001.

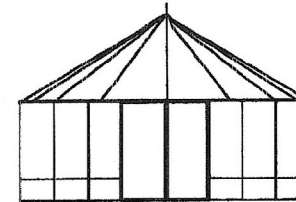
**Movers & Makers' Day - Ouse Valley Arts Festival 1997****Pat Whittock**

*Movers & Makers' Days* are arts, crafts and activities show-cases at Biddenham Pavilion on Sunday 27 April 1997 2pm-6pm. It is a community sharing of talents and skills. An exhibition of hobbies and activities of local people including anything that can be displayed, demonstrated: e.g. paintings, needlework, knitting, metal work, book binding, flowers, decoupage, pottery, etc.

or performed: e.g. folk dancing, instrumental playing, singing, bell ringing, history telling in fact anything that can be shared

*Movers & Makers' Day* will include informal public participation; perhaps an ad hoc folk dance, singing together or a farandol (an ancient chorale line dance). The aim of the day is to provide a show-case for a variety of local talents and skills and to foster communal participation.

So come and dazzle us with your enthusiasms. Bring your friends and families for a relaxed, informal community celebration. You will be offered an exhibition space or a performance time. To book a space now please contact Pat Whittock, Forge Cottage, High Street Sharnbrook, MK44 1PF. Telephone (01234) 781595.

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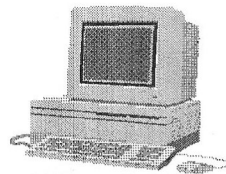
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Mon	3	7.30pm Yoga	(Pinchmill Hall)
Tue	4	7.30pm Annual Parish Assembly	(Pinchmill Hall)
Wed	5	10.30am Walk in Felmersham Nature Reserve - meet at the car park	
Sun	9	10.15am MOTHERING SUNDAY	(Lent 4 ASB 519 Brownies)
Mon	10	7.30pm PCC Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun	16	10.15am Choral Communion,	(Lent 5 ASB 522 David K)
Mon	17	7.15pm Red Cross International Evening	(Sharnbrook Village Hall)
Tue	18	7.30pm Women's Institute	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun	23	10.15am PALM SUNDAY Matins	(ASB 527 Sally C)
		11.20am Said Holy Communion	(Ken S)
Tue	25	10.30am Light House Easter Eggstravaganza	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun	30	10.15am EASTER DAY Choral Communion	(ASB 574, Rosemary)

## April

Sat	5	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Mr & Mrs Watson, Ravensden)
		7.30pm Romania Appeal Quiz Night	(Sharnbrook Village Hall)
Sun	6	10.15am Choral Communion	(Easter 1 ASB 602 Dick A)
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Our April coffee morning will start at 10.30am on Saturday 5th April and will be held at the home of Ronald and Mary Watson, The Plantation, Ravensden, Bedford.

Our AGM will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th April at Pinchmill Hall. There are in fact two meetings. The first is open to everybody on the local government electoral role to appoint two Churchwardens for the year. This will be followed immediately afterwards with a meeting of those on the Church electoral role to appoint a Parochial Church Council for the year and to receive the audited annual accounts and reports from the Church officers.

## Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

We shall be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday, 29th March. Please let me know in good time if you would like to help. I also need to order our EASTER LILIES as soon as possible. Please tell me if you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one.

MOTHERING SUNDAY is on 9th March. If any of you can help by making a few posies, I would be very grateful.



### Coffee Morning

**Ronald & Mary Watson**

Come to the coffee morning on Saturday 5 April to be held at the home of Ronald and Mary Watson, The Plantation, Ravensden at 10.30a.m. in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund - hopefully the daffodils will be out. Any contributions of home made cakes, produce, bric a brac, toiletries, etc. will be most welcome - do bring a friend.

### W.I.

**May Mills**

You could not accuse Jean Yule of indulging in art for art's sake, as the end results of her work are entirely practical. Her own description of herself as a cross between Rolf Harris and a Blue Peter presenter most certainly belies her artistic talent, which she demonstrated with great skill. She encouraged the more adventurous among us to 'have a go' and passed round the fruits of her labours - some she had made earlier! However much she protested that you did not have to be artistic it was obvious to all that this was mandatory for the art of silk painting.

Congratulations to our 'whizz kid' quiz team who are through to the second round of the competition. Well done quiz kids - Christine Linley, Margaret Leach and Maggie Spoor and good luck next time!

Please remember that there is a Bring and Buy next month when we will hear all about the Royal Ladies of Bedfordshire.

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### Pinchmill Lower School

**Jayne Dingley**

Last year Pinchmill School collected Sainsbury's vouchers for schools. We were delighted with the response from parents and members of the community. Sainsbury's are running the scheme again this year from February 24th. We will be setting up a collection point in the school hall and we look forward to building on the success of last year when over £800's worth of resources were received for the benefit of all the children.

Pinchmill School is a community school and I am constantly seeking ways in which to serve the needs of community members, other than pupils and parents. I have been in liaison with the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity in order to explore possible ways forward.

One result of this liaison is the installation of a computer database in the school hall. This database, known as "Choices", can provide a variety of information e.g.. local and national clubs and societies, schools, nurseries and playgroups, doctors surgeries, helplines, etc. The database is available to all members of the public. If you should wish to make use of this facility please report to the school office in order to be issued with a visitor's badge.

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### Yoga

**Karen Stokley**

New members always welcome to join our friendly and relaxing classes given by Wendy Wynne. Eight sessions begin on Monday March 3rd 7.30-8.30pm at Pinchmill Hall. Call 781176 for more details.

### North Beds Romania Appeal

**Sue Whiting**

We are holding a Quiz Night at Sharnbrook Village Hall on Saturday April 5th at 7.30pm. There will also be a Bring & Buy and a plant stall. Tickets £3.50 which includes a Ploughman's Supper are available from Mrs Anderson (782413), Sue Whiting (781162) or Mrs Rogers (782648)

### Autumn Show

**Maggie Spoor**

There will be another Village Show this September. Start nurturing those prize plants now. Lots of different prize categories but suggestions for particular categories are very welcome.

### Red Cross

**Ann Collis**

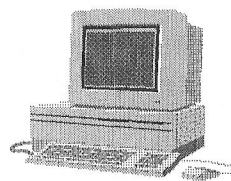
On Monday 17th March at 7.15pm in Sharnbrook Village Hall we will be holding an **International Evening**. Please come and join us to find out more about the international side of the Red Cross - where blankets, food parcels and your money goes. Any queries please contact Mrs Ann Collis, Centre Organiser on 782471.

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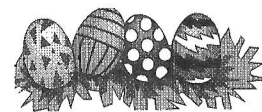
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## LIGHT HOUSE

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Tuesday 25th March

Lots of things to make and do including:

Painting  
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Making  
Videos

Sticking  
Egg Hunt

All children welcome      Pinchmill Hall      10.30am-12.30pm

### Light House

There will not be the normal Light House meeting this month. Instead there will be an Easter Crafts Eggstravaganza - a morning to take part in various craft and other activities. Donations to cover the cost of the materials (about £1 each) would be appreciated.

### Annual Parish Assembly

**David Smith**

This will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 7.30pm in Pinchmill Hall. Please come along to discuss any issues of interest. Already on the agenda are: Affordable housing in the Parish; What to do about the Millenium; Improving the social life of the Parish.



### March Wildlife

**The Wildlife Trusts**

March is the best time to go frog watching! They are returning to their breeding ponds to spawn, and you can begin to watch the process of spawn through tadpoles and froglets to frogs. The spawn of frogs and toads are distinctly different: frog spawn can be seen floating in the water; toad spawn is seen in strings attached to plants under the surface. To find out more

about ponds and other wetland habitats contact the Wildlife Trust on 01223 846363.

### Wednesday 5th March - A Morning Walk at Felmersham Reserve.

Meet 10.30am at the nature reserve car park, refreshments afterwards. Phone 870948 for more details.

### Wednesday 12th March - Illustrated talk on lesser known RSPB reserves.

Given by Bob Scott. Meet at Priory Park Visitor Centre 7.30pm. Contact 871086 for more information



## Autumn Show September Watch this space!

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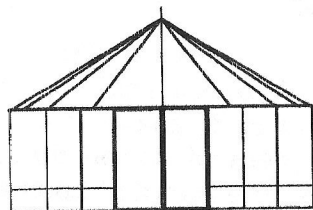


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## Letters

Dear Sir,

I would like to complain about the number of adverts in the recent editions of Ouse News - there just aren't enough of them. Please will you consider reducing the quantity of other items to allow more advertising space.

Yours faithfully,

M. Saatchi

[Letters on any subject welcome. Ed]

Sir,

Please could you try to encourage more people to write articles for your wonderful publication.

There must be many people in Felmersham and Radwell who could write interesting pieces.

Surely there must be more activities in the Village Hall that could be reported on too!

Yours etc.

A. Reader

[Any takers? Ed]

## Classified

### Lost & Found

**LOST!** A sheep brooch in, or very close to, St Mary's during the Carol Service. Phone Rosalyn Just (781967). Reward!

### For Sale

Items for sale? Advertise it in this column free of charge. Send details to 2 The Old Rectory today.

### Wanted

Articles for inclusion in village newsletter. Contact The Editor, Ouse News - see back page for details.

### What's On

Activities not listed in these columns are probably missing out. Send full details to the Editor for the next issue.

Interested in resurrecting the **Badminton Club**? Contact the Editor.

### Services

**Babysitters** or other services - your name and phone number could be here. Drop your details in now.

### Personal

**Birthday** or other greetings can be placed here free of charge. Phone 781967 for more information.

**Lois** meet you at the phone box - usual time **Clark**.

**Neighbours** just moved in or about to move away? Let the whole village welcome them in or wave them away with a paragraph or two in Ouse News.

### In Memoriam

**Rick Singers** who passed on in January. Unquenched sorrow still felt by many villagers.

### Light House

Gill Greenish

A big thank you to all the people who helped at the Easter Eggstravangaza. The hall was packed with over 45 children glueing, sticking, sewing and painting all at once!

Light House meets again on Sunday 27th April in Pinchmill Hall at 9am. Activities include singing, Bible stories, games and crafts. All children welcome - especially if they bring their friends!

## Parish Diary

### April

Sat 5	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Mr & Mrs Watson, Ravensden)
	7.30pm Romania Appeal Quiz Night	(Sharnbrook Village Hall)
Sun 6	10.15am Choral Communion	(Easter 1 ASB 602 Dick A)
Sun 13	10.15am Choral Communion	(Easter 2 ASB 608 Richard P)
Sun 20	10.15am Choral Communion	(Easter 3. ASB 613. Don G)
Sun 27	9.00am Light House	(Pinchmill Hall)
	10.15am Choral Communion	(Easter 4. ASB 618. Richard P)
Wed 30	7.30pm CHURCH AGM	(Pinchmill Hall)

### May

Sun 4	10.15am Choral Communion	(Easter 5. ASB 622. Margaret A)
Thu 8	7.30pm ASCENSION DAY, Bishop of St. Albans	(Colmworth)
Sat 10	10.30am Coffee morning	(Mrs Jane Wells, 'Riverside House')
Sun 11	10.15am Family Communion	(.ASB 630, Brownies)
Mon 12	7.30pm PCC	(Pinchmill Hall)

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### Church News

Doug Claypole White

There will be Choral Communion on each Sunday in April, starting at 10.15am. There will be no family service on the second Sunday and no Matins followed by a said service of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday.

Our coffee morning this month is at 10.30am on Saturday, 5th April at the home of Ronald and Mary Watson, The Plantation, Ravensden, Bedford. Our May coffee morning will also start at 10.30am on Saturday 10th May and will be held at the home of Mrs Jane Wells, 'Riverside House', High Road, Felmersham.

Please make a note for your diary that our Deanery Ascension Day Service will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th May at St. Denys, Colmworth. The Bishop of St. Albans will Celebrate and preach.

Our AGM will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th April at Pinchmill Hall. There will be two meetings. The first is open to everybody on the local government electoral role and is to appoint two Churchwardens for the year. This will be followed immediately afterwards with a meeting of those on the Church electoral role to appoint a Parochial Church Council for the year and to receive the audited annual accounts and reports from the Church officers.

### APRIL FLOWER ROTA

Anne Claypole White

April 6th	Easter flowers.
April 13th	Sue Whiting.
April 20th	Sue Whiting.
April 27th	Sue Whiting.

### Sue Ryder Group

Dorothy Galliver

We are holding our first effort of 1997 at Constance Carter's home "Larbury", Grange Road on Friday 18th April 10.30-12 noon. Come and enjoy our coffee morning. There will be a bring & buy stall, plants, books for sale and a raffle. Tickets are £1. We would be pleased to see you.

### Fishermen's Mission

Many thanks to all those who gave to the collection and to the five ladies that so kindly helped. The total amount raised was £78.68

### W.I.

Can you guess who or what 'Devorguila' might be? An obscure United Nations envoy or the latest bacteria to threaten our health? According to Mr Cecil Parry she was a 13th century Countess of Huntingdon with an unusual claim to fame - she unwittingly introduced the word 'sweetheart' into our language thanks to her macabre practice of carrying her husband's preserved heart around in a casket. She was thus known as the Queen of Hearts - not quite what Diana, Princess of Wales had in mind? Two centuries later Margaret Beaufort was blazing a feminist trail which resulted in Oxford's first college for women being named after her. Mr Parry's final subject was Henrietta Wentworth, the lady of Toddington Manor during the Restoration, who lost more than her money to the unfortunate Duke of Monmouth - and we all know what happened to him!

Watch out there's litter about - particularly at the bus stop! Please be aware of this problem. We will be picking up litter during our Spring Clean week (18th-24th April).

There will be a coach trip to Buckingham Palace on September 6th at an all in cost of £16.75. Please ring Anne Airtion if interested (782080).

### Sue Whiting

### May Mills

### Apologies!

Radwell Homewatch was omitted from the 'Whats On' update. The Homewatch co-ordinator for Radwell is Freda Burns (781887) who is also the Horsecwatch co-ordinator for both villages.

### "Penny Pinchers"

### Beds. Rural Communities Charity

John and Irma Mustoe from Thurleigh have earned a reputation for their alternative philosophy on modern life. You may have seen them on a recent edition of 'Esther' on BBC2 putting forward their more light hearted theories. In changing modern times when there is a growing focus on Downshifting and Sustainable Development there is a lot we can all learn from this lateral thinking couple.

The Penny Pincher philosophy is:

- ♦ getting the most from our money by planned spending
- ♦ living better for less
- ♦ shopping wisely
- ♦ finding out how to repair things
- ♦ recycling.

This philosophy relates both to our own lives and the life of our communities. Take this opportunity to find out more on Tuesday 15th April 1997 - 7.30pm at The Lounge, Houghton Conquest Village Hall. For more information contact the BRCC on 838771]

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# Summer Picnic Dance

A date for your diary!

Bring a picnic and join us  
**Saturday 7th June**

Dance to the  
**'Foolish Humans'**

Further details from  
Rosemary Brough - 782104  
Gill Greenish - 782559

## Autumn Show

**Maggie Spoor**

The 2nd Autumn Show will be held on Sunday 7th September in Pinchmill Hall. For those of you who like to plan your entries, a list of classes is set out below. Entry fee will be 20p per class (only one exhibit per class please). There will be no charge in the children's classes.

Entry forms will be available from me (782031) and there will be more announcements in 'Ouse News' about the Show over the coming months. In the meantime - get planting, propagating, pruning and preparing!

## VEGETABLE CLASSES

1. Three white potatoes
2. Three coloured potatoes
3. One onion (the heaviest)
4. Six tomatoes
5. Three carrots - topped / tied together
6. Three onions
7. Six runner beans
8. Three beetroot
9. The heaviest marrow
10. One cucumber
11. Two parsnips

## CRAFT CLASSES

27. An apple tart
28. Six ginger biscuits
29. Victoria sandwich (males only!)
30. A loaf of bread (wholemeal)
31. A white cottage loaf
32. A Quiche Lorraine
33. A lady's button hole
34. One knitted garment
35. A handmade child's toy

## PHOTOGRAPHY

36. One photographic print, black and white or colour. post card size.  
"WISH YOU WERE HERE" - a postcard from Felmersham & Radwell"

## FRUIT & PRODUCE CLASSES

12. Four dessert apples
13. Four cooking apples
14. A dish of blackberries
15. Six plums or gages
16. A jar of jam
17. A jar of marmalade
18. A jar of chutney
19. A jar of pickled onions

## FLOWER CLASSES

20. Three chrysanthemums, any variety
21. Three roses
22. Three asters
23. Four dahlias
24. Six kinds of cut flowers
25. Pot plant (not fuchsia, max 8" pot)
26. Pot plant (fuchsia, max 8" pot)

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

37. Poster - "Keep Our Village Clean" (6 - 9 yrs & 10 - 13 yrs)
38. A paper plate face (under 6 yrs)
39. Best dressed vegetable (6 - 9 yrs & 10 - 13 yrs)
40. Six radish, washed / tied together.
41. A playdough animal (under 6 yrs).

(No entry fee. Open to all Felmersham & Radwell children aged 13 and under and children attending the Pinchmill Lower School)

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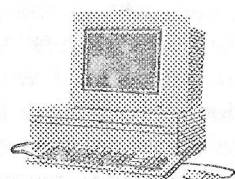
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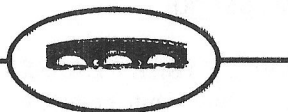
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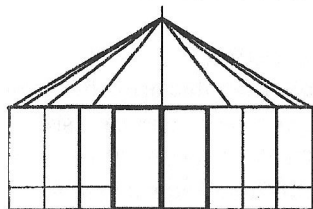


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## Letter from Mary Whiting in Botswana

Dumela as we say over here,

Aided by a subtle hint from Mum I decided it was time for an update. Since I last wrote a lot has happened - for starters my Christmas travels were amazing. South Africa is a country of many contrasts and was a very interesting place to visit. The scenery was spectacular, we first went to the Drakensberg Mountains and then on to Durban and travelled all the way down the east coast until we reached Cape Town where we stayed for Christmas and New Year. On our way Kate and I kept bumping into other Project Trust volunteers and by the time we reached Cape Town itself there were forty of us. It was really nice to have a decent length break and spend some time with other people my own age and culture. Living and working with people who have very different ideas about things to you can be quite wearing after a while I am now looking forward to my next break at Easter during which time I will be travelling through Northern Botswana and Zimbabwe. In the mean time I'm working my socks off! As I think I mentioned in my last letter there are no mid term breaks here so we are now into our seventh week of a fourteen week term.

I am now feeling well and truly settled in my project, teaching has become quite a bit easier and I am finding this year that I'm getting more respect from the students, which is nice. This term the school is very involved with athletics. A few weeks ago the students participated in sports trials, unfortunately due to the heat most of the time was spent rallying round picking up those that had finished.

The weather recently has been very hot and humid. Most days it reaches the mid thirties, the record so far being 39C. When it is this hot it just zaps your energy, making teaching far too much of an effort, however on the other hand another few months and winter will be here. That is supposed to be even harder to cope with as the temperature can drop as low as zero and with no fires, let alone central heating, I think it's going to be a wee bit nippy! Since the last time I wrote Botswana has been transformed from a barren dusty brown to a lush green and recently to a golden yellow as the crops begin to go over. The change was really dramatic as it took place while we were away on holiday so when we came back it was like being in a new place again. Everyone's garden plots had come to life, six foot maize plants were every where. The animals too looked far healthier, it's amazing what difference the rains make.

I am now halfway through my year, time is flying! Last week we got our mid year visit from Project Trust (the organisation I came out here with). I was very glad to discover that this visit included a free meal at the place of our choice. It was very well timed as we are currently waiting for next month's living allowance so are a little light in the pocket at the moment!!

I will try and write once more before I come home, but please excuse me if I don't as I feel that next term is going to be even more hectic than this one.

Regards

Mary



# Parish Diary

## May

Sat	3	Felmersham CC v Pilgrims 2.	Away
Sun	4	10.15am Choral Communion (Easter 5. ASB 622. Margaret A)	
Thu	8	7.30pm ASCENSION DAY, Bishop of St. Albans (Colmworth)	
Sat	10	10.30am Coffee morning (Jane Wells, 'Riverside House')	
		Felmersham CC v Bedford Athletic 2.	Home
Sun	11	10.15am Family Communion (ASB 630, Brownies)	
Mon	12	7.30pm PCC (Pinchmill Hall)	
Sat	17	Felmersham CC v Caldecote 2.	Away
Sun	18	10.15am Choral Communion (Pentecost, ASB 635, David K)	
Tue	20	7.30pm Women's Institute (Pinchmill Hall)	
		8.00pm Babysitting Circle Meeting (Cartfref, Grange Rd)	
Sat	24	Felmersham CC v St. Andrews.	Home
Sun	25	9.00am Light House Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)	
		10.15am All Saints, Souldrop Patronal Festival (Trinity Sunday)	
Sat	31	Felmersham CC v Westfield 2.	Away

## June

Sun	1	10.15am Choral Communion (Trinity 1, ASB 644, Dick A)	
Sat	7	10.30am Coffee morning (Hazell Pearce, 'Ody House', Pav'm Rd)	
		Felmersham CC v Allen Park	Home
		8.00pm Beach Boogie (Pinchmill Hall)	
Sun	8	10.15am Family Communion (Trinity 2, ASB 648, Brownies)	

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## Church News

**Douglas Claypole White**

I will be celebrating Choral Communion services on the first and third Sundays in May: 4th and 18th. Both services will start at 10.15am. On the second Sunday we will have our usual Family Communion service, also starting at 10.15am.

There will be no services at St. Mary's on the fourth Sunday. We have been invited by the Priest in Charge, Wardens and PCC of Souldrop to attend their Patronal Festival at All Saints, Souldrop on 25th May starting at 10.15am.

Our coffee morning this month will be at 10.30am on Saturday. 10th May at the home of Mrs Jane Wells, 'Riverside House', High Road, Felmersham. Our coffee morning in June will be at 10.30am on Saturday 7th June at the home of Hazel Pearce, 'Ody House', Pavenham Road, Felmersham.

My thanks to Gerry, and John Phipps, for taking our services while Anne and I have been away. We enjoyed a very pleasant time with our younger daughter and her family in North Carolina. It is however, good to be back with you all again.

## Church Flowers

**Anne Claypole White.**

Thank you to everyone who donated lilies and to all the helpers who decorated the Church so beautifully for Easter. As always your hard work is much appreciated. There are still places on the flower rota!

## Flower Rota

4th	Emma Robinson.
11th	Emma Robinson.
18th	Anne Claypole White
25th	Anne Claypole White

## Cleaning Rota

2nd	Mrs Leach / Mrs Freeman
9th	The Carr family
16th	Mrs Rose / Mrs Whiting
23rd	Mr & Mrs Knowles
30th	Mrs Airton / Mrs Walmsley

## MILTON ERNEST FETE

**Saturday, 14th June from 2pm**

Fun activities around the Village Green  
and a Craft & Produce Competition in the Church.

Schedules for the competition are now available and can be obtained from: 2 Starey Close, All Saints' Church and the shop & pubs in Milton Ernest. A list of classes for the Craft & Produce Competition is on Felmersham village notice board. There is no time to lose, get cooking, growing and sewing, and remember to keep back your best home-produced wine!

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### Children's Society

**Anne Claypole White.**

Our house to house collection raised £167.60. Thank you to everybody who contributed; to the collectors, Gill Greenish, Anne Airtton, Renee Whitbread, Betty Taylor, Stephen Hill and Sue Whiting and to Alan Stevens for counting and banking the money.

### Coffee Morning

Please come to the coffee morning to be held at the home of Hazel and Bill Pearce, Ody House, Pavenham Road, Felmersham -when we all hope it will be sunny enough to enjoy their lovely garden - at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 7 June in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund.

Contributions of home made cakes, bric a brac, toiletries, etc. will be most welcome - along with any friends you may care to bring.

### Parish Walk

**Ken Shrimpton**

You are invited to join the Shrimpton family on the annual "Beating the Bounds" walk on Sunday 4 May meeting at 11.30am Felmersham bus shelter. By way of a change we will depart from previous practice and stray into the parish of Pavenham. The pace will be leisurely but please wear sensible boots or shoes and bring a packed lunch. This is a 7 mile family walk with several short cuts. Everybody welcome.

Other walks this year:

Saturday 13 September. 10-00am. Heritage Walk. (Packed lunch).

Friday 26 December. 11-00am. Boxing Day Special

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### Babysitting Circle

**Gill Greenish**

A meeting is planned for existing and prospective members on Tuesday 20th May at 8.00pm at 'Cartref', Grange Road. For further details tel. 782559

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### Dance to the Foolish Humans

Sat. 7th June, 8pm-Midnight

Tickets £6.50

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## Home Grown Produce Required

Michele & Eric Evans

To maintain the high quality of light meals and cakes available in our tea-room at Polly Flinders Craft and Tea shop, High St, Bedford, we would like to make contact with local people who could supply us with home grown vegetables and fruit, or home made cakes. Please contact Michele and Eric Evans - tel 781859 or 352830.

## Women's Institute

May Mills

Election fever came early to Pinchmill Hall! The excitement was tangible as we waited in impatient anticipation for our democratic moment! Should we vote tactically for the candidate whose eyes we cannot see? Or what about that nice person with the big smile - or is it a puppet? We could take the 'grey' option and vote for the 'how-many-O-levels-have-you-got' candidate! But no, we elected our very own wide-eyed, colourful candidate with a big smile, Celia Hulatt, who consented to be president for another year.

The Denman bursary was drawn as follows:

Joan Hughes, Maggie Spoor, Gina Gunn, Marjorie Pipe, Jessie Turner, Marigold Sykes.

A collage competition, which sent us back to play school with hilarious results, was won by Mesdames Aitken, Burford and Galliver.

## Riding for the Disabled

Freda Burns

The group at Bozeat is very short of helpers. No heavy lifting or experience of horses necessary. If you can spare a Thursday morning sometimes please call me on 781187. A lift is usually available.

## Sue Ryder Support Group

Dorothy Galliver

At our coffee morning held on April 18th we raised £306.72 in aid of St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger. We thank you very sincerely for your generous support.

## Affordable Housing

Raglan Housing Association

There will be a meeting in Pinchmill Hall on Wednesday 7 May at 7-30pm, where the Bedfordshire Land Bank and Raglan Housing Association will present their plans for affordable housing in the parish.

If you are interested, please try to attend

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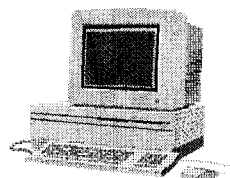
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## PC CHAIRMAN'S NOTEBOOK

David Smith

It has been a long time since I prepared one of these notebooks, having spent most of the past year working in Romania, and also the opportunity which Anne and I had to live in Madrid for four months at the end of 1996. I should like to raise two topics this month.

Firstly, your Parish Council has been committed to the provision of affordable housing in the Parish for over ten years, and we have had many disappointments over that period. Any sites for affordable housing must be situated in a place where normal planning permission is not possible, and the main problem has been with finding a site which is more or less acceptable and which the landowner is prepared to sell without unreasonable strings attached. Altogether we have looked at over ten sites in the parish, and all have fallen through.

Recently, the Council has been offered the services of the Bedfordshire Land Bank, whose main role in life is the provision of affordable housing. They have identified a site, have negotiated with the owner for an option on it, and have engaged Raglan Housing Association to construct and manage the houses (probably six in all).

Raglan and the Land Bank are holding a public meeting to present their plans, on Wednesday 7 May at 7-30pm. Anyone who is interested, for or against, should try to be there.

Secondly, at the Parish Open Meeting in March there was a lot of concern about the damage to the verge on the High Road caused by parking on it. The Parish Council intends to have the verge dug and reseeded - if you do park on the High Road, please do not park on the verge! If this worries you, please contact a Parish Councillor. My telephone number is 782070.

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# Parish Diary

## June

Sun 1	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 1, ASB 644, Dick A)
Sat 7	10.30am Coffee morning	(Hazell Pearce, 'Ody House', Pav'm Rd)
	Felmersham CC v Allen Park	Home
	8.00pm Beach Boogie	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sun 8	10.15am Family Communion	(Trinity 2, ASB 648, Browines)
Sat 14	Felmersham CC v Elstow 2	Away
Sun 15	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 3, ASB 653, Don G)
Tue 17	7.30pm Women's Institute	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 21	Felmersham CC v Cranfield Univ 2	Home
Sun 22	9.00am Light House Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
	10.15am Matins	(Trinity 4, ASB 658, Richard P)
	11.20am Said Holy Communion	(Ken S)
Tue 24	Agenda 21 Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 28	Felmersham CC v Bedford Postals	Home
Sun 29	10.15am Choral Communion, St Peter's, Sharnbrook	
	6.00pm Songs of Praise, St Peter's, Sharnbrook	

## July

Sat 5	10.30am Coffee Morning	(Mary Freeman, Meadowbank, Pav'm Rd)
Sat 14	Felmersham CC v Pilgrims 2	Home
	Red Cross Barbeque	(Spinners Ingle, Sharnbrook)
Sun 6	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 6, ASB 664, Margaret A)
Sun 13	10.15am Family Communion	(Trinity 7, ASB 668, Browines)
Mon 14	7.30pm PCC	(Pinchmill Hall)

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

Contributions on any topic are welcome for inclusion in this newsletter, especially those for the new Classified or Letters column.

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# Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

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## Church News

**Douglas Claypole White**

There will be Choral Communion on the first Sunday (1st June) and third Sunday (15th June) starting at 10.15am. There will be a family service on the second Sunday (8th) and matins followed by a said service of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday. (22nd)

There will be no services in St. Mary's on the fifth Sunday. We have been invited to Sharnbrook to share in their Patronal Festival. There will be two services held in St. Peter's, Sharnbrook on 29th June. Starting at 10.15am, Choral Communion and then at 6pm, Songs of Praise.

Our coffee morning this month is at 10.30am on Saturday, 7th June at the home of Hazell Pearce, 'Ody House', Pavenham Road, Felmersham. In July our coffee morning will be on 5th at the home of Mary Freeman, 'Meadow Bank' Pavenham Road, Felmersham, also starting at 10.30am.

At our AGM Ken Shrimpton and Rosemary Brough were re-elected Church Wardens and Messers Knowles, Hill, Evans and Phipps and Mesdames Templeman, Carr, fforde, Airton, Melville, Greenish and Whitehouse were re-elected to the PCC. Messers Stevens and Just remain on the PCC as ex officio members.

I thanked the retiring Church Wardens and PCC together with the Deanery representatives, the organist and the choir, our verger George Brown, our bell ringers, readers and servers; all who clean the church and all who decorate it; Stephen for laundering the linen; Clive as the editor of Ouse News; the fund raising sub committee and everybody who helped in fund raising. Thanks also to Mary Watson and everybody who hosted and helped at the coffee mornings; everybody who helped with the harvest tea and the Christmas sherry and to everybody who helped with house to house collections.



The annual accounts were approved and I thanked Stephen Hill for all his hard work as our treasurer and Gill Greenish for all her hard work as our PCC secretary and our Hon. Auditor, Derek Walmsley.

After the AGM, the PCC held a short meeting at which David Knowles was appointed lay vice chairman, Stephen Hill treasurer and Gill Greenish secretary. I expressed my thanks to David, Stephen and Gill for their support in the previous year.

#### PAUL HORSFORD

**Daphne & Dick Horsford**

We would like to thank Colin Payne and the bellringers for the beautiful tribute to our son Paul, on Friday 9th May. It was lovely, thank you.

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#### Millennium Memorial Porcelain

**David Smith**

The Millennium Committee is planning to have made a series of durable, high quality mementos of the Millennium which will probably be in the form of a set of porcelain ware to be supplied on New Years Day 1998, 1999, and 2000. We are looking for paintings of the parish which could be used as decoration for these items, and are asking if those of you who have such paintings and would be willing to have them considered for use as a design could let me know on 782070.

#### AGENDA 21

**Maggie Spoor**

Remember Agenda 21 and the display in the church just over a year ago? Alan Wheeler and Denise Sore from the Rural Communities Charity, and Richard Harries, Local Agenda 21 Co-ordinator, will be holding a re-appraisal in Pinchmill Committee Room on the evening of the 24th June. Their brief is to look at the community's action plan drawn up last year and to offer help and advice on any sustainable project that will benefit our villages.

Numbers are strictly limited, but if you have an interest in environmental issues and would like to attend, please contact Denise Sore on Bedford 838771 or Maggie Spoor on 782031.

#### W.I.

**May Mills**

It was 'Holiday' time at W.I. this month, courtesy of Blanche and Brian Smith, Felmersham's very own Jill Dando and Monty Don! Brian transported us, with the aid of slides, and Blanche's asides, to South Africa, retracing the steps of their February holiday. The spectacular scenery of the Cape of Good Hope and the Garden Route was followed by the unique Kruger Park, and some remarkable pictures of the native inhabitants! The glories of the Drakensberg Mountains brought to a reluctant end a fascinating glimpse into a beautiful country.

Margaret Leach told us about her enjoyable week-end at Denman College and thanked W.I. for giving her this opportunity.

Carol Burford gallantly agreed to present and preside over this year's resolutions, the most important of which urged members to support Agenda 21, and urged the government to withdraw Lindane, a substance in pesticides thought to be linked with breast cancer. Both were carried unanimously.

There are a few places still available on the coach trip to Buckingham Palace on the 6th September at a cost of 16.75 including entry to the Palace. Anyone interested, including non-members of W.I., should contact Ann Airt on 782080.

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## Babysitting

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# Church Rotas

## Flower Rota

1st Mrs Whitbread  
8th Mrs Whitbread  
15th Vacant - any volunteers?  
22nd Mrs Marsh/Mrs Turner.  
29th Mrs Marsh/Mrs Turner.

## Cleaning Rota

6th Mrs Evans  
13th Mrs Greenish  
20th Mrs Whitehouse/  
Mrs J Smith  
27th Mrs Ronaldson/  
Mrs Mills

## Sharnbrook Community College      Andrew Evans (Community Director)

There has been much speculation recently in the press concerning the state of Adult Education in the Community and I thought it important to inform the population of North Beds of the situation at Sharnbrook. I have taken over the responsibility for Adult Education after the retirement of Anthea Samain and although there has been a massive cut in the Adult Education budget within the County, it is my intention that a full programme of provision for adults will continue at the Sharnbrook site. We are currently looking into the feasibility of using our satellite centres at Lincroft and Margaret Beaufort and I hope to resolve the issues soon but it is my hope that we will still utilise these facilities.

There will be a marginal increase in fees but our prices will be the same as those charged at other North Beds centres. Senior Citizens and full-time students are likely to be charged 60% of the full fee and at Sharnbrook, we will offer a bursary scheme for adults on low income. We are totally committed to an Adult Education provision and we are confident that a varied and comprehensive programme will be offered in September - watch this space!!

In the meantime, if you have any concerns, uncertainties, suggestions for courses or simply any comments to make, please contact either June Barnett or myself on Bedford 782581. I look forward to your continued support. Thank you.

## Sharnbrook Bowls Club

**Ken Wallbank**

Sharnbrook Bowls Club have an Open Day on Sunday June 8th starting at 2.30 p.m. The Club is actively seeking new members with or without bowling experience. The Open Day will allow you to receive some basic tuition and to try out bowling. No special clothing will be necessary but you will need flat soled shoes without heels. Further details from me on 781440

## Coffee Morning

**Mary Watson**

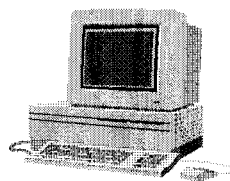
The coffee morning in aid of the Felmersham Church Restoration Fund will be held on Saturday 12 July at 10.30 a.m. at the home of Mary and Paul Freeman, Meadowbank, Pavenham Road, Felmersham. Bring along your friends - and of course contributions of home made cakes, toiletries, and bric a brac will be most welcome too!

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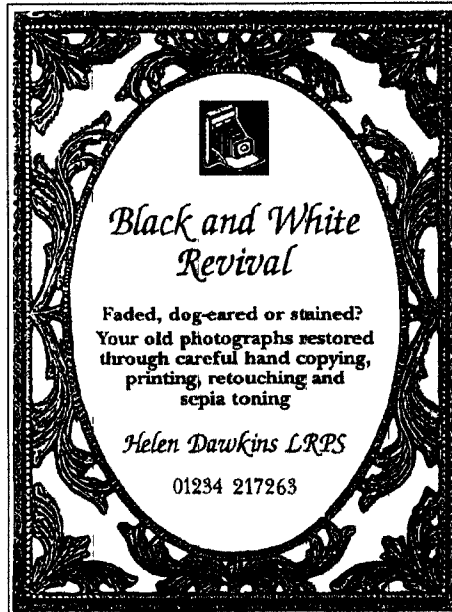
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### Church Restoration

**Ken Shrimpton**

At the PCC's request our architect has drawn up a restoration/repair programme. The work involves restoring and repairing all the clerestory windows, the south facing nave and chancel windows, the east facing chapel and chancel windows, the chancel door, buttress and parapet work and other miscellaneous work. The cost of the package is £28,351 and we are currently arranging the financing of the project.

The church is a grade 1 listed building and therefore qualifies for a grant from English Heritage. We have made our application and we are currently waiting for their decision which could take a further 6 months. In the past we have secured a 60% grant. We have already secured a grant of £2000 from Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust and we have applied for grants from The Francis Coales Charitable Foundation and The Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Through our own fund raising efforts we have already raised £8000 so if all our grant applications are successful then we will be able to proceed with the work.

When applying for a grant it is extremely important for a successful outcome that the applicant can demonstrate that an effort has been made to raise funds within the local community. We are very fortunate

to have within our community people who are prepared to give up their time and talents in order to raise the necessary funds. We are also fortunate to have a community that responds so generously. Our sincere thanks to you all.

### Flower Festival and Open Gardens 1998

**Ken Shrimpton**

Advance notice of the Flower Festival and Open Gardens over the weekend of the 20/21 June 1998 - do make a note in your diaries. If you can help with the Flower Festival contact Anne Claypole White (881661) or in opening your garden contact Ken Shrimpton (781381).

### Red Cross Week

On behalf of the British Red Cross Society we would like to thank all those who gave so generously during Red Cross Week. Your donations will be put to good use.

There will be a BARBECUE on Saturday, 5th July 1997, Sharnbrook Centre will be holding their annual BBQ at the home of Margaret and Tom Anderson, Spinners Ingle, off Kennel Hill, Sharnbrook. For further details please contact any of the following: Sue Whiting (781662), Margaret Anderson (782413), Ann Collis (782471).

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## Parish Diary

### July

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Sat. 12	10.30am	Coffee morning	Mary Freeman, 'Meadowbank', Pav'm Rd
12		Felmersham CC v Bed Athletic 2	Away
Sun 13	10.15am	Family Communion	(Trinity 7, ASB 668, Brownies)
Mon. 4	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	(Pinchmill Hall)
Sat 19		Felmersham CC v Caldecote 2	Home
Sun 20	10.15am	Choral Communion.	(Trinity 8, ASB 679, David K)
20	3.00pm	Evensong, St Margaret's, Knotting.	
Sat 26		Felmersham CC v St Andrews	Away
Sun 27	10.15am	Matins.	(Trinity 9, ASB, 684, Sally C)
	11.20am	Said Holy Communion.	(Ken S)

### August

Sat 2		Felmersham CC v Westfield 2	Home
Sun 3	10.15am	Choral Communion	(Trinity 10, ASB 689, Dick A)
10	10.15am	Choral Communion.	(Trinity 11, ASB 694, Margaret A)

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### Church News

**Douglas Claypole White**

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We have been invited to Knotting to share in their Patronal Festival. This will be Evensong held at St Margaret's on 20th July starting at 3pm.

Our coffee morning this month is at 10.30am on Saturday, 12th July (not the 5th as I advertised last month) at the home of Mary Freeman, 'Meadow Bank' Pavenham Road, Felmersham, starting at 10.30am. There will be no coffee morning in August.

### Flower Festival June 1998

**Anne Claypole White**

This may seem a long time ahead but we do need to plan well in advance. I will be delighted to hear not only from potential flower arrangers (our last festival revealed a wealth of talent in the village!) but also from anyone who has room in the garden to grow a few extra flowers to cut for the festival. If you would like to help in any way, please ring me on 881661.

### W.I.

**May Mills**

Twenty-eight members enjoyed a visit to St. John the Baptist Church at Cockayne Hatley, a beautiful and extremely interesting 14th century church in the midst of farmland in the far east corner of Bedfordshire. Amongst the many interesting features were medieval carvings and 14th century brasses, and we were told the history during a guided tour, which was followed by supper.

The July meeting on the 15th is a cookery demonstration, and the competition is 4 fruit scones.

The August Summer Social is to be held on August 19th. at the home of Jane Wells. N.B. The July 15th meeting is at 7:30pm

### Wishbone Trust Great Hip and Knee Walk

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the Hip and Knee (and ankle) walk on June 1st. Your generosity raised £45 for orthopaedic research. Half the amount raised locally is for the Bedford unit. It was a lovely sunny day and we all made it. Thank you again. **Di Wright**

Thank you to all who were so generous as to sponsor me on this walk which raised £208. **Félise Kingerlee**

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### Flower Rota

6th Mrs Whiting  
13th Mrs Whiting  
20th Vacant  
27th Mrs Alleway  
Aug 3 Mrs Alleway

### Cleaning Rota

11th Carr family  
18th Mrs Rose/ Mrs Whiting  
25th Mr & Mrs Knowles

*Open letter to the Chair of Parish Council, Ouse News, Anyone who cares*

Dear Sir

I moved into Felmersham just over two years ago, and have always been surprised as to the relatively low level of "Community Spirit" for such a small and geographically compact village. I found it hard to believe that this was totally due to the apathy of the villagers and could only put it down to a lack of opportunity for people to be involved in village life. This feeling was confirmed on Wednesday of this week when I received a "questionnaire" from the "Felmersham and Radwell Millennium Committee".

What is this committee? How did it get elected? What opportunity was given to villagers to be a part of it? Who is on it? Are young people (and children) represented on it? Are the school, the church and the village pub represented on it?

The millennium is an important milestone which many people will want to celebrate in an extra special way with their families and friends. I feel that the whole village should be given an opportunity to discuss ideas and put forward suggestions in an open forum rather than be presented with what appears to be a fait accompli in the form of yet another dance. It is well documented that if people are given the opportunity to be involved in the decision making process they will be more committed to its success.

The generation of ideas, the discussions relating to possible events, would in themselves help to foster community spirit. The only real chance for input we have been given in the current scheme of things is to answer one question "Any other bright ideas for events?". I am not claiming to have any specific ideas myself, but I firmly believe that with a series of open "brainstorming" sessions, coupled with a more investigative questionnaire, we could produce suggestions for a more imaginative and memorable millennium celebration.

While I applaud the fact that some efforts are being made to do something for the millennium, I feel, having spoken to several other villagers, that the millennium is the ideal opportunity to encourage active participation throughout the parish and regenerate community spirit.

So, why don't we involve everyone, the children, the young people, the church, the school, the pub and make the millennium an occasion to look forward to and remember?

Yours hopefully

Derek Bamsley, "Applecroft", 25 Mariotts Close Felmersham, MK43 7HD

*[Ed: Further views on this matter are welcome]*

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### Brownies

We are losing several of the Brownies at the end of this month. All of them are moving into Guides. This leaves us with a very small pack so we would welcome some new members. Any girl between the age of 7 and 10½ may join. Meetings are held at Pinchmill Hall on Thursdays 6-7.15pm. Further details from me on 781018 or at 44 Marriotts Close.

### Fair Advice

Don't miss out on a Benefits check! There are over £3 billion of Social Security benefits going unclaimed every year! Last year's campaign identified a total of £200,000 of unclaimed benefits for the 350 people who sought advice at the fairs.

Many people are not claiming the benefits they are entitled to and those that already claim some benefits are unaware there is extra help available. Many others are missing out altogether because they find it difficult to get the information they need.

The Fair Advice campaign, organised by BRIEF - a group of local advice agencies, tackles both these problems. Individual advice sessions are available and no appointment is necessary. Come along between 10am-4pm on Wednesday 24th September at the Harpur Suite, Bedford.

### Margery Evers

### Millennium Committee

The Committee was set up following the Open Meeting of the Parish in March, where suggestions for activities for the Millennium were invited but none were received. Village organisations were invited by letter to provide members, and the issue was discussed at a full meeting in May of the Village Hall and Playing Field Association, which is open to representatives of all village organisations.

The original members of the Committee were: Eric Barford (Cricket Club); Rosemary Brough (PCC); John Hopkins (VHPFA); Celia Hulatt (WI); David Knowles (School); David Smith, Maggie Spoor (Parish Council). Peter Dilley expressed an interest, and was welcomed as a member. The first meeting was held on 17 April. Some of the original members have since had to withdraw, and we will actively welcome anybody else who would like to join us. Mr Derek Barnsley has been invited, but has declined to become a member.

As a result of the preliminary questionnaire which everybody should have received, the Committee has come up with an outline structure for the festivities, which it is felt should not be confined to the New Year but should continue throughout 2000. We should like to present our ideas to the parish and to obtain suggestions and offers of help. We are holding a meeting in Pinchmill Hall on Monday, September 1, at 8pm, and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible then.

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17th Mrs Marsh / Mrs Turner  
24th Mrs Claypole White  
31st Mrs Claypole White

7th Mrs Marsh / Mrs Turner

## Cleaning Rota

1st Mrs Airton / Mrs Walmsley  
8th The Evans Family  
15th Mrs Greenish  
22nd Mrs Whitehouse/  
Mrs J Smith  
29th Mrs Ronaldson / Mrs Mills

## AUTUMN SHOW

Schedules and entry forms will be distributed to all houses this month. Why not have a go - you never know - it could be you with those prize winning plums, potatoes or parsnips! Milton Ernest Garden Centre have once again agreed to sponsor the Show, and every First, Second and Third place will receive a much coveted Felmersham and Radwell Show Certificate! Please return entry forms with relevant entry fee to either Mr D Wright, 'Wynrosa', Pavenham Road, Felmersham or to me, Maggie Spoor, Corn Cottage, Church End, Felmersham by 6th September. We also have a supply of spare entry forms if necessary.

The Hall will be open between 9.00 and 10.30 am on the 7th September to receive your entries, judging will be from 11.00 am. The Hall will also be open during the afternoon from 2.30 to 5.00pm, so even if you don't have anything to enter do come along, have a cup of tea, and see what talented gardeners, craftsmen and women there are in the villages - make a note on your calendar now - Sunday 7th September.

The first Autumn Show had 133 entries. Can we do better this year? Hopefully by moving the event to Sunday it will give those of us who work more time to prepare entries. All we can do now is keep our fingers crossed that we have perfect growing conditions for the rest of the summer.

In case anyone is wondering, this is a non-profit making event. The modest entry fee will go towards the cost of printing the show schedules and certificates. If you have any queries about the Show, please ring me on 782031. See you on the 7th September!!

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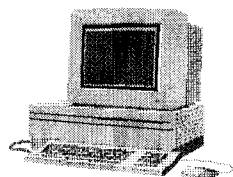
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# Parish Diary

## From the Parish Register:

Funeral	2nd May	Paul Horsford
Funeral	8th July	Joan Berry

## August

Sat 2	Felmersham CC v Westfield 2	Home
Sun 3	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 10, ASB 689, Dick A)
Sun 10	10.15am Choral Communion.	(Trinity 11, ASB 694, Margaret A)
Sun 17	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 12, ASB 699, Don G)
Tue 19	7.30pm W.I.	(Riverside House)
Sun 24	10.15am Choral Communion.	(Trinity 13, ASB 703, Richard P)
	11.20am Said Holy Communion	
Sun 27	10.15am Choral Communion.	(Trinity 14, ASB 709, Rosemary B)

## September

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## Church News

Douglas Claypole White

As we are in the middle of the holiday season, there will be no Family Service in August.. I will be celebrating Choral Communion at 10.15am on the first, second, third and fifth Sundays (3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st August). On the fourth Sunday (24th August) there will be Matins from the Book of Common Prayer at 10.15am followed by said Holy Communion starting at approximately 11.20am.

We restart our monthly coffee mornings in September to raise funds for our restoration appeal. The first one will be held on Saturday, 6th September at the home of Joan Hughes 'Stonehaven ' High Road, Felmersham, starting at 10.30am.

St Margaret's, Knotting have an Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday and Sunday. 20th and 21st September. Saturday from 2pm to 6pm and Sunday from 11am to 6pm. This is in aid of their restoration fund.

Please make a note in your diary that we will be celebrating our **PATRONAL FESTIVAL** on Sunday 7th September with Choral Communion starting at 10. 15am. The preacher will be the Rural Dean, The Rev'd Ian Arthur who is also the priest in charge of Sharnbrook , Souldrop and Knotting. We have invited our friends from those three parishes to join with us in our celebrations.

## Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

Sunday 7th September is our Patronal Festival and it would be nice to have some extra flowers for that occasion. If any of you would like to do an arrangement then, I would be delighted to hear from you.

## Arthritis & Rheumatism Council

Jennifer Knowles

The recent house-to-house collection raised £155.65. Thank you to all who contributed and the collectors who helped me - Peggy Alexander, Mary Freeman, Christine Lindley, Sheila McKenzie, Karen Stokley and Renée Whitbread.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As of the 21st July I have been in position as Rural Youth Volunteer Facilitator for North Bedfordshire, working for Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity. The post has been funded initially, for two years by National Lottery money, under the nationwide "Make a Difference" campaign. My aim is to create and expand volunteering opportunities for young people between the ages of 15-24.

I am keen to hear from individuals who have fresh and exciting ideas for their own voluntary groups, or who want to get involved with anything from Amnesty to Environmental work. Any enquiries from organisations who feel that volunteers could add that extra dimension would also be most welcome. I can be contacted at the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity on 01234 83877.

**Stuart George**

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**W.I.**

It was the antithesis of Ready, Steady, Cook - leisurely, unflustered and free from colourful cookery patter! Although 'Country Cuisine's' Simone Ward was no guru of Delia Smith, she gave a competent demonstration of how to cook a three-course dinner at an hour's notice, using ingredients from the store-cupboard. As an alternative, take two hours and go to Marks and Spencer!

The best bakers of fruit scones as judged by our speaker were: 1st Maggie Spoor; 2nd Val Sexton; 3rd Karen Stokley.

Val Sexton and Celia Hulatt reported on the national meeting in Birmingham which they had attended on separate days, and to which they both gave the thumbs down!

Our next meeting, August 19th, is to be a dessert, wine and coffee evening at Riverside House, by kind permission of Jane and Tom Wells.

There will be a coffee morning at 'Stonehaven', High Road, Felmersham on Thursday, 18th September, entrance £1 Bring and Buy, Plant Stall and Raffle. A warm invitation to both events.

## Community Care

We are in the process of setting up a Community Care Scheme in Felmersham and Radwell, and are having an informal get-together in the Committee Room at Pinchmill School on Wednesday, 3rd September at 7.30pm. A representative from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity will explain the aims of the scheme and how it works. If you are interested in our community and its well-being please come along and find out more about this important new venture.

## Coffee Morning

There will be no coffee morning in August so we look forward to a record turn out on Saturday 6 September at 10.30 a.m. at the home of Joan and David Hughes, Stonehaven, High Road, Felmersham for the coffee morning in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

Contributions for the bring and buy stall, home made cakes, confectionery, plants, etc. will be much appreciated, along with any friends you may wish to bring.

**May Mills**

**Mary Watson**

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### **Affordable Housing**

**David G Smith**

The Parish Council has received a planning application from Raglan Housing Association to construct two bungalows and four houses on a site beyond the playing field on Old Road. The plans are available with Maggie Spoor, Corn Cottage, Church End. Anyone wishing to support or object to the application should write to the Borough Planning Department (Mr P Lennox), Town Hall, St Paul's Square, Bedford, MK40 1SJ; the application will be considered at a Planning Committee meeting on 1st September.

### **PC Chairman's Notebook - August 1997**

**David G Smith**

In the light of recent comments about the perceived lack of information about things going on in the Parish, I should like to spend some time this month describing three important initiatives which are going on at present. All of these activities would benefit enormously from support from more members of the community, so please let me know if you would like to participate. Incidentally, all of these activities are discussed in depth at each Parish Council meeting, which are always advertised and open to the public - though if we get one parishioner at any meeting we feel honoured! The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 2 September at 7.30pm.

### **The Millennium.**

There are two aspects to our initial plans for the millennium - a permanent memorial, and the celebrations at the time. In the absence of any better suggestions, the Parish Council has been trying to purchase a piece of land, using lottery money, to become the "Millennium Green", since the Village Needs Survey of 1992 put this as your most important requirement. Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to find a local landowner who is willing or able to sell to the Parish say four acres of land at a reasonable price. However, we have not given up trying and would be delighted if anyone could come forward with an offer. A Millennium Committee was set up earlier this year to cover both aspects of the celebrations, and is the topic of a separate item in this issue - please come to the meeting on 1 September if you are interested.

### **Local Agenda 21**

Learning to live sustainably must be the goal of all of us if in the long term we are not to destroy this planet. At Rio de Janeiro in 1992, our Government signed up to Agenda 21, which commits most of the countries of the world to try to achieve the goal of sustainable development. This has now cascaded down to the local level, and Felmersham and Radwell was selected in 1995 to be the rural pilot for Bedford Borough's Local Agenda 21 programme. The results of the first phase of the project were presented at a well-attended exhibition held in the church in April last year. The Borough, and Bedfordshire Rural Community Charity, ran a workshop in Pinchmill Hall on 24 June to review progress on the key objectives, which had been based on the results of the Village Needs Survey. We are still trying to get a community shop under way, but in spite of considerable enthusiasm on the part of the team, the project has stopped, primarily because of a lack of a suitable building or a site for a portakabin. Recycling facilities are available at the school, which has benefited to the extent of £250 in twelve months for environmental projects at school. As a result of the review, two new initiatives are getting under way. Firstly a workshop for all potential users of the river, to try to increase the usage of this important feature without affecting sustainability. Secondly, an exhibition is planned for next year to promote better use of resources including energy, water and recyclable materials.

### **Community spirit**

Comments about the decline of community spirit have been common in the parish for many years, and the Parish Council has been concerned about what to do. At the beginning of this year, a group drawn from several village organisations was formed, and identified two different tasks: support for the elderly and needy, and general raising of the level of social activity. The first was given priority, and a joint service from the Parish Council, the WI and the Church has been set up, called "Felmersham and Radwell Care". Anyone who would like to help with this activity should contact Celia Hulatt or any WI member. The general social activity is a harder nut to crack, though the lead-up to the Millennium is likely to increase fund raising and other social events. The Parish Council would be delighted to hear of any bright ideas - maybe this is an area where the pubs could take a community lead?



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Fri	12	8.00pm Wildlife Trust Wetlands Talk	(Sharnbrook Methodist Church)
Sat	13	10.00am Heritage Walk	(meet at bus shelter)
Sun	14	10.15am Family Communion	(Trinity 16, ASB 719, Brownies)
Sun	21	10.15am Choral Communion	(Trinity 17, ASB 722, David K)
Sun	28	9.30am Light House	(Pinchmill Hall)
		10.15am Matins	(Trinity 18, ASB 729, Sally C)
		11.20am Said Holy Communion	(Ken S)

## October

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Please make a note in your diary that we will celebrate Harvest Festival at 5pm on Sunday 5th October. This will be followed by a Harvest tea in Pinchmill Hall starting at approximately 6pm. I will give full details in the next issue of Ouse News.

## Church Flowers

**Anne Claypole White**

If anyone would like to do an extra arrangement for our Patronal Festival, it will be much appreciated. Harvest Festival (October 7th) is approaching rapidly. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to help decorate the church. Once again I'm appealing for contributions of produce, foliage, berries etc. I know it has been an exceptionally difficult time for gardens, but if you have anything you can spare we will be delighted to have it.

# Classified

## For Sale

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# Church Rotas

## Flower Rota

7th Mrs Marsh / Mrs Turner  
14th Vacant  
21st Mrs W Pearce  
28th Vacant

## Cleaning Rota

5th The Carr family  
12th Mrs Rose / Mrs Whiting  
19th Mr & Mrs Knowles  
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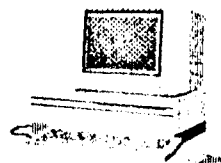
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*An open letter in reply to Mr Derek Barnsley's recent letter.*

Dear Mr Barnsley,

Yes I agree with you that the millennium celebration is a good opportunity to create and encourage active participation throughout the parish. What I fear you have failed to grasp is that these opportunities have been well advertised and the response has been mixed. Those that have responded to the call (including parish organisations) have, and are, doing their best to ensure that the millennium is celebrated in this parish. The questionnaire that you received was their way of creating and promoting an interest.

Community Spirit is not something that you automatically find or experience in a community, it is something that like minded people have worked hard to create and nurture. It is all too easy to say what they should or should not be doing when in fact what we should be asking ourselves is "How can I help?" We are fortunate to have parishioners who are prepared to work for our community and organise the hundred and one things that they believe needs to be done, including helping to organise the millennium celebrations. Many of these parish workers have full time jobs, children to care for, meals to prepare, etc. but they still find the time to work for our community. What we need are more like minded people who are prepared to help in a positive spirit and thus make the millennium a real cause for celebration. So come on Mr. B make the effort and take part in organising the millennium celebrations and then you'll help create and experience that intangible feeling you call "Community Spirit".

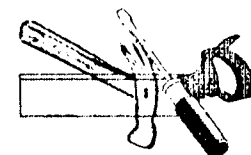
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Ken Shrimpton

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### Children's' Society Boxes

Could everyone who has a box return it to me as soon as possible please? The Society would like all the money in by the end of September, which is a month earlier than usual! Thank you.

Anne Claypole White

### In Praise of the Garden

Ken Shrimpton

As announced before we are organising a Flower Festival and Open Gardens over the weekend of the 20th June 1998. The theme of the Festival will be "In Praise of the Garden" and the practical results will be seen in the Open Gardens. If you can help with the Flower Festival then please contact Anne Claypole White (881661) and if you would like to know more about opening your garden or helping with the teas contact me (781381). Help us to make the weekend a community weekend involving the whole parish; we look forward to your response.

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### Save the Children Fund

Ronald and Judith Smith

We do not really want to mention Christmas in the middle of a heatwave and most folks' summer holidays, but ... Please note the following dates when we shall be selling Christmas cards and small gifts and will be serving coffee and tea whilst you browse: morning of Saturday 18th October and afternoon of Sunday 19th November.

### Baby Sitting Circle

Gill Greenish

At a recent meeting of the few remaining members it was decided that there was insufficient interest for the circle to function effectively. Hopefully its closure will not be a permanent loss to the community as many of us have found the circle very useful over a number of years

### Heritage Walk

Ken Shrimpton

On Saturday 13th September at 10.00am meeting at Felmersham bus shelter. We will be walking in the Old Warden and Northill area. Please bring a packed lunch and provide your own transport (help can be given). The pace will be leisurely for the 7 mile walk. There will be a charge of £2 per adult with 50% going to St Mary's Church Restoration Fund and 50% to Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Everybody is welcome to join us.

Our next walk will be on Friday 26 December at 11.00am. Boxing Day Special.

### Sponsored Cycle Ride - Saturday 13th September.

Ken Shrimpton

For those who prefer cycling to walking why not consider entering the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust annual sponsored cycle ride. 50% of the funds raised go to St Mary's Church Restoration Fund and 50% to the Trust. This is an exciting way of seeing your local churches (they will all be open plus some chapels) and at the same time raising funds to preserve our living heritage. Details from Ken Shrimpton (781381) or Stephen Hill (781064)

### Coffee Morning

Mary Watson

This month's coffee morning, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund, will be held at the home of Mo and Kanzy Zaki on Saturday 4th October at 10.30am. It is hoped that this popular event will attract as many of the villagers as possible and that there will be generous contributions for the bring and buy stall, home made cakes, confectionery, plants etc. Any friends will be most welcome.

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### September Wildlife

Hedgehogs are well known for their hibernation and during September and October they have to put on weight in order to have enough fat stores to survive the winter. Hedgehogs effectively go into a very deep sleep during hibernation. If there is a warm spell in the weather they may wake up and come out, then return to their nest if it becomes cold again. Hedgehogs have been known to wake up in colder weather to build a new nest if their own has become wet or just for a change! Hibernation usually ends at Easter but again depends on the weather.

If you find a hedgehog towards the end of this month you should leave it unless it is very small (under 1lb or 450gm), in which case it probably will not survive hibernation. If you find yourself nursing a hedgehog you must keep it warm and feed it on cat food or baby food and get advice from your local Wildlife Trust. Hedgehogs often make their nests in bonfires so these should be checked before lighting.

**Events:** The World of Wetlands - a talk by David Stroud at 8pm Friday 12th September, Sharnbrook Methodist Church, Park Lane,

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Sun 26 9.30am Light House Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)  
10.15am Matins (9 Before Christmas. ASB 400 Richard P)

### November

Sat 1 10.30am Coffee morning (Karen Stokley, 'Midwicket', Pav'm Rd)  
Sun 2 10.15am Choral Communion. (8 Before Christmas, ASB 405, MA)  
Sat 8 7.30pm Sue Ryder Quiz Evening (Pinchmill Hall)  
Choral Concert (St Mary's Church)  
Sun 9 10.30am Matins (Church Wardens ASB 410)  
11.00am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Two Minute Silence  
11.40am Wreath laying at the War Memorial  
Mon 10 7.30pm PCC meeting. (Pinchmill Hall)  
Sun 16 10.15am Choral Communion (6 Before Christmas, ASB 415, DK)

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## Church News

Douglas Claypole White

I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 5th October. Then at 5pm we will be holding our traditional Harvest Evensong. This will be followed by a Harvest Tea in Pinchmill Hall starting at about 6pm. Entry for the tea, payable on the door, is £1 for an adult and 50p for children. During the tea the harvest produce from the church will be put into a tombola. The profit on the tea, the proceeds from the tombola and the cash collected both at Evensong and at our communion service in the morning, will be donated to the Bishop of St. Albans' Harvest for the Hungry appeal. This appeal in turn is divided between three organisations; the Small Business Initiative of the Women's Programme of the Sudan Council of Churches, Christian Aid, and the World Development Movement. For thirty out of the last forty years Sudan has suffered a civil war which has produced a human tragedy of epic proportions. The Women's Programme of the Sudan Council of Churches is doing excellent work in supporting displaced persons.

We have our Family Communion service at 10.15am on Sunday 12th. On the third Sunday, 19th, we have at 10.15am Choral Communion with Matins from the Book of Common Prayer starting at 10.15am on the fourth Sunday, 26th. This will not be followed by Holy Communion.

There will be Choral Communion on both the first and third Sunday in November. There will be no Family Service on the second Sunday because the second Sunday is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY when Matins will start later than usual, at 10.30am. There will be a laying of the wreath and a two minute silence at 11am. After the service, at approximately 11.40am there will be a laying of a second wreath with prayers and another two minute silence, at the War Memorial.

Our coffee morning will be at 10.30am on Saturday the 4th October at the Home of Kanzy Zaki, Perch Heights, Carlton Road, Felmersham. The November coffee morning will be on the 1st November, starting at 10.30am at the home of Karen Stokley, 'Midwicket', Pavenham Road.



### Church Flowers

The flower rota has more vacancies than volunteers between now and December. Please help us if you can; the rota is in the Church porch. Your signature will be much appreciated!

**Anne Claypole White**

### Thurleigh Development

The 42 signature petition objecting to the above proposed development by Palmer Promosport was submitted to the Planning Officer in early summer. At the committee meeting on September 1st planning permission was refused, albeit by a narrow majority. We have now received a letter from David Bailey, Planning Officer, stating that our representations were taken into consideration when reaching this decision. Thanks to all those who were involved and to the people who wrote separately. Let's be on our guard in case an appeal is lodged!

**Brian & Blanche Smith**

### Coffee Morning

November's coffee morning in aid of St. Mary's Church Restoration Fund will be held at the home of Jeff and Karen Stokley, Midwicket, Pavenham Road on Saturday 1st November at 10.30am.

**Mary Watson**

Contributions of produce, home made cakes, etc. will be most welcome for the bring and buy stall as would as many friends as you can muster to bring along.

### Village Hall AGM

The AGM will be held in the hall on Monday October 13th at 7.30pm. We would be pleased to see as many as possible and especially anyone who would like to take an active part in managing the village hall.

**Brian Smith**

I have been chairman for over 5 years and will not be standing for re-election. We also require a treasurer. New residents especially welcome.

### Save the Children Fund

Christmas sale at Leaways, Town Lot Lane:

**Ron & Judith Smith**

Saturday 18th October 10-12am and Sunday 16th November 3-5pm

Do come and join us for light refreshments on either day (or both!) and browse through our stock of Christmas cards and calendars or choose from the catalogue. Remember no postage or package charges if you order through us. We have some catalogues around the village but if we have missed you out and you would like one please call or telephone us (781430) and we will drop one in.

### W.I.

Was she hypnotised? Or about to be psychoanalysed? Or had she just had a bad day at the office? She lay like a corpse on the couch, her bare feet ready and waiting. Yes, you've guessed it - reflexology! Maggie Spoor was our volunteer victim who was the lucky recipient of an hour's massage at the hands of reflexologist, Jean Yule. She gave us an entertaining insight into this fascinating and ancient art, the benefits of which include reduced stress levels, deep relaxation and activation of the healing powers of the body. There is a drawback, however - in order to obtain maximum benefit you are encouraged to remain silent throughout treatment. Still, you can't have everything!

**May Mills**

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Open Gardens. Call Ken Shrimpton on 781381 for details.

# Church Rotas

## Flower Rota

October

5th HARVEST FESTIVAL  
12th Vacant  
19th Vacant  
26th Mrs J Smith

November

2nd Mrs J Smith  
9th Vacant

## Cleaning Rota

5th The Carr family  
12th Mrs Rose / Mrs Whiting  
19th Mr & Mrs Knowles  
26th Mrs Walmsley

## Remembrance Sunday

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the wreath at the service at the War Memorial please contact me on 781864 or send your donations to 'Five Elms', Moor End Road, Radwell.

**Fred Turner**

## AUTUMN SHOW

**Maggie Spoor**

The show was held on Sunday 7th September in Pinchmill Hall, the judges being Jean and James Gell from Rushden, and Justin North who judged the photographs. The number of entrants was slightly down on last year, but nevertheless we had some excellent exhibits, including a menagerie of playdough animals from the Playgroup - thank you very much! I hope everyone enjoyed taking part whether you won a prize or not - and there's always next year! Thanks to everyone who took part, and especially David and Diane Wright for their unstinting help and support, and to Alleyne and Margaret Leach for their help on the day.

We now have an Autumn Show Plate which is to be awarded to the entrant with the highest number of 'Firsts'. This year it has been won by Diane Wright who just pipped Fred Turner at the post - they tied on the number of Firsts (5 each), but the Plate was awarded to Diane as she had achieved more seconds! Something to work towards next year? I have been asked by those keen types who like to plan ahead to get the show schedule out as early as possible! I have some ideas for new and novel classes, but if there are any suggestions please let me know. Likewise if anyone would like to join in the organising I would be more than happy to hear from them!

Speaking of next year, our judge, James Gell, has offered to come back one evening during the winter to give a short talk and answer questions on 'showing', to explain what he as a judge is looking for in an exhibit and what you can do to present your exhibit in the best way. James is a member of Rushden Allotments Association and has taken part in many local shows over the years. He is a mine of information and really knows his onions - which, apparently, are shown to their best advantage displayed on sand. Did you also know that we should leave the natural bloom on apples, the calyx on the tomatoes and the stalks on blackberries, plums and cucumbers! I certainly didn't. James might come back in January, so please give me a ring if you are interested. We might also be able to persuade his wife Jean to come along. She judged the craft classes and was as equally knowledgeable on those. Phone me on 782031.

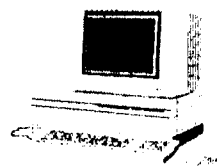
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### Sue Ryder News

Dorothy Galliver

The Autumn event in aid of St. John's Moggerhanger will be a Quiz Evening on Saturday November 8th at Pinchmill Hall. A welcome drink at 7.30pm for a prompt start at 8pm. We tempt you with delicious home made soups and good prizes for winning tables. Tickets only £4.

### 1997 Autumn Show Prize Winners were as follows:-

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
1 3 White potatoes	F R Turner	George Galliver	-
2 3 Coloured potatoes	F R Turner	David Wright	-
3 Biggest onion	Jenny Homan	F R Turner	Rose family
4 6 Tomatoes	Christine Linley	Hilary Foot	Stephen Lott
5 3 Carrots	F R Turner	-	-
6 3 Onions	F R Turner	Rose family	L H Jones
7 6 Runner beans	The Rose family	-	-
8 3 Beetroot	F R Turner	-	-
9 Heaviest marrow	Jenny Homan	David Wright	-
10 1 Cucumber	The Rose family	-	-
11 2 Parsnips	-	The Rose family	-
12 4 Dessert apples	The Rose family	Ken Shrimpton	L. Shrimpton
13 4 Cooking apples	Sue Evans	Gillian Shaw	A. Stevens
14 Dish of blackberries	Gillian Shaw	Emma Robinson	Kate Spoor
15 6 Plums or gages	Kate Spoor	-	-
16 Jar of jam	Dorothy Galliver	Hilary Foot	Diane Wright
17 Jar of marmalade	Jennifer Knowles	Jennifer Knowles	-
18 Jar of chutney	Diane Wright	Jennifer Knowles	Hilary Foot
19 Jar of pickled onions	Diane Wright	-	-
20 3 Chrysanth.	David Wright	Diane Wright	-
21 3 roses	Jennifer Knowles	-	-
23 4 Dahlias	David Wright	-	-
24 6 Kinds cut flowers	Lorraine Shrimpton	-	-
25 Pot plant	David Wright	Diane Wright	-
26 Pot plant (fuchsia)	Diane Wright	David Wright	-
27 Apple tart	Diane Wright	Emma Robinson	-
28 6 Ginger biscuits	Margaret Alleway	Diane Wright	J. Elliott-Poxon
29 Victoria sandwich	Chris Spoor	David Wright	Andrew Evans
30 Wholemeal loaf	(No prize given)	-	-
32 Quiche Lorraine	Margaret Alleway	Diane Wright	-
33 Knitted garment	Gillian Shaw	Diane Wright	Christine Linley
34 Child's toy - joint first	Christine Linley and	Diane Wright	Alan Stevens
35 Photographic print	Alan Stevens and Barry Welsh (joint)	-	Helen Thompson
36 Children's poster	Philip Shaw	-	-
37 Paper plate face	Amy Davies	Anna Dodds	Harvey Robinson
38 Best dressed vegetable	Philip Shaw	-	-
40 Playdough animal	Matthew Evans	Amy Davies	Anna Dodds

(There were no entrants for classes 22, 31 or 39. Class 29 was for men only)

# HELLO !

## The Chandler family at their fabulous home in 3 St Mary's Close

**Mr David Chandler and Mrs Karen Chandler** take the time to talk to our intrepid reporter, Sherry (please may I have one on the house) Agnew.

### What made you want to live in Felmersham?

Our eldest daughter, **Georgina**, who is now 4 and a half had been attending Puddleducks Nursery for a year which meant regular trips through the village. We lived in Ravensden before but fell in love with this village and wanted to give Georgie continuity of schooling and friends here. Our younger child, **Charlotte** is six months old. Karen's family are farming people from Bedfordshire so we know quite a lot of people locally and have even discovered some distant relatives! Karen's great grandfather was Mr Payne, the gardener at Oakley House for many years.

### Karen, you have a lovely home with running water, electricity and carpets? How do you plan to spend all your leisure with so few chores left for you to do?

We are both looking forward to getting to know the village and villagers. Dave is a financial advisor and works very hard. He plays golf and other sports and we both enjoy walking. I did run a beauty business for eight years but now I work only occasionally because I have a lot on my hands with two young children and a new home. However, once I have designed the pool and the helicopter pad, I am looking forward to becoming involved in the playgroup and school.

### What are your first impressions of Felmersham now you have arrived?

We find everyone we have met on walks or who have called very friendly and we're looking forward to finding the shop which we hope takes American Express (muffled guffaw from the interviewer who is now prostrate with thirst having refused the offer of tea or coffee, those drinks not being in her vocabulary).

### Anything we can help you with?

Babysitting! But preferably, not you.

### Have you come up with any big plans for Felmersham since your arrival?

Later. Please excuse us now. We have 10,000 boxes to unpack and your wellies are leaving a stain on our new carpet.

Mitsy, the dog, who resembles a little fox and jumps extremely high then introduced herself to our interviewer who beat a hasty retreat for 'a little something' to refresh her before putting pen to paper.

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# Parish Diary

## From the Parish Registers

6th October      Funeral      John Lee.

### November

Sat 1 10.30am Coffee Morning. (Karen Stokley 'Midwicket', Pav'm Rd)  
Sun 2 10.15am Choral Communion. (Christmas-8. ASB 405. Margaret A)  
Sun 9 10.30am Matins. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. (Wardens ASB 410)  
11.00am TWO MINUTE SILENCE  
11.40am Wreath laying. (War Memorial)  
Mon 10 7.30pm PCC meeting. (Pinchmill Hall)  
Sun 16 10.15am Choral Communion. (Christmas-6, ASB 415. David K)  
Tue 18 7.30pm Women's Institute (Pinchmill Hall)  
Wed 19 2.00pm Christmas Fun Afternoon (Pinchmill School)  
Fri 21 Red Cross Coffee Evening (Greenfields, Pavenham Rd)  
Sun 23 9.30pm Light House Meeting (Pinchmill Hall)  
10.15am Matins (Christmas-5, ASB 420. Sally C)  
11.20am Said Holy Communion. (Ken S)  
Sun 30 10.15am Choral Communion. (Advent 1, ASB 424. Rosemary B)

### December

Sat 6 10.30am Coffee morning. (Judith Folbigg. Old School Hse, High Rd)  
Sun 7 10.15am Choral Communion. (Advent 2. ASB 431. Dick A)  
Sun 14 10.15am Choral Communion. (Advent 3. ASB 434. Margaret A)  
3.00pm Christingle  
Sun 21 10.15am Choral Communion. (Advent 4. ASB 439. Don G)  
5.00pm Carol Service. (Church Wardens)

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

Contributions on any topic are welcome for inclusion in this newsletter.

Please send items (preferably on disk or typed) for next month's Ouse News to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory by the 25th. Phone 781967 for more details.

# Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

November 1997

## Church News

Douglas Claypole White

There will be a service of Choral Communion at 10.15am on Sunday 2nd November. The following Sunday, 10th, is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Our morning service, which will be matins from the book of Common Prayer, will start quarter of an hour later than usual at 10.30am. This will make it easier to observe the two minute silence at 11am. After the service, at approximately 11.40am, there will be a further wreath laying with short prayers at the War Memorial.

I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am on the third and fifth Sundays, 16th and 30th. On the fourth Sunday there will be Matins from the book of Common Prayer starting at 10.15am. This service will be followed by a service of said Holy Communion starting at approximately 11.20am.

Our coffee morning will be at 10.30am on Saturday the 1st November at the home of Karen Stockley, 'Midwicket' Pavenham road, Felmersham. The December coffee morning will be at the home of Judith Folbigg, The Old School House, The High Road, Felmersham.

My thanks to everybody who donated harvest produce; to the Ladies who decorated the Church so beautifully for our Harvest Festival; to Judith Smith for organising our harvest tea and Rosemary Brough and Gill Greenish for organising the tea on the day and to Ken Shrimpton for making the Tombola such a success

## Church Flowers

Anne Claypole White

Thank you to every one who helped in so many ways to make the Church look so beautiful for Harvest Festival. In spite of all the problems with the weather during the past few months, we were almost overwhelmed with contributions of flowers and produce. I suspect many Felmersham shrubs (especially Continus!) have had a very severe pruning this autumn!



### Children's Society

Thank you very much all box holders. You raised £200 this year - new record. Is there anyone who would be prepared to take over from me as local secretary? It is not an onerous task. It is a matter of organising a house - to - house collection each April and opening the boxes (there are only eight) each September.

Anne Claypole White

### Red Cross

A coffee evening will be held at the home of one of our members, Mrs Sue Whiting, on Friday 21st November at Greenfields, Pavenham Road. For further details contact Sue on 781162.

Barbara Coxon

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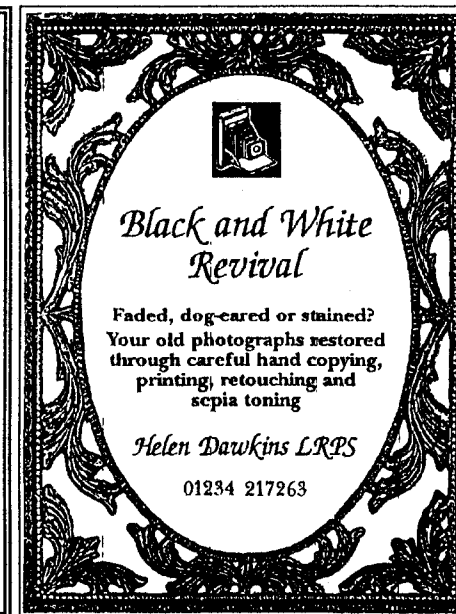
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### Coffee Morning

The coffee morning in aid of the Church Restoration fund will be held at the home of Judith Folbigg, The Old School House, The High Road, Felmersham at 10.30am on Saturday 6th December. Contributions of Christmassy produce and home cakes would be most welcome for the bring and buy stall. Please bring your friends.

Mary Watson

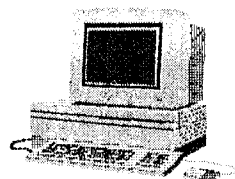
### Women's Institute

Christine Dakin illustrated her talk on beautiful borders with an interesting selection of slides taken in large famous gardens and small local ones. There were lots of hints and tips during the talk. Then Joan Hughes reported back on her weekend at Denman College which she had thoroughly enjoyed.

Mary Freeman

We are running a bathroom stall at the Pinchmill School Christmas Fair on 19th November. Please give your contributions to a committee member.

The next meeting on November 18th is a talk on the history of Higham Ferrers. Please bring your decorated gifts or gifts of food to be sent to Fairfield Hospital.



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## Church Rotas

### Flower Rota

November

2nd Mrs J Smith  
9th Mrs Marsh & Mrs Turner  
16th Mrs Marsh & Mrs Turner  
23rd Mrs E Robinson  
30th Mrs E Robinson

December

7th Mrs M Alleway  
14th Mrs M Alleway

### Cleaning Rota

5th The Carr family  
12th Mrs Rose / Mrs Whiting  
19th Mr & Mrs Knowles  
26th Mrs Walmsley

R.S.P.C.A.

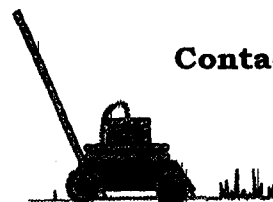
The R.S.P.C.A. village collection raised £116. My thanks to all who contributed and to my fellow collectors - Sylvia Wilson, Marjorie Pipe, Fiona Crouch and Helen Thompson.

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# HELLO !

to the lovely and successful Hilary Jane Wight and her husband,  
Leslie (male) Smith, in their elegant West Cottage, Church End.

Our dedicated reporter staggered up the road on Sunday morning to interview the delightful couple who have joined our village in July. Having noted the appointment time as 10.30 a.m. she surmised that these young things were not Churchgoers and therefore felt comfortable with her easy greeting of, 'Jolly morning, what? Any mulled wine to celebrate the season?' and the interview got off to a hopeful start with a joint bemoaning of the absence of the promised complimentary mulled wine at the recent Bonfire Night Do. *[Well I got one! Ed]*

Hilary is a sprightly 35 year old married to the man she jokingly refers to as 'Oink' but who prefers to be known as Les. He is 26 but without looking too closely he could easily pass for 46. They met in a public house in 1984 and found they had a mutual interest in the Labour party and drinking. They have recently become a little concerned about the former which is a good thing as their interviewer was able to advise them that no-one would have heard of a Labour party in this area although there are apparently some good parties at Christmas if you get in with the right crowd (reporter never has). This shy and modest couple were married quietly in St Lucia, Hilary wearing brown and Leslie wearing very little at all - a very interesting addition to our community!

## Why did you come to Felmersham?

Les said, and this is the only time the poor young man got a word in edgeways, "We came to dinner at this house in February of this year. Hilary had a sprained ankle and therefore saw only downstairs. It was dark so we couldn't even see the garden but Hilary fell in love with the place and that was it - what Hilary wants, Hilary gets."

## What are your first impressions?

Hilary then took over the talking. "We have both lived in towns for most of our lives, recently in Berkhamsted and before that, London. It did occur to us it was a bit rash to live in the middle of a field (surely they are not talking about Felmersham?' thought our loyal reporter) but now we are here we think it's lovely. We're very impressed with the amount of activity. We were torn between the quiz night and the concert on Saturday and had to calm down with several bottles of wine in front of the tele. We signed up for the Race night recently but got our money back because apparently no-one else wanted to go. Whether or not it was

because they discovered we were going, we're not sure! It's also really 'lovely' that so many people have taken such an interest in our lives."

## Anything we can help you with?

"We can't find the shop. We particularly need an off licence selling alcohol and Pringles Crisps (reporter nods sympathetically). And we would find it interesting to know more about people in the village who have lived here a long time - can't you write about them?" The reporter thought not, having already cadged from most of the existing villagers several drinks, but declined to comment (any willing victims with surplus cellars or a charitable frame of mind should apply).

## What do you think you can bring to Felmersham?

Hilary, of course, said, "I work exceptionally hard doing....." (something so complicated that your reporter was unable to understand it, partly perhaps because she had imbibed enormous quantities of caffeine despite sitting in the same room as approximately 100 bottles of wine) "...so I'm out a lot but Les is a Probation Officer (reporter's mouth drops and she sits up respectfully) so he can keep an eye on some of the unruly young people in the village."

"Whatever can you mean?" asked the reporter indignantly.

"We had our car badge stolen within minutes of moving in here and there is an awful lot of smells, loud bells, birds cackling or whatever they do and no-one seems to know how to drive in Bedford. It seems to me that the driving code is never give way to people at roundabouts and junctions and drive as fast as your vehicle is capable around all the country lanes."

"Have you any friends in Felmersham." asked the reporter gently.

"No, not really. We are fairly private."

They were re-assured that after this article they were unlikely to be bothered again.

The reporter must confess that if there is an ever so slight biting edge to this interview it may have something to do with:-

1. On complimenting her hostess on the lovely biscuits offered with a polite enquiry as to their origin, Hilary replied that she had no idea as they were so old - she'd told Les to get them out on the basis that country folk would probably eat them.

2. Having almost drowned in real coffee for two hours listening to Hilary, it took sheer grit on the reporter's part not to beg for a small thimbleful of wine from the extensive collection set up before her very eyes. However, when the grit failed and the request was made the reply came shortly and stoutly, "Our wine collection is for connoisseurs, not loseurs."

## Wanted

If anybody has an address or telephone number for Ron Draycott please could they let me know. Clive Just 781967.

## Parish Diary

### December

Sat 6 10.30am Coffee morning (Judith Folbigg, Old School Hse, High Rd)  
Sun 7 10.15am Choral Communion (Advent 2, ASB 431, Dick A)  
Sat 13 7.30pm "Hampers and Champers" Dance (Pinchmill Hall)  
Sun 14 10.15am Choral Communion. (Advent 3, ASB 434, Margaret A)  
3.00pm Christingle (St Mary's Church)  
Sun 21 10.15am Choral Communion. (Advent 4, ASB 439, Don G)  
5.00pm Carol Service. (Church Wardens)  
Wed 24 11.30pm Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve, ASB 441, Wardens)  
Thu 25 10.15am Choral Communion (Christmas Day, ASB 444, Dick A)  
Fri 26 11.00am Boxing Day Walk (Felmersham Bus Shelter)  
Sun 28 10.15am Said Holy Communion (Christmas 1, ASB 451, Richard P)

### January

Sun. 4 10.15am. Choral Communion (Christmas 2, ASB 455, Margaret A)  
Sat. 10 10.30am Coffee Morning (Mrs Judith Smith, Leaways, Grange Rd)  
Sun. 11. 10.15am Family Communion. (Epiphany, ASB 462, Brownies)  
Sun 18 10.15am Choral Communion  
Mon 12 7.30pm PCC meeting (Pinchmill Hall)  
Sun 18 10.15am Choral Communion (Epiphany 1, ASB 463, David K)

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

Contributions on any topic are welcome for inclusion in this newsletter.

Please send items (preferably on disk or typed) for next month's Ouse News to Clive Just, 2 The Old Rectory by the 25th. Phone 781967 for more details.



# Felmersham & Radwell Ouse News

December 1997



### Church News

Douglas Claypole White

I will celebrate Choral Communion at 10.15am on the first, second and third Sundays: 7th, 14th and 21st December. There will no family service on the second Sunday but there will be a CHRISTINGLE Service at 3pm on the 14th. This is a lovely service designed for small children but all ages are most welcome. The money collected at this service will be donated to the Children's Society.

Our traditional Carol service will start at 5pm on Sunday 21st December. After the service, mince pies, sherry and soft drinks will be served in the Church.

There will be a Midnight Mass starting at 11.30pm on CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th December. Then on CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th December, I will celebrate Choral Communion. On the fourth Sunday, 28th December, I will celebrate a said service of Holy Communion. The organist and the choir will be having a well deserved Sunday off duty!

Our coffee morning will be at 10.30am on Saturday the 6th December will be at the home of Mrs Judith Folbigg, The Old House, High Road, Felmersham. The January coffee morning will be on Saturday 10th at the home of Judith Smith 'Leaways' Grange Road, Felmersham.

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

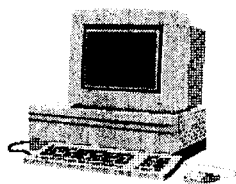
### Church Flowers.

Anne Claypole White

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday, 20th December. As always we use a great deal of holly and ivy (especially variegated) and would be very grateful for any you can spare. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to help with the decorations - twining ivy round candle holders - is very labour intensive.

### December Flower Rota

7th & 14th Mrs M Alleway, 21st Christmas Flowers



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### RATS Open Day

Félice Kingerlee

Sunday December 7th from 1pm until 4pm at Stevington Village Hall.  
There will be stalls, raffle, tombola, refreshments as well as animals  
seeking good new homes. Please do support us. This charity is run by  
volunteers so all the money goes to the animals.

### Ringling in the Millennium

Colin Payne

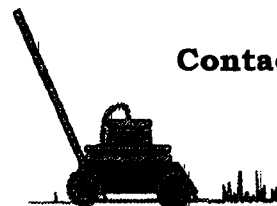
As you may have seen recently on television every church with a ring of  
bells has been asked to ring on January 1st in the year 2000. Our  
church has a lovely set of bells but only a few ringers. At present if we  
are asked to ring we have to ask other towers for help. Of course for  
this special day, they will be ringing at their own church.

Learning to ring is not hard but needs practice so please can you help.  
Anyone from 12 years upwards would be gratefully welcomed. We  
have a practice night Wednesdays 7.30 - 9 pm which at the moment is  
in abeyance, so come on Felmersham ring me on 01234 357312 and  
let's show the country what we can do.



Merry Christmas  
and a  
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### Poppy Appeal 1997

The Poppy Collection amounted to £164.59 in Radwell and £202.34 in Felmersham, making a total of £366.93. Donations to the War Memorial wreath amounted to £48.

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 and Emma, Mr R Horsford and The Sun and The Swan.

### Pinchmill School Association

The PSA and pupils of Pinchmill School would like to thank those of you who supported the Felmersham Festive Fun Afternoon and helped raise £300 towards the "trim trail" for the school playground.

Fred Turner

Michele Evans

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### Boxing Day Walk

Ken and Lorraine Shrimpton

Once again you are invited to join us on the annual Boxing Day Walk. We meet at Felmersham bus shelter on Friday 26 December at 11.00 am. The leisurely walk will be approximately 5 miles long (with short cuts home if required) and will take about 2 hours. Last year over 50 people and 2 dogs turned out, can we make it 100 this year? Please wear suitable footwear and be prepared for changes in the weather. **Everybody is welcome.**

### Save the Children Fund

Judith and Ronald Smith

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fund by purchasing Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gifts etc. Goods to the value of £672 were sold which represents £336 towards the work of Save the Children. We still have some stock so if you need extra cards, stocking fillers etc. at the last moment do not hesitate to contact us at any time (or almost any time!)

### Red Cross

Sue Whiting

Sharnbrook Centre held a coffee evening in aid of the landmine victims at Greenfields on Friday 21st November. We raised £235 and would like to thank everyone who came and to those who couldn't come but very kindly contributed gifts, raffle prizes and donations.

### Women's Institute

This month we were lucky to have as our speakers, not "Two Fat Ladies" but "Two Old Boys"! Eric Fowell, (known to his friends as speedy) and Graham Pack, showed us some fascinating slides of Higham Ferrers at the turn of the century, including several depicting the goings on down at the Co-op store! If you remember Pelaw boot polish and Zebra grate polish then you've got the picture! Graham Pack, as an aged Charlie Chaplin, produced his ciné film of Higham in the 1960s, complete with a very young Queen on one of her two visits to the town, which is owned by the Duchy of Lancaster.

Isabel Buckingham's Northants quiz was won jointly by Hazel Sidebottom and Maggie Spoor's team.

The competition results were: 1st Celia Hulatt and Renée Whitbread; 2nd Hazel Pearce and Blanche Smith; 3rd Maggie Spoor.

We look forward to seeing our senior citizens on 14th December for the annual Christmas tea. If you have not been contacted and wish to join us, please phone Celia Hulatt on 781082.

### Thurleigh Development

### Brian & Blanche Smith

Palmer Promosport has submitted a new application for driving activities at Thurleigh. This will have a detrimental effect on the Ouse Valley area and is totally opposed by Environment At Risk. Palmer Promosport has informed EAR that once driving activities are established they will apply for aviation uses (i.e. helicopter training etc.).

Copies of the EAR fact sheet are available from West Grange. It is important to write letters of objection before 20th December.

## Hampers & Champers

Dance to Razz Club

Pinchmill Hall

Saturday 13th December

7.30pm till midnight

Tickets £10 from Peter Stevenson 782556

### May Mills

## Letters

Dear Sir,

I have been very concerned about the quality of material in the recent copies of Ouse News. Partly because of the two 'Hello!' items but also because there hasn't been a single item on the progress of the proposed new housing development in Old Road. It seems rather strange having to resort to reading the local newspapers in order to find out what is happening in Felmersham when we have a village newsletter.

Yours etc.

(Name and address withheld on request)

Ed: I am pleased that at least one person actually reads Ouse News. Given the lack of articles submitted (and there hasn't been one on the development) and a similar lack of response to anything written in past editions I had assumed few people read it. Any comments, even criticisms, about the content would be gratefully received as indeed would any items about ANY subject that might be of interest to the readers. Articles welcoming new residents to the village are particularly encouraged (in any style!).

## Christmas Greetings

Karen and Jeff Stokly would like to extend warm wishes for Christmas and the New Year from sunny south Africa, to their friends in Felmersham and Radwell.

Mrs Enid Smith of Carlton sends Christmas greetings and love to all her friends in the area. Tel. 720361

