

ALL SAINTS' VILLAGE NEWSLETTER No 118

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Most of you know that the Revd David Smith withdrew his acceptance of the living of Amerham with Coleshill. We are happy to report that the Bishop has found another priest to take on the responsibility. He is the Revd Anthony Priddis, at present vicar of St John's, High Wycombe. The churchwardens and pro-wardens have met him and enthusiastically endorse the Bishop's choice.

Before going to High Wycombe, Anthony Priddis was college chaplain at Christ Church, Oxford, and our contacts at that college speak very highly of his pastoral abilities with the undergraduates. He is married and has three children.

It is planned that he will be inducted on December 4th.

A.M.V.P. - : * *

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 31 May 1986 Nicholas Graham Hipwell married Tina Ann Crockett.

HOLY BAPTISM

On 27 July Samantha Lee, daughter of Ian Christopher and Karen Julie Street.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHOIR

David Morris, who is the organist at St Mary's Amersham, will be joining All Saints from Sunday 31st August, as organist and **choirmaster**. He is very anxious to get the choir going again and anyone of any age interested in joining - even if not for every Sunday - should contact John Chenevix Trench. The first choir practice will be on Friday, 29th August, and we shall soon start preparing for the Harvest Supper entertainment. David Morris hopes that the two choirs will join together for special occasions.

P.W-W.

CHURCH'S HARVEST CHARITY

Once again this year, the church will be arranging a charity event in conjunction with our harvest festivities. As last year, we shall be supporting the tuberculosis eradication campaign in Northern India run by the **Ryder-Cheshire Mission**. There will be coffee and a raffle and cake stall in the village hall after the Harvest Festival service. We hope that Anna Horsbrugh-Porter, who is now visiting Raphael as a result of last year's event, will be able to join us..

The raffle will also be available at the Swerlings after the evening service and at the Harvest Supper, after which the raffle will be drawn. Do please support the effort generously.

P.W-W.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

The Beaconsfield/Chiltern Village Schools Group held an exhibition at Jordans County First School which was very successful. The exhibition was an investigation by the children into aspects of village life.

The end of term concert was held on Thursday 10th July. Four children left the school at the end of term and each was presented with a copy of the **Children's Bible**. The Pantcn Trophy was won this year by Caroline **Redstone**. At the end of the concert, the children and parents said a fond farewell to Mrs Stevens who served over a long period of time as a governor.

Sports with Jordans and Dropmore Schools was held on 17 July and a lovely afternoon was had by both children and the parents who came along.

The School Fete/Sports/Barbecue held on 19 July proved once again to be a very popular event. A total profit of just over £308 was made. Many thanks to the people who contributed, helped and supported us. Also a special thanks to Mr and Mrs George. The food was absolutely **delicious!!!!**

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FETE

After many wet and windy days, summer suddenly arrived on Saturday 14 June and, with the kind permission of Mrs Heimann, the Fete was again held in the field off Maggie Lane on a really hot day. This assured the usual good attendance and very satisfactory takings.

The Fete was opened by Alastair Panton who, in an amusing and well received speech, stressed how important the success of the Fete was to the finances of the Church.

The Church Committee extends its thanks to all those concerned with the Fete both in its organisation and for the running of the stalls, sideshows and other entertainments. The Swerling family deserve a special mention here for their sterling work in erecting, dismantling and storage of the Tea Tent each year. The takings are detailed below; after expenses, the surplus amounted to £870 (last year £680).

Gate	£ 94.60	Coconuts	31.90
Tombola	249.50	Bowling	20.45
Tombola (Children)	42.90	Ices	32.80
Raffle	116.90	Hot Dogs	19.00
Household	146.00	Broken China	15.10
Greenfingers	44.70	Frisbee	32.15
Fruit Raffle	32.00	Pony Rides	12.60
Toys	27.40	Golf	7.30
Sweets	71.85	Brownies	3.70
Cakes	81.50	Darts	14.27
Teas	73.30	Guess the Sweets	5.20
Books	30.00	Bouncy Castle	30.25
Preserves	44.43	Beat the Bell	18.30
Garden Tools	13.90	Nice Wedding Day	11.00
Bran Tub	15.70		

£1,338.70

Richard Valentine has kindly been Chief Organiser of the Fete for the last five years and now wishes to 'retire'. The Committee is most anxious to find a volunteer to replace him or help generally with the organisation. Anyone who feels that they can assist please contact the Committee Secretary, Patsy Wright-Warren (Tel: Amersham 3356).

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Note: Left behind at the Fete field - a Black & Decker adjustable work bench. Owner please contact Donald Urry (Tel: Amersham 7420).

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS') BROWNIES

The Brownies enjoyed helping at the Fete with the 'Rat in a Drain' game. This enabled Sarah Miles to obtain her Venture Badge. In June we also joined the Amersham East Packs for the District Brownie Revels, the theme being the Royal Wedding.

We were very sad to have to say 'Goodbye' to Mrs Mary Norman who is leaving the village. Mrs Norman has been a Unit Helper for 3 years and will be greatly missed by all members of the Pack,

Journey Badges achieved

Highway Anna Bayley, Annabel Eardley, Katharine Sadler.

Roadway Alexandra Desoutter, Elizabeth Freemantle, Katie Wood.

Footpath Tara Hall, Sarah Miles, Susie Moss, Julie Puddephatt, Caroline Redstone.

Interest Badges achieved

Swimmer Nicola Barrett, Sophie Hesford

Safety in the Home Alexandra Desoutter, Elizabeth Freemantle, Tara Hall, Sarah Miles, Julie Puddephatt, Caroline Restone, Katie Wood."

Agility Nicola Barrett, Anna Bayley, Charlotte Bond, Alexandra Desoutter, Annabel Eardley, Sophie Hesford, Katharine Sadler, Katie Wood.

Dancer Julie Puddephatt

Animal Lover Tara Hall, Julie Puddephatt, Caroline Redstone.

M.E.T.

MAGPIE CLUB

We started off the holidays with our annual visit to the River Chess at Chorley Wood. This was well attended and a good time was had by all. We held a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the Valentines' garden - there was a very good parade of teddies ranging from the biggest, fattest, smallest, funniest, oldest etc. We were pleased that several newcomers to the village came along.

For any other new people, we are a holiday club for children, we meet several times in the holidays for picnics, walks, outings etc. Anyone with children is very welcome to come along and join us.

We have also planned a sports afternoon and an outing to Breezy Bournemouth! (every time we have gone there, there has been a gale force wind blowing).

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

An outing to Hatfield House Midsummer Festival of Gardening was enjoyed by all who went on a lovely sunny June day. Hatfield House itself was lavishly decorated with flowers and the extensive gardens were at their best. The marquees had mini Chelsea Flower Show type displays by some nurseries and there were unusual and specialist plants for sale. Our coach was like a moving garden on the way home!

The next big event in the CHS's year is the Village Show, our fortieth, and there are categories for all to enter:- flowers, vegetables, handicrafts, preserves, cakes, flower arrangements, children's section. All entries, whether you have entered before or whether this is your first time, are very welcome. We depend on YOU to make the Show a success and provide an enjoyable afternoon for everybody, with the fun of the auction afterwards. Special Ruby Anniversary categories include 'A Celebration Cake', Class 85, and a 'A Ruby Celebration' flower arrangement, Class 50.

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE from Village Shop or any Committee Member.

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*      COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY      *
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*              Fortieth                      *
*              VILLAGE SHOW                  *
*                                           *
*              SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER        *
*                                           *
*              2.30 pm in the Village Hall    *
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*              Schedules in Village Shop or from *
*              E Smith, C Wicks, R Gunn       *
*              or any committee member.       *
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COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On July 19th some of our members took part in the Rainbow Garden Party at Notley Abbey in aid of Denman College. Their efforts were very successful.

We had a very busy and enjoyable day on August 6th, when we entertained fifty of our friends from the Deaf & Dumb Club of Acton to lunch and then tea. Mr Tony Blunt of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and his dog 'Favour' gave a demonstration in the afternoon which was of great interest to our guests. The day was fine and a good time was had by all.

Our next outing is to Henwick House on August 20th with the Chess Group. We have been happy to welcome two new members since the June meeting and two more will be joining us in the Autumn. The next meeting will be on Thursday September 11th when our Speaker will be Mrs Price on 'The ABC of Gardens'. We are always very pleased to welcome new members or guests.

P.W.W.

Readers may remember that in our Christmas 1985 Newsletter, greetings were included from Rachel Wege who was in Zululand. She has now returned to take up further studies at Exeter Hospital, and has sent us the following short resume of some of her experiences whilst in Africa:

I went as a volunteer nurse with the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to work at St Mary's Mission Hospital in Zululand, South Africa.

St Mary's lies in the heart of Zululand, with traditional mud hut kraals scattered over the rolling hills. Life in the kraals is an uncanny mixture of old and new. Almost everyone consults the witch doctor before coming to hospital. Zulu culture remains strong, but their traditions are increasingly at risk of being swept away by westernisation.

At the hospital every day began with prayers and beautiful harmony singing. I spent part of my time working with the mobile clinic team - a Zulu driver and two Zulu nurses. We had to take all the necessary equipment with us, also plenty of water. We would visit a different part of the countryside each day. Access to the clinics was always along dirt roads - extremely bumpy - and impassable after heavy rain. The people walked many miles to receive medical care, and were often very ill by the time they reached help. I was amazed to see one old lady brought to the clinic by wheelbarrow!

A clinic was a great social event, and women would come dressed in brightly coloured clothes, and gossip in the shade of a nearby tree as they waited.

Most of our work was preventative - monitoring the health of babies, and checking their weight increase, as many children have Kwashiorkor (a condition of protein malnutrition). Zulu diet is predominantly maize, only the richer people keeping cows and goats. Having seen babies dying of measles at the hospital and many children with T.B., I was very pleased to be busy giving immunisation at the clinics. Health education is of great importance, and with the help of an interpreter I gave talks at the clinics about simple measures to prevent malnutrition, typhoid, cholera and T.B.

Despite their many hardships, the Zulus always seem cheerful, and their open friendliness made my time working with them extremely fulfilling.

COLESHILL CLUB

In May Sister Kent gave us a very helpful talk on the work of our district nurses. We enjoyed a very relaxing afternoon in June when Mrs Maynard demonstrated the art of flower arranging. Mrs Ovington presented George and Ruby with a lovely basket of flowers on the occasion of their Golden Wedding which Mrs Maynard had so beautifully arranged.

In July Miss Boston kindly invited us once again to enjoy our tea and play games in her lovely garden. We do thank everyone who helps us each month.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group have just cast their roles for the next production. This is a quaint old village custom whereby members wishing to take part in a play throw 'rolls' containing the name of the character they wish to play at the producer. He or she (when recovered) takes the rolls (or roles, as they have come to be known) to the village pond at midnight and casts them into the water. If they sink the person is right for the part. If they float, another part would be more appropriate. If the ducks eat them the person concerned has to help with refreshments. This method of casting is not peculiar only to Coleshill. Swiss rolls were used for "Swiss Family Robinson"; bridge rolls for "Bridge Over the River Kwai"; round rolls for "Round the World in 80 Days" and brown rolls for "Out of Africa".

Hone of the above will, I'm sure, have prepared you for the news that our next play will be a comedy! We shall be presenting three plays from Michael Green's "Third Great Coarse Acting Show". This hilarious series of plays explores the outrageous, disastrous, embarrassing, painful, hysterical things which can befall an earnest and genuine troupe in their attempt to provide a pleasant entertainment. Not to be missed, the play will take place in November. Watch for publicity.

If you would like to become an associate member of the Drama Group, the fee of £2.00 per year not only supports us financially but admits you to non-production events. These include theatre outings, barbecues, play-readings, Trivial Pursuit evenings, an occasional party or whatever takes our fancy.

Please call me for details. If in the meantime you see a tortured figure standing over the pond in the still of night, don't, whatever you do, ask him in for a cup of cocoa and a roll!!!

Lindsey Haubner (Tel: Am 22589) poor tortured Hon Sec!

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COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

We are in the throes of forming Coleshill Tennis Club and have been in touch with Bucks Lawn Tennis Association and the Sports Council, both of whom have been extremely helpful and who have stipulated that before any further progress can be made the Tennis Club has to be formed, even though there are as yet no courts.

We are hoping to site the courts within the grounds of the Cricket Club with whom we have started to liaise. The Tennis Club committee will be meeting with Bucks Lawn Tennis Association at the beginning of September, prior to a public meeting taking place. It is estimated that the courts could be completed in approximately 18 months time.

There will obviously be a considerable amount of fund raising activities. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or volunteering help in any way please contact: DUMPY SWERLING on Amersham 6414 or DAVID & CHRIS GEORGE on Amersham 22535.

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WHIST DRIVE

A Whist Drive is held in the Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month
Time: 8.00 p.m. Entry: 80p including Raffle.

Christmas Whist Drive — November.

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St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Matins
	11.30 am	Holy Communion (1st Sunday in month)
	6.00 pm	Evensong

Each Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services 9.15 am Parish Communion
6.00 pm Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)

Family Services 2nd Sunday in month

Pro-Wardens - A.M.V. Pantou, Waller's Oak, Coleshill. Tel: 6183
R. Valentine, Friars Vane, Coleshill . Tel: 5794

Hon. Treasurer - D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill Tel: 7420

Hon. Secretary - Hiss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages,
Coleshill Tel: 3356

Brownies	-	Monday Evenings	5.30 - 7.00 pm	Coleshill School
Guides	-	Monday Evenings	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Village Hall
Mothers' union	-	3rd Tuesday in the month (weather permitting)		
Coleshill Club	-	4th Thursday of every month	at 2.30 p.m.	Village Hall
W.I.	-	2nd Thursday of every month	at 2.30 p.m.	Village Hall

Mobile Library - at Coleshill every other Wednesday, stopping at
The Village Hall 3.45 - 4.00 pm
Hill Meadow 4.00 - 4.15 pm

Next visits will be: Aug 27th, Sept 10th & 24th, October 8th & 22nd.