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My Dear Friends,

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grindley, the Church Fete was held in the beautiful setting of Luckings Farm on July 16th. An account appears on another page but I must say what a delightful event it was, with its atmosphere and friendliness. Teamwork was very apparent and for this we must be thankful to the One who guides us in all our doings.

Before the Fête, i.e. from June 27th - July 1st, I was privileged to attend the training course for hospital chaplains arranged by the Hospital Chaplaincies Council of the Church Assembly at Westcott House, the famous Theological College where amongst others the saintly Bishop H. Pakenham Walsh was early led by God to exercise the ministry of healing by prayer and anointing as laid down in scripture, and the results of his ministry in healing the sick were experienced by the many thousands who turned to him for help. He saw the vital relationship of the doctor and the priest working together for the relief of sickness long before this was recognised.

The training course at Westcott House has secured the services of outstanding speakers from the Ministry of Health and persons steeped in medico-moral problems which are occupying the minds of thinking people today. Subjects dealt with included the wholeness of man, bringing the means of grace to patients in hospitals, hospital administration, ward services, ministering to the mentally ill, the dying and the bereaved.

The clergy who took part were drawn from the Anglican and Free Churches and fellowship in the group was very real.

Before concluding this letter, I ask for prayers for Mr. Lovelock Jones, senior surgeon of Amersham General Hospital, who is very ill at home.

W.L.H.

BAPTISM

July 2 David James Edward White.

WEDDINGS

July 2 at St. Mary's, Amersham: Sally Ann Woolacott and Michael Charles Cooper.

9 st St. Mary's, Turville: Caroline Susannah Verney Gayner and John Louis Reide

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

August 7 Mrs. Giles Howard August 21 Mrs. Grindley
14 Mrs. Ovington 28 Mrs. Harvey

Sincere if belated thanks are extended to the anonymous donor of a pressure cooker for St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Magila.

Mrs. Ruperti will welcome the names of ladies who will pit their prowess at cricket in a charity match against the men for the benefit of the village hall. It is almost certain that the date will be Sunday, October 2nd, and Mrs. Ruperti will confirm this.

On Sunday, 3rd July, some 300 people took advantage of a fine day to visit the lovely grounds of Hertfordshire House, which very generously had been opened by Mr. and Mrs. Canfield to members of the public for the benefit of charity. The result was some £40 for the Buckinghamshire Nursing Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, who left the village recently, are settling in at their new home, 8950 Carriage Lane, Indianapolis, Indiana 46256, U.S.A., and have sent a most interesting account of their travels. They will be glad to hear from their Coleshill friends.

In the next number, people who are collecting treasures for the village hall jumble sale on October 7th will be advised where and when to send their consignments. The local Mr. Steptoe, who collected the leftovers last year, requests that no beds be sent.

COLESHILL SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

Parents and friends spent a very pleasant evening at Coleshill School on the occasion of the annual prizegiving on July 6th. The school was thrown open to visitors who were able to see some of the work done by the children and to talk with the staff. Before the prizes were distributed by Miss Williams there was some charming singing and recorder playing under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Griffiths.

At the conclusion the headmaster, Mr. L.W. Barker, Dip.Ed., spoke briefly of various balks and outings enjoyed by the children and stressed that the aim of the school was to help in the development of each child as an individual. He ended by thanking all members of the staff of the school who so ably supported him.

JOTTINGS FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

In 1905 the Revd. C.G. Briggs was Rector of Amersham-with-Coleshill and working with him were the Revd. C.E. Salmon and the Revd. G.R. Slack. Between them they took the Sunday services at Coleshill at 11.00a.m. and 6.00p.m. with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 12 noon. The Revd. G.R. Slack lived at the Old Parsonage and some readers may remember him with his little dog, Fidget. In 1908 the Revd. C.G.C. Walker became Priest-in-Charge, but finding the hill from the Old Parsonage to the Church too tiring, he moved to Waller's Oak, which remained the Parsonage during the rest of his time at Coleshill and that of his successor, the Revd. W.F. Thomas. It seemed difficult, however, to find a house which suited everyone and when the Revd. W.L. Brasnett, a bachelor, came to the village, he found Waller's Oak far too large and moved to New Cottages. Following this, the Revd. Kenneth Munford went to The Haven and it was not until the present Parsonage was bought during the Revd. Frank Urch's time that there was at last a permanent home for the Priest-in-Charge at Coleshill.

There is an interesting paragraph in the Parish Magazine for May 1919 in connection with the sale of Wallers Oak. The Governors of the Samaritan Hospital bought the house for a Convalescent Home in place of, their quarters at Brickwick - this, they said, being a strong testimonial to the healthiness of Coleshill as the patients improved with much rapidity after a short stay in the village. Further, we are told, that the famous Brickwick donkey, utterly indifferent to the advantages of quick locomotion, was to be replaced by a pony which it was hoped would get to the station in less than the customary minimum of two hours.

The first wedding recorded in the Register of All Saints Church was on August 6th, 1911 when Arthur Israel Slade and Lizzie Worrell were married. They lived in the cottage next to Thornbury which later was burned down.

In 1919 again recorded in the Parish Magazine there is an account of a meeting held to discuss the question of a War Memorial, when it was decided that All Saints should, if possible, have a Churchyard dedicated to the memory of the fallen. The ground later was given by the Rector for burials and was consecrated on November 28th 1920. The first funeral, in 1921, was that of Thomas Aldridge.

M.W.

MEEKLY KNEELING

As recorded on another page, the exhibition at the Church Fete of kneelers made and being made for All Saints aroused considerable interest and ladies who would like to assist are asked to get in touch with the Womens Institute without any obligation whatsoever to join the Institute.

The "Times" from whom the above caption is culled, reports that some 250 of the kneelers being embroidered for Westminster Abbey are finished. Ladies in every county of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are working on them. A lady in Northumberland can do one in 10 days, whereas it takes most people a month or two.

Embroidered kneelers are also used in Coventry, Exeter, Gloucester and Guildford Cathedrals and quite a few parish churches. Amongst others, those at Guildford and Great Missenden certainly merit a visit.

In a later number it is hoped to publish a short article dealing with signs and symbols in Christian Art used on kneelers.

EDITORIAL

The Editor will be interested to learn the names of any more residents or others who for some reason or other would like to receive copies of the Newsletter regularly. He would be relieved if he could learn of someone who would undertake the typing and duplication of the journal in case of emergency and still craves for copy as long before the 20th of each month as possible.

FORT HCOMING NTS

- August 2 Mobile Library Van - Coleshill
16 " " " "
18 Choir and Sunday School Outing to Littlehampton
29 Bank Holiday
30 Mobile Library Van - Coleshill
- Sept. 10 Coleshill Horticultural Society 21st Anniversary Show
29 Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at Dorchester. Transport
arrangements and other details later. Names to Mrs. Antosiewicz.
- Oct. 1 Dance)
2 Mixed cricket match)
5 Whist drive) In aid of funds for the village hall
7 Jumble sale)

CHURCH FÊTE

When Mr. and Mrs. Grindley offered the use of their lovely farm for the Church Fête on July 16th, they ensured that little less than a hurricane would prevent success from attending the efforts of the enterprising committee and the willing band who had put so much work and thought into the preparations and this includes the stallholders, those in charge of the sideshows, the transport and the occult, the people at the gate and car park, the supporters from Winchmore Hill and, of course, the Mothers Union who were responsible for the teas.

On the day, the weather was cool with spasmodic showers, but this did not dampen the spirits of the many visitors who came to enjoy the fun and made sure that they did so. Luckings Farm is ideal for a function of such a nature, particularly in uncertain weather, with its splendid cover for the stalls, the tombola, the teas etc.

The Revd. Holder introduced Enid, Lady Burnham C.B.E., who in a scintillating opening speech said that a church fete was a great event in every village and she hoped that such a truly English occasion would not be swallowed by progress. Lady Enid delighted her audience with tales of local lore and recalled having read that in 1622 a William Child left a rent charge of 20/- for the poor of Chesham, part of the rent coming from a farm called "Luckings" Did Mr and Mrs Grindley know this?

There was a rush for the stalls as soon as the fete was declared to be open and the golden voiced announcer, who did so much to keep things moving, directed attention to the sideshows and competitions when he was not announcing results of raffles.

The truly rural competition, pitching a truss of hay, had to be abandoned early as local stalwarts soon reached the maximum height but it was not difficult to pick out prospective farmers when watching the adept manner in which some of the boys tossed the sheaf 16 feet over the bar. The truss will be heavier next year.

Spectators were immensely impressed with the agility and speed of the Judo display, and when their leader. Mr. John Taylor, won the keg of cider for knocking down eight skittles out of nine one could still more appreciate his keen eye and swift motion.

Great interest was shown in the exhibition of church kneelers made and being made and Madame Zenobia intrigued many a person curious to know what the future held. Raffles, darts, children's races and coconut shies all kept visitors busy and people who were

inveigled to estimate the height of the pylon wished they had brought a theodolite with them. Guesses varied from 50 to 500 feet. Actually it measures 136feet 6inches and the winner, Mr. Raymond Pusey, was only three inches out.

It was a happy and successful function which achieved its main objectives - it provided an opportunity for people to work together and to get together for a worthwhile purpose and it produced funds for the church.

The provisional results are as follows, from which some small deductions will have to be made for expenses. They constitute another record if last year's result is excepted, when an evening session was held for a particular purpose.

Gate	£13.14. 0.		£25.6.18. 6,
Car Park	2.12. 0.		
Needlework stall	33.18. 4.	Darts	7. 7. *
Cake stall	20.15. 7.	Pony rides	16. 0.
Household stall	17.14. 5.	Donations	10. 0. 0,
Jewellery stall	12. 0. 0.		
Toy stall	3.13. 2.		£275. 1. 6.
Tombola	71. 6. 5.		
Teas	10. 0. 0.		
Ices	3.18. 8.		
Grand raffle	12.17. 6.	Less expenses to come	
Doll raffle	9. 0. 0.		
Cake raffle	6.12. 6.		
Naming the doll	6. 4. 0.		
Police car raffle	1.16. 0.		
Auction of chocolates	2. 0. 0.		
Madame Zenobia	3. 2. 6.		
Bowling	5. 1. 3.		
Coconut shies	4. 9. 8.		
Height of pylon	3. 5. 0.		
Pitching the truss	16. 0.		
Roll-a-penny	16. 0.		
Wishing well	11. 4.		
Children's corner	14. 0.		

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ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

Services

1st Sunday in the month: 8.00a.m. Holy Communion
11.00a.m. Matins
3.00p.m. Sunday School
6.00p.m. Evensong & Sermon
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th 9.30a.m. Parish Communion
Sundays: 3.00p.m. Sunday School
6.00p.m. Evensong & Sermon
with (on 2nd. Su day) 12.00noon Holy Communion

ST. ANDREWS, WINCHMORE HILL

1st. Sunday in the month: 9.30a.m. Sunday School
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays: 10.45a.m. Sunday School

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