



NEWSLETTER

*Autumn
2007*

So Many Good Things

I love meeting people at the church door. Come rain or shine, there I am, pathetically glad and grateful to see anyone who turns up! I am amazed by how valuable that greeting seems to be. As they arrive, people feel affirmed and welcomed. And not just by me. At Coleshill Infants' School end of term service last July, a small boy nudged his mother, pointed at me and in a loud stage whisper asked "Is that God then?" Good thing I had been nice to him on the way in!

This is one small way of making people feel better about themselves, the community, the world and God. Of course Cognitive Therapy aims to do precisely this (well maybe the God bit is pushing it) but professional counsellors of all sorts are in the business of helping people to see themselves and the world more positively. We do a lot of this. By doling out oodles of "Unconditional Positive Regard", we Ministers hope to communicate that God is not hostile, nor is the world. Carl Rogers would be proud of us!

But in a sense, Cognitive Therapy or Person Centred ministry is nothing new. Jesus was notorious for getting alongside the outcasts of his day: Matthew and Zacchaeus the collaborationist tax collectors, the Samaritan woman who had had five husbands, all those lepers and unclean characters, each one received a smile and a blessing. His affirmation changed everything, especially the way they experienced God, society and themselves. Their souls and their bodies were changed for the better, and they blossomed. As St Paul put it, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Mary Magdalene is a prime example of this 'rebirth'. Jesus was flouting contemporary convention by having close personal relationships with many women, but despite the rumours which have persisted down the centuries, Mary Magdalene is a wonderful example of how the 'unconditional positive regard' Jesus offers has a healing and life transforming effect for the better. She is reputed to have been the Sally Bowles of her day. The warmth of this relationship flouted convention, and was misunderstood, (not least by Dan Brown) but it was life changing, and she blossomed.

And today? Many years ago, when I was a rookie Curate, Bishop Peter Selby took me aside, and asked if I knew why so many people came to our church? He believed it was because of the huge amount of personal affirmation they received. I make no apology for this, then and now. Our role is to enable the encounter between a loving God and an alienated people. We do this, like Jesus, by doling out oodles of "Unconditional Positive Regard". Then great things can happen, and people blossom.

Tim Harper
Rector of Amersham with Coleshill

News from All Saints'

Remembrance Sunday

This falls on the day itself this year (Sunday 11th) and in addition it is ninety years since the battle of Passchendaele. This is of especial significance for our part of the Chilterns as so many local men fell fighting for the Ridge, whilst serving with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. If you have any family connection with men who fell in either World War, this will be an opportunity to remember them. You would be very welcome either in church at 10 am or at the War Memorial well before 11.00am.

Patronal Festival

On Sunday 4th November the new hearing system in the church will be in use for the first time. There will be coffee in the Village Hall after the service and it is hoped that relatives of Mrs Marjorie Long-Brown will be present. She left a legacy which is paying for part of the cost of the system.

Renewal of Wedding Vows

On July 8th a service of Renewal of Wedding Vows was held, combined with Communion. Several couples renewed their vows and others, for whom this was no longer an option, were remembered during prayers.

Pro-wardens

As some may know our Pro-wardens Dumpy Swerling and Helen Spencer have been given the status of full Church Wardens. They are shortly to be equipped with the badge of their office, namely a wand. The wands will be carried on important occasions such as processing with a visiting Bishop. As in Mediaeval times they will be used to defend him from dogs, pigs and even parishioners should this be necessary. A limited power of arrest goes with the appointment, and as July 1st saw smoking in church made illegal, both the wands and the new powers could be useful!

Parish Picnic and Rounders Match

Visitors from St Mary's swelled the ranks of determined All Saints' players on July 15th for a game of rounders at the Cricket Ground. To avoid the embarrassment of beating our visitors, the two teams were mixed. Those using Zimmer frames were allowed a runner, and some of the runners were allowed a runner! The rain held off just long enough for a spirited game before we were forced into the Pavilion for lunch, following which a more genteel game of croquet was enjoyed.

Churchyard Clear-up

There will be an Autumn Clear-up in the Churchyard on Saturday 3rd November starting at 10 am. Come if you can, to help make it tidy so that the whole village can be proud of it. Non church-goers would be very welcome. Bring secateurs, kneelers, gloves, bucket etc if possible.

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News from All Saints' contd.

Churchyard

The rough grass area at the rear of the church has just been given its once-a-year cut, with the cut grass raked and removed. Anyone who saw it before that will have noticed the wild flowers which now make this a wild-flower meadow. The Churchyard was originally part of the Common, and this area is, in effect, unimproved meadowland. The several ant-hills support this status. Have a look next year and enjoy the bluebells, foxgloves, primroses, dog-daisies and tufted vetch together with many varieties of grass.

All Saints' Church Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper will be held at Coleshill Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 12th October. Tickets are £7 each and include a free glass of wine on arrival. Bar available. Tickets can be purchased from 12th September from Pat Dawson (433036), Ruth Murphy (433539) and Dumpy Swerling (873931).

Chris Wege

Special Services

Sunday October 7th 9.00am **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Sunday 4th November **All Saints' Patronal Festival**
9.00am Communion followed by coffee in the Village Hall
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 11th November **Remembrance Day Service**
10.00am Communion then short service at the War Memorial

Holy Matrimony

Joanne Herriott and Roger Barr - June 23rd 2007

Naomi Johnson and Donald Isaacs - 14th July 2007

Sarah Ellison and Paul Dollah - 8th September 2007

Holy Baptism

Caelan, Eleanor, Gregor and Amelia Burns

Simon Harvey

Sunday 29th July 2007

Coleshill History Project

I am pleased to announce that 'Awards for All' have awarded £5,000 to the project from the 'Big Lottery Fund'. Our obligation now is to commission and publish a book on the history of Coleshill and to develop a web site to hold a major archive of all the research material covering every aspect of the history of our hilltop village and its people.

The project was launched at a meeting in May, attended by over 50 residents. It was agreed that members should meet each month to exchange information, report on their individual research, and share the documents, photographs and interviews for the village archive. The members appointed Julian Hunt, author of several histories of Buckinghamshire towns and a former manager of the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies in Aylesbury, to supervise the project. Julian has attended each monthly meeting, introducing material relevant to topics such as farms, cottages, industries, and gentlemen's houses.

In July, Project members visited the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies to see the old maps, property deeds, court rolls, voters' lists, rentals and rare books in the County archives. It soon became apparent that a great deal of information was still in local attics and solicitors' basements.

Already, some patterns are emerging from the work done so far:

- 1) The common land at Coleshill Green and Winchmore Hill were vital to local farmers, not only for grazing cattle and sheep, but for providing raw materials and fuel for making bricks, tiles and pots.
- 2) There was also domestic employment in chair-making and in lace-making.
- 3) The enclosure of common land in the parish of Amersham provided several building sites at Coleshill Green and Winchmore Hill.

I am pleased to acknowledge some good help provided to us by the Buckinghamshire Family History Society. They have digitised the whole 2000 pages of the daily log book of Coleshill School covering all years from 1866 to date. This is now available to us on CD. In addition they have provided an indexed version of the 1851 census for Coleshill which is now entered electronically into our database. Very many thanks to BFHS and thank you to Jenny Earp, Head of the School for giving her kind permission.

Our future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tues 18th September 2007, Tuesday 16th November 2007 and Tuesday 11th December 2007. Tuesday 22nd January 2008, Tuesday 19th February 2008, Tuesday 18th March 2008, Tuesday 15th April 2008, Tuesday 13th May 2008 and Tuesday 17th June 2008.

All meetings start at 8.00pm in Coleshill Village Hall and conclude by 10.00 pm. Newcomers are cordially invited. Any questions or queries to Peter Lawrence on 727207 or tispml@tiscali.co.uk

Peter Lawrence

Red Lion

Since the last Newsletter the Smoking Ban has arrived (1st July). We have been very limited by the planners in what we could create for the smokers, but I am pleased to say they have been very loyal and braved the elements of this very disappointing summer.

On the other side of the coin all those villagers who were going to come in our droves to enjoy the 'clean-air' have not as yet appeared. In fact I think we have fewer village regulars now than at any time in the eighteen years we have been here. As a result it was not surprising that we had a poor turn out from the village on May Day, when we enjoyed one of the nicest mornings weather-wise that we have had since Grand Union Morris joined us some twelve years ago.

The winter leagues in Darts, Quiz and Crib & Dominoes all start in about a months time. We hope for some new faces. Anybody who is interested in taking part should call in or telephone before the end of September.

John Ullman
01494-727020

Coleshill Mobile Library



The Mobile Library is now regularly coming to Coleshill. It will be on alternate Fridays between 2.20pm and 2.35pm. The Mobile Library will be parked in or near the Village Pond.

The dates for the rest of the year are
Fridays: **21st September, 5th October,**
19th October, 2nd November,
16th November, 30th November,
14th December and 28th December 2007.



All Saints' Charity

As announced in the last newsletter, we are planning an interesting and varied programme in 2008. Firstly a Pantomime – The Babes in Hodgemoor Woods - an original work written by Lindsey Haubner. We have had our first auditions but, although many young people came along – mostly girls – we still need more, especially boys and adults. A special appeal by Lindsey is included in this newsletter. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd February, with a matinee on the Saturday. Details about this and ticket availability in the next Newsletter.

Patsy Wright-Warren

Coleshill Common

The Management Committee had an interesting walk round the Common recently in the company of Rod d'Ayala, who has been advising the Parish Council about the Village Pond. His particular interest is in ponds, and he suggested that the present ones on the Common could be improved and extended to the benefit of wildlife.

A new home for the elusive Starfruit, that 'hides' in the Village Pond, could be created. As many will know, this small plant is one of Coleshill's claims to fame – being found at only a handful of sites in England. The Committee will be looking at possible plans, but may need extra man-power from the village to undertake such work.

The dates set for Work Parties on the Common this autumn are below:

October

Friday 5th at 10 am Saturday 13th at 10 am Wednesday 31st at 10 am

November

Saturday 10th at 10 am Wednesday 21st at 10 am

December

Saturday 1st at 10 am

Anyone is welcome to join the volunteers on any of these days.

Chris Wege (724152)



Coleshill Village Hall

The Summer period has been quiet for bookings which has given us a chance to do maintenance work in and outside the Hall.

The Ladies cloakroom has been refurbished and the Storeroom repaired and repainted. The Hall is 25 years old in October so it was time these rooms were updated.

We now look forward to hosting the Village Show, Harvest Supper, Tennis Club fund raising evening, Coleshill School Christmas Bazaar and Church Tea in the coming months.

Residents of Coleshill have discounted rates to hire the Hall so please contact me to book on 433421.

Please contact Ann Lawrence on 01494 433421 for more details.

Ann Lawrence

The Village Hall has weekly bookings which are

Monday:

WAY TO GO FITNESS at 9.45am with Crèche
BOWLS CLUB at 7.30pm

Tuesday:

WAY TO GO FITNESS at 9.45am
BRIDGE CLUB at 1.00 pm
FIT QUICK at 7.00 pm

Wednesday:

WAY TO GO FITNESS at 9.45am with Crèche

Thursday:

WI 2nd afternoon in the month

Friday:

GONE TO PIECES Quilting Group 2nd Friday

Sunday:

FIT QUICK at 9.00am

Christmas Edition

The deadline for the Christmas edition is as follows

EDITION	DEADLINE
Christmas 2007	Friday 9th November

Neighbourhood Action Group

Overall a quieter time of year as everyone is away on holidays and there is perhaps a little less non-residential activity in or through the village. School runs also stop for the best part of two months.

Speeding remains one of the top issues being addressed by NAG and there will be a further Speed Enforcement Day coming up shortly. Not allowed to release the actual date, but it will be this year!

We had a fantastic response from the children at the Village School who came up with some very lively and imaginative posters for a speed safety campaign. These were exhibited at the Horticultural show recently and many enthused over their presentation. The intention overall is that we should bear in mind how vulnerable the young and innocent are to any vehicle exceeding the speed limit. We shall be examining the possibilities of placing the winning entries in strategic positions throughout the village. A special vote of thanks to Sarah Parker for seeing this through and also to Jenny Earp for giving the programme wholesale support within the school. Thanks also to Gavin McVeigh from Thames Valley Police for his unstinting enthusiasm.

In the previous newsletter, it was said how lucky we are in terms of rubbish and fly tipping in comparison to many, and this remains the case overall. That said, small villages with fields and gates are always attractive dumping grounds so we should be alert to such traffic.

Please remember that NAG is a community initiative, instigated by the residents or a good number of us anyway. Your support is welcome at all times. The first anniversary of NAG is fast approaching and we shall be holding a special meeting in the Coleshill Village Hall on Thursday 4th October. As many as possible are welcome to hear what has been achieved and to what we aspire. We want to hear from you and would ask you to come along and join us. The meeting will start at 19:00 hours and we shall have representatives from all quarters.

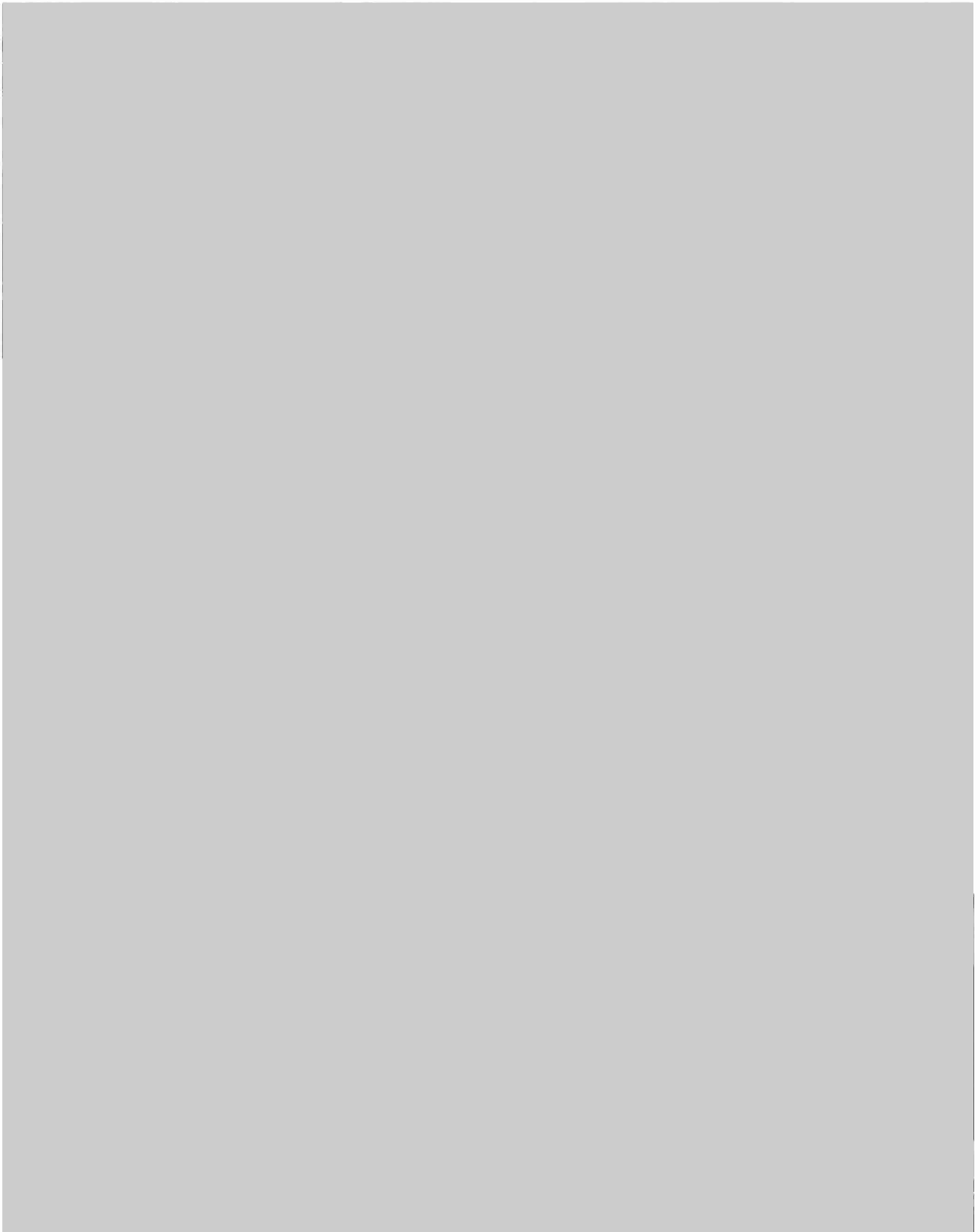
For more information please contact please contact Sarah Parker, Dave Smith or Ian McCallum.

Ian McCallum

The winning posters from the Speed Safety Competition will be featured in the next Newsletter and on the web site



Village Show 2007



Village Show 2007

Village Show Cup Winners

CUP	WINNER
The Grindley Challenge Cup Vegetables grown without help	Rosemary Valentine
The Jerram Challenge Cup Vegetables	Diana Heimann
The Orchard Trophy Fruit	Stephanie Prideaux
The Woolacott Vase Flower Arranging – overall	Lindsey Haubner
The Jackie Ferguson Memorial Award Single Flower arrangement (Class 49)	Catherine Green
The Cotswold Challenge Cup Flowers	John Savory
The Ovington Rose Bowl Single Rose	Rosemary Valentine
The Joseph Cup Alpine Container Garden	Paul Windsor
The Coleshill Challenge Cup Preserves	John Savory
The Edmond Waller Challenge Cup Cakes and Pastries	Colin Lambert
The Whitefield Cup Best Photograph	Stephen Hitchen
The Windmill Bowl Handicraft – senior citizen	Linda Pasqua
The Clifton Cup Handicraft	Bridget Tofts
The Le Mead Cup Embroidery or canvas work	Bridget Tofts
The Red Lion Cup Men's Rock Cakes	Colin Lambert
The Wheatsheaf Children's Cup Children's overall	Helen Windsor
The Magpie Club Award Best effort in children's section	Emily Parker
The Premier Cup Largest number of 1 st places in Show	John Savory

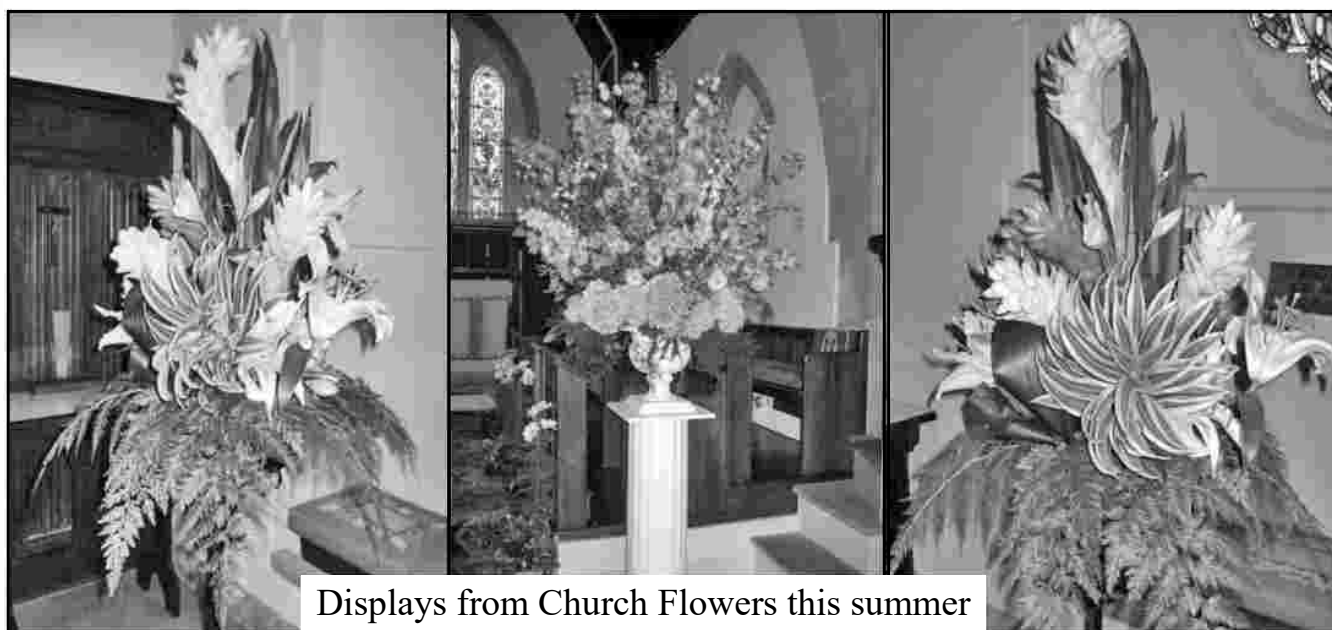
Horticultural Society

The Village Show received more entries this year than last, which is very heartening as the weather has not been kind to our gardens. It has made the growing of vegetables very difficult, none more so than the growing of tomatoes. The show was opened by Denis Hall; this was a very special occasion as twenty five years ago the Village Hall was opened by Denis when he was Chairman of the Hall committee and the Horticultural Society Show was the first hirer of the Village Hall. Denis gave a wonderful opening speech and presented the trophies to all the lucky winners. Thames Valley Police also visited the show with a police car, which they let the children sit in, and put the siren and flashing blue lights on.

All Saints' School children exhibited some very artistic and interesting posters on the theme of Road Safety. These posters were hung up around the large hall and small hall, and received very positive feedback from visitors to the show. There are some budding imaginative artists at the School and we thank them for all the hard work they put into drawing and painting the posters.

Our next meeting will be in October, the date to be advertised on the village web site and notice board, where we will have a debrief on the show and make the decision on the speaker and topic for the spring talk in 2008. We are always glad to receive new members and new ideas for the show and spring talk. If you would like to come along please telephone David Smith on 01494 724490. Remember everyone in the village is an automatic member of the Horticultural Society, so why not go a step further and join the committee?

Susan & David Smith
Chairpersons



Displays from Church Flowers this summer

Tennis Club

The most important news to report is that the extension to the clubhouse has been completed and all is in working order! No longer will visiting teams have to trek across the cricket pitch to use the loo! Grateful thanks must be extended to Robin Ferguson who completed the majority of the work on his own.

Due to bad weather 'The Generation Tournament' had to be postponed. Weather permitting this will now take place on Sunday 23rd September. This is open to all Junior Members, 13 years and under, and any adult members who could come along and partner different juniors during the day. Please talk to Susie Gajadharsingh if you are able to help.

The Coleshill Teams continue to have varied success in the League Matches. Three teams were once again entered in the Wycombe and District League during the summer. The first team won all their matches and will duly be promoted next year. The highlight of this year's league was the clash of the first team and second team. Despite a little nervousness due to the fact that husbands and wives had to play against each other, the first team were victorious. We all enjoyed the match and the refreshments afterwards. Gerry Gajadharsingh put on one of his famous barbeques! Next year it will be the clash of the second and third team! Congratulations and thank you to all those who have played in the teams.

This winter we will once again be entering two teams in the Farnham Common League and a Mens and a Ladies Veterans team. Good luck to all those who play. If you are interested in playing in any of the teams please let Susie Gajadharsingh know who will put you in contact with the team organiser.

In the previous newsletter I said that the Tennis Club Fundraising event was to be on Friday 28th September. PLEASE NOTE that this has now changed and will be on Friday 2nd November in the Village Hall. All members will be emailed details of the event nearer the time.

Club play sessions continue to be on Sunday mornings from 10.45am and Thursday evenings from 18.00pm. There hasn't been great attendance over the summer months so please do try and make an effort to come and play. Junior coaching is on Sundays from 9.00am and, for the more able, 12 years and over, on Mondays from 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Open coaching session is on Monday from 6.00pm – 7.00pm and team training from 7.00pm 'til dusk. The evening sessions of play usually continue into October.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the tennis club then please contact Susie Gajadharsingh at susiegaj@btinternet.com

Susie Gajadharsingh
Club Secretary

Tennis Junior Tournament



Despite the inclement weather the Junior Tournament got off to a good start on Sunday 15th July. The 7 and unders kicked off, eventually being won by Max Gajadharsingh who narrowly beat Laurie Bishop. The 10 and unders followed with some very competitive play, the winner in the boys section was Max Gajadharsingh and the runner-up Jack Ashby. Needless to say both players were delighted by their achievement! The girls was won by Pippa Hallchurch and the runner up was Jessica Gajadharsigh. In the 12 & under age group Joseph Hamilton was runner-up to Rohan Mehra and the girls was won by Katy Klikis and the runner-up was Emily Parker. Then, during the 14 & under section the heavens opened, literally, and within minutes the courts were awash. However, in between the thunder, lightening and torrential rain the children

battled on, and Scott Lones beat Rohan Mehra in the boys section and Katy Klikis beat Emma Lones in the girls. Fortunately the preliminary round robin for the 16 & unders had been played the previous week, each boy playing four sets of good quality tennis. Due to the weather Scott Lones and Tom Watts played a long tie break set in the finals, the eventual winner being Tom Watts. Tanya Richardson played Lily Turner in the girls, Tanya being the victor. I would like to congratulate all the children for taking part, for the good sportsmanship and the improved standard of tennis that was played. I would like to thank all the adults who helped umpire matches, barbeque and serve food. It was a most enjoyable day which, due to everyone's support, ran extremely smoothly. We had forty two entries, which, for a small club, is great. Trying to co-ordinate so many matches on two courts on one day was not easy, so thank you for all your help.

Susie Gajadharsingh
Club Secretary



Under 12's Rohan Mehra and
Joseph Hamilton



Under 10's Jessica Gajadharsingh,
Pippa Hallchurch and Emily Parker

Tennis Junior Tournament



Under 7's - Ready to Play
Bradley Hucker, Max Gajadharsingh, Laurie Bishop and
Sara Lones



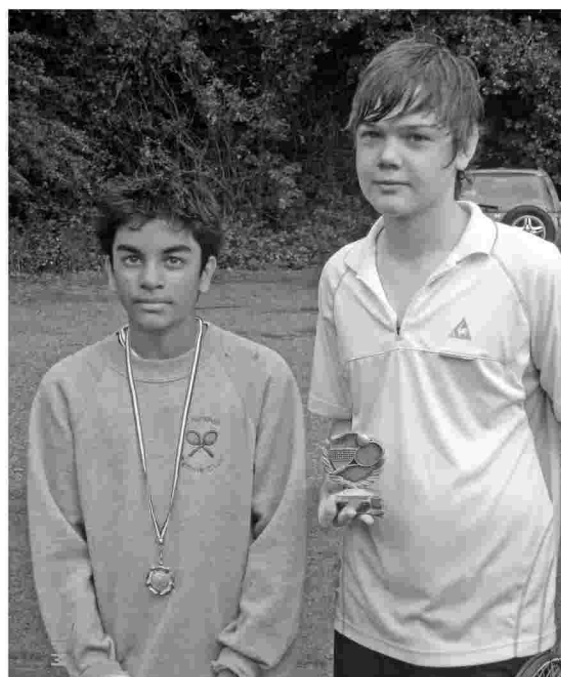
Under 16's Tom Watts and Scott Lones



Under 7's Max Gajadharsingh
and Laurie Bishop



Under 14's Emma Lones and Katy Klikis



Under 14's Rohan Mehra
and Scott Lones

Parish Council

Unfortunately we did not win the Best Kept Village Competition this year but we did receive a Certificate of Merit for achieving a Highly Commended grade in the Morris Cup.

The Village Pond is still a strong topic at the Parish Council meetings, it has been decided that the pond needs an autumn clear up. This hopefully will be done by very willing volunteers on Sunday 4th November 2007. If you would like to be included in this work party please let me know. The date will be advertised on the CPC notice board. The main work to the pond will commence when all the relevant Pond and Wildlife Associations and Societies have reported back to the CPC with what they consider the best way forward in the husbandry of the pond.

The email system of sending Police warnings, news releases and weather warnings to residents has been a success. With the winter months ahead it will be extremely useful to receive the weather warnings, especially when icy conditions are forecast. If you are not on the list of email addresses that receive this information please send an email to susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk and you will be added.

The forthcoming Parish Council meetings are on Thursday 15th November, Thursday 10th January 2008 and Tuesday 11th March 2008. The meetings start at 8.00pm and are held in the small hall of the Village Hall. All members of the public are welcome; you can ask questions or have your say in the democratic ½ hour that is at the start of the meeting.

Susan Smith
Clerk

Pond Clean Up Day

Pond Clean up day any and all volunteers welcome , Sunday 4th November 2007. Meet by pond at 10.00am. For information please ring 01494 724490 David Smith.

Lost - White Rabbit

We have found a white rabbit and he or she is now living at Manor Way. If anyone has lost him please ring 724490 and we will re-unite you...it is very friendly.

No, it is not a joke and Paul Daniels isn't the owner.

Susan & David Smith

Neighbourhood Watch

Once again, we are pleased to say that crime has been almost non-existent in our village since the last newsletter. There has been a minor car theft and the police warn us that sucker marks on windscreens show where the driver may have a sat-nav system. Even if you lock such a gizmo away in your boot, the marks will pick your car out as worthy of a possible break in, so please take care.

Following the recent news items about thefts of metal – including bells – from churches, a man acting suspiciously was recently spotted looking around our own church and churchyard. As he went to drive away in a blue pick-up truck, one of our churchwarden's asked him if he had enjoyed his look around. She was pleasant and allowed enough suspicion to creep into her voice to let him know that he had been watched and noted as a stranger. This was exactly the right way to approach someone. If you just say, "Hello, are you lost?", it lets them see that you know they are not villagers and are wondering what they are doing here.

PC 1701 Gavin McVeigh is the Beat Officer for Coleshill. He is supported by PCSO 9714 John Webb.

If you have any non urgent issues they can be contacted by phone on 08458 505 505 or you can email them at gavin.mcveigh@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or john.webb@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. In an emergency call 999 – not us.

Jack and Lindsey Haubner
722589

Christmas Greetings

For those who do not know, your Christmas Greeting donation is what pays for the majority of the printing of your four Village Newsletters per year. The balance of the cost is covered by the Parish Council.

Please complete the form opposite and return it to me with a donation of at least £1.00 per individual, £2.00 for a family greeting (or more if you wish) and your Greeting will be included in the Christmas Newsletter, and also appear on the village website!

The deadline is Saturday 10th November 2007

I am sorry that it will not be possible to remind everyone again, but of course you do not have to wait until the November 10th 2007 deadline to let me have your greeting by sending me the coupon opposite!

Frank Auton

Babes In Hodgemoor Woods

The weekend chosen for auditions coincided with several other events and sports occasions, so we were disappointed in the number of people who turned up. We had lots of very talented girls, who were mostly a little older than we had hoped for and, unfortunately, the odd boy who popped his head round the door, saw loads of girls and so would not come in! We therefore still need two boys of about 10/11yrs old and two in their late teens or early twenties, who could look like grown-up versions of the younger models. We also need two bodyguard types - possibly like the Blues Brothers, or else Inspector Clouseau types. They are comedy characters so can either be little and large or very much alike. We could also do with a King and Queen who are of an age where they could, 'conceivably' be parents of young children but also the late teen versions.

Our rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons in the Village Hall and will start at 2.00pm so that they will end in time for children to get home before it gets dark.

No actors will be turned away as we have crowd scenes. If this is a success, we could consider starting the drama group up again and putting on regular performances. Oh yes we could! Don't think about it, ring me NOW on 01494 722589 if you would like to take part.

The Pantomime performances are planned for Friday 1st February 2008 evening and Saturday 2nd February 2008 matinee and evening.

Lindsey Haubner

Christmas Greetings

I would like to include Christmas Greetings from:-
.....(please print)

I/we enclose donation of £.....

(cheques should be made payable to the Parish Council)

Please complete and return in an envelope before

Saturday 10th November 2007 to:-

Frank Auton

The Rosary Cottage, Village Road, Coleshill, Bucks HP7 0LQ

Coleshill W.I.

Now I am Group Convenor for The Chesswoods, a coming together of seven local W.I.s, I have been visiting several other village halls and there is no doubt that we are very lucky to have such an excellent modern hall, with good kitchen facilities. I also feel we should thank Ann Lawrence for all her super-efficient work behind the scenes to ensure everything is in the right place at the right time, which makes life a lot easier for those of us in charge of various events. The Group Summer Lunch was held in our hall, although hosted by Little Chalfont Afternoon W.I., and was a great success with over eighty people enjoying a delicious meal, a chance to make new friends and stretching their brains to guess the unusual gadgets and solve the cryptic quiz. The Autumn meeting of the Group will be in Little Kingshill.

Meanwhile at our very own W.I. we were disappointed when the talk, in July, entitled "Aging with Attitude" turned out to be a rather patronising pep talk on health and eating sensibly! Most of us were expecting something humorous and can only assume the speaker did not approve of our lavish tea! Fortunately the W.I. at County level has a 'feed-back' programme and consequently talks that are not popular get dropped from the recommended list. In August we do not have a formal meeting but once again we enjoyed the chance to relax over a cuppa, and a cake or two, in Jack and Pat Emblow's beautiful garden. The rain threatened but didn't dare to spoil our party!

Last newsletter I mentioned a plan to visit Stoney Stratford. This proved to be a very successful outing. The coach driver took us the 'pretty' route giving an enlightening commentary on the villages we passed through and recommending good pubs. The narrow roads also gave him scope to demonstrate his excellent skills in reversing! After a simple lunch two members of Stoney Stratford W.I. took us on a guided tour of their town, braving the rain, and ensuring we all came home better educated. We hope to arrange another similar trip next year to a different town either in North Bucks or over the border into Oxfordshire.

If the news and results of the Horticultural Show are filling you with enthusiasm can we recommend our speaker on 11th October, Mr. Edwin Rye who's talk is entitled "B.B.C. Gardener of the Year". Visitors are most welcome to the meeting at 2:30p.m. in the Village Hall.

Eileen Gershon

*You can find out more about Coleshill WI by going direct to our web page
on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/the_wi.htm*

Global Village - Pakistan

Dear All

The monsoon is finally coming to an end as we head into Ramadan. Despite cloudless skies the new moon has not been seen, so Pakistan is as usual in a dither about when the fasting should commence and when Eid is likely to fall (last year we had 3 different dates for Eid el Fitr).

Politically the temperature is hotting-up. Perhaps the English and European papers have been following the saga, but basically Musharraf has backed himself into a corner and has no where to turn. It started back in March when ill-advisedly the President decided to rid himself of a tiresome Chief Justice. The CJ had the support of the courts and the lawyers, demonstration followed demonstration, public rallies of support with cheering crowds irked the President who staged his own rally of support. It was a dismal affair, overshadowed by the CJ's arrival in Karachi and the slaughter of his supporters.

It has been downhill ever since. The President has dithered about signing a deal with Benazir Bhutto, so when the CJ and the Supreme Court ruled that the exiled Prime Minister was unlawfully banned from his own country Nawaz Sharif declared he was returning. And he did on Monday, when Musharraf promptly deported him back to Saudi. The Saudis by the way, refute the claim that it was their wish for Sharif to return to their shores. Nawaz has huge popularity in the Punjab so by removing him the President has bought a little more time to do the deal with Benazir. Trouble is, his popularity is so low, even amongst the armed forces, that there is considerable doubt that she will want to be tied to a lame duck.

If that is the case, where does Musharraf go? The Supreme Court has ruled that he cannot run as president and remain an army chief so the betting money (outlawed in Pakistan) is on martial law.

It is exciting stuff. Islamabad is returning to life after the hot summer but security forces are everywhere, European Missions have issued restrictions on where diplomats can and cannot go and suicide bombers (a 15 year-old in Peshawar yesterday killed 16) are said to be ready to strike. We are marking time waiting to see whether this nation will survive or enter another period of meltdown.

Despite the dramas being played on the edges of the diplomatic enclave the life of the visa section trundles along.

We return to the UK at the end of October, me for a conference and our date at the palace. We hope to see many of you then.

Alex & Derek Pond
FCO Pakistan

Church Flowers

We have had an interesting time in church this summer from the floral point of view with several weddings producing a contrast in styles. One bride had an aunt who flew over from South America bringing the flowers with her to decorate the church, and the resulting mix of ginger flowers and exotic foliage was very exciting. Completely different was the effect of hundreds of stems of beautiful blue delphiniums arranged by one of our own flower experts for her own wedding which looked totally stunning. With another wedding coming up during September - watch this space!

During the summer we decided to have a Flower Arrangers' lunch. It was very difficult to find a date to suit all the kind people who help with the flowers, but fortunately for all those who came it was on one of the glorious days in August, was great fun and we didn't talk about flowers at all!

If anyone is interested in joining in and helping, do just ring.

Catherine Green
724922

Services in the Parish

St Mary's	8.00 am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	9.00 am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	10.15 am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.45 am	Matins
All Saints'	6.00 pm	Evensong (1 st Sunday of every month)
St Mary's	6.00 pm (except 1 st Sunday of month)	Evensong

Diary Dates

Friday 21 st September 2007	Mobile Library
Sunday 23 rd September	Tennis Club 'Generation Tournament'
Friday 5 th October 2007	Mobile Library
Thursday 4 th October 2007	NAG Special Meeting
Friday 5 th October 2007	Common Working Party
Friday 12 th October 2007	All Saints' Harvest Supper
Saturday 13 th October 2007	Common Working Party
Tuesday 16 th October 2007	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Friday 19 th October 2007	Mobile Library
Wednesday 31 st October 2007	Common Working Party
Friday 2 nd November 2007	Mobile Library
Friday 2 nd November 2007	Tennis Club Fundraising Event
Saturday 3 rd November 2007	Churchyard Clean Up
Sunday 4 th November	Pond Clean Up Day
Sunday 4 th November 2007	All Saints' Patronal Festival
Friday 9 th November 2007	Newsletter Deadline for Christmas Edition
Saturday 10 th November 2007	Common Working Party
Saturday 10 th November 2007	Christmas Greetings Deadline
Sunday 11 th November 2007	Remembrance Day Service
Tuesday 13 th November 2007	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Thursday 15 th November 2007	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 16 th November 2007	Mobile Library
Wednesday 21 st November 2007	Common Working Party
Friday 30 th November 2007	Mobile Library
Saturday 1 st December 2007	Common Working Party
Tuesday 11 th December 2007	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Friday 14 th December 2007	Mobile Library
Friday 28 th December 2007	Mobile Library
Thursday 10 th January 2008	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 22 nd January 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Friday 1 st February 2008	Pantomime - All Saints' Charity
Saturday 2 nd February 2008	Pantomime - All Saints' Charity
Tuesday 19 th February 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Tuesday 11 th March 2008	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 18 th March 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Tuesday 15 th April 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Tuesday 13 th May 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Tuesday 17 th June 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class



Contact Numbers

Reverend Tim Harper - Rector	724426
Dorothy Potter - Parish Secretary	729380
Dumpy Swerling - All Saints' Pro-Warden	873931
Helen Spencer - All Saints' Pro-Warden	725857
Dick Ware - Parish Treasurer	722486
Chris Wege - Hon Secretary All Saints'	724152
Catherine Green - Church Flowers	724922
Ruth Murphy - Organist & Choirmaster All Saints'	433539
Frank & Heather Auton - Newsletter	431036
Susan Smith - Clerk to the Parish Council	724490
Ann Lawrence - Village Hall Bookings	433421
Marianne Holt - Magpie Club & Parish Youth Worker	723793
Jenny Earp - Head teacher Village School	727206
Jack & Lindsey Haubner - Neighbourhood Watch	722589
Lindsey Haubner - President Coleshill W.I.	722589
Amanda McCallum - Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	725083
David & Susan Smith - Coleshill Horticultural Society	724490
Susie Gajadharsingh - Secretary Coleshill Tennis Club	726603
Chris Bruin - Secretary Coleshill Cricket Club	tba
John Holland - Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	729357
John & Chris Ullman - The Red Lion	727020
Chris Wege - Common Management Committee	724152

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Parish Councillors

David Hall	Chairman of Parish Council	725231
Frank Auton	Vice-Chairman of Council	431036
Peter Clackett	Member of Parish Council	433044
Kim Richardson	Member of Parish Council	434304
Dick Ware	Member of Parish Council	722486
David Smith	Member of Parish Council	724490
Colin Lambert	Member of Parish Council	722314