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Willow Creek: Bigger is Better?

People kindly ask me if I had a nice holiday. Well we had a good few days in France with the boys, but as some of you know Rosie and I then spent a week in the USA at a conference in Chicago at a place called Willow Creek Community church. Chicago was very hot and hard work, but how can I complain at a free week in the USA, hotel food and club class air travel thrown in?

For me the best thing about America is the Americans. Wherever we went we met with unfailing good manners and helpfulness. Willow Creek is one of the American Mega Churches, it has a membership of 29000 and rising (yes really) with vast modern buildings to match; an incredibly smooth operation employing 350 people full time. This was their 'Leadership Summit' that Bishop Alan wanted the three of us to go to, meeting up with Bishop Mike Hill and colleagues from Bristol.

It was incredibly high powered, with world class speakers; e.g. Tony Blair was the final speaker (rubbish by the way), senior White House Aides and speech writers, the chief business correspondent of CNN, the CEO of Hewlett Packard and so on, all talking about American leadership techniques for churches during the recession, yes really! And all this in a Liturgical context of what I describe as 'Hollywood on Ice meets the X Factor.' Hardly a black face to be seen either.

To be frank lots of it made my flesh creep, sometimes it felt sentimental and manipulative, but there are always good things to be learned. The Americans of my generation are still into Modernism: progress, bigger is better, all that sort of thing. Bishop Alan wisely pointed out how different American society is from ours; they were not crushed by the casualties and the financial cost of two world wars. America is still a very optimistic place, and nothing wrong with that. But it does explain why they were so taken aback by 9/11 and the Credit Crunch. That sort of thing is not supposed to happen.

Amongst all the hype, two speakers stood out for me. The first was Andrew Rugasira, the Ugandan founder of a Fair-trade firm called Good African Coffee. Our American cousins cheered such a successful entrepreneur to the echo, but he caused a stink by telling them that trade rather than aid was what emerging economies really need. I admired his courage in telling nearly 30,000 hostile listeners kindly and politely what he really thought. That is leadership!

And then there was a girl in her early 20s called Jessica Jackley, who at college had started a micro finance online company that provides small loans for people in the third world. This means locals can borrow \$50 to buy a cow or whatever and get started. Of course she went down a storm and I encourage you visit www.kiva.org to see just what a good idea it is; maybe even make a small loan yourself. Leadership starts small and at home.



Willow Creek: Bigger is Better?

Anyway after all the Hollywood razzmatazz, to detox on Sunday morning we went to an Episcopalian church in the poorest most run down area of west side Chicago. Outside was the Mexican Consulate, with dodgy characters hanging around with bulging pockets (drugs, guns?). Inside though few, we were multi racial and young, quite amazingly vital in every way. We were 28 all told, in a vast crumbling 19th century building. There without air conditioning we sweltered at 100 degrees, but for me the worship was far more real, and again for me it beat the hordes at Willow Creek hands down.

So what I am left with? Believing in what we do, that ministry is about prayer and people. Bigger and better is very nice, but Jesus always concentrated on the

small things. In my study at home I have a little icon on the windowsill. It is a picture of Jesus sitting with the Samaritan woman at the well and talking while she gave him a drink of cold water. St John remembered this and wrote it down in his Gospel. All Jesus' followers were busy with 'church', organising this and that, busy on making things bigger and better and were very cross with him for taking time out to speak with this nonentity. And yet it is Jesus' personal touch that is remembered and that made all the difference. Maybe we should be bigger and better, but I hope that prayer and people will always come first.

Tim Harper

Rector of Amersham with Coleshill



Holy Matrimony

Saturday 5th September 2009

Susannah Pond & James Sore



News from All Saints'

Flower Festival

The Festival over the weekend of 11th/12th July 2009 was a great success due largely to the hard work and organisation of Catherine Green, ably supported by Howard. A big thank you to them both, from everyone who enjoyed the flowers. She reports on the event elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Quiet Day

The Quiet Day was held in church on Monday 13th July 2009, the day after the Flower Festival. About 20 people attended, some friends of All Saints' and others from local churches. Sarah Wallington-Smith led the day in prayer and various readings, some from the Bible and some from other books. The day was interspersed with reflection, meditation and the freedom to be able to walk in the Valentines' lovely and exceedingly peaceful paddock. A very nice picnic lunch was provided and there were books and beautifully painted stones, with bible verses hand written on them, for sale. The day was memorable; a relaxed and spiritual experience for which we were all grateful.

Parish Picnic

On Sunday 19th July St Mary's joined All Saints' at Coleshill Cricket Ground for our annual Parish Picnic. We were blessed with dry weather for the usual needle rounders match, where players of a wide age range sportingly played a very enjoyable game, some showing remarkable hidden talent! It was good too, to have encouraging spectators to cheer the teams on. Inevitably rain did stop play but only at the very end of the last innings!

We adjourned to the Cricket Pavilion for our picnics as it was too wet to eat outside, and once there, we were able to socialize and share food easily if one wanted. It would, however, be nice to see an increase in numbers for the same event next year when we will hope for better weather!

Chris Wege

In Memorium - Len Bristow

It is with sadness that we have learnt of the death of Len Bristow who lived in the village before moving to Yorkshire. Len and Jean were stalwarts of All Saints' for many years - opening and closing the Church and Len always read the lessons at our weekly evensong. He also did valuable work on identification and numbering of graves in the churchyard.



Joan Higgs

Joan was born on 5th October 1916 at Llanharry near Bridgend, South Wales – the fourth of nine children (three sisters and six brothers). She was brought up in a country setting which gave her a love and appreciation of nature which was to remain with her throughout her life.

After leaving school she began training as a mental health nurse but this was cut short by her move in the mid 1930's to Datchet near Slough as a private nurse to a Colonel Prior. It was here that she was introduced to her future husband Alf. She remained at Slough until war broke out, when she began doing war work as a supervisor on aircraft construction in both Bristol and Heston, on the outskirts of London.

Joan and Alf married on 4th January 1942 at All Saints' Church, Coleshill – Alf's home village and they set up home here. Their daughter Eileen was born in 1945 and John followed eight years later in 1953. Joan was kept busy looking after her in-laws, as well as tending her young family.

In the late 1950's, Joan started working in the village shop before resuming her nursing career as an Auxiliary at Amersham Hospital. Her children were always foremost in her life with treats for them often at her own expense. Her first grandchild, Paula, was born in 1967 and lived with the family for the first eight years of her life before moving to Chesham. Sadly, Alf died of a heart attack in 1974 at the early age of 62. This made Joan re-evaluate her life and she made the decision to travel to Australia on her own to visit her two brothers. She went for three months and was to repeat this trip a few years later.

She retired from Amersham Hospital at age 60 but soon found employment again at Rushmead Old People's Home in Coleshill. She stayed for five years to age 65 and then played an active part in village life helping with child and granny minding, house sitting, Mother's Union etc.

Joan's health began to deteriorate in 2003, when, after a stay in hospital she began sheltered living, initially in Chesham and then Hazlemere, where she remained happy and well-loved until a fall necessitated her to be taken to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, where she died on 13th June at the great age of 92 years.

Joan was a lovely lady who always put others before herself. She was forthright but kind. She was a great believer in making the most of life and when asked how she was, would say 'I can't grumble - there are a lot people worse off than myself'. Towards the end of her life she suffered mild dementia and would ask you a number of times where you lived: When asking her daughter Eileen this for the third or fourth time Eileen remarked 'Cardiff' to which Joan quickly replied 'Don't talk rubbish, of course you don't!' Humour was retained right to the end. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.



Coleshill Cricket Club

Well where do you begin? As many of you will know, on Saturday 5th September 2009 Coleshill CC 1st XI went in to battle in a winner takes all match against Amersham Hill. Amersham Hill had been the pace setters all season and at half way were 120 points clear of Coleshill but a terrific run of



form (played 11 - won 9, drew 1, lost 1) by Coleshill had put them into 3rd going into the last game. It meant that a win for either side would secure promotion back to the top division. The game was well supported by family, friends and villagers and this has been a feature of recent games. We were even invaded by watchers from Winchmore Hill (obviously come to watch some proper Cricket).

Coleshill won the toss and elected to field first.

Amersham Hill made slow progress and were eventually bowled out for 198. The Coleshill batsmen set about the task with aplomb and when the final runs were hit by Simon Pottinger. Coleshill had completed a dream end to the season securing promotion. Late Sunday evening the news filtered through that the team who had been top of the table had lost and that Coleshill were in fact Champions!

On the same afternoon the 2nd XI completed a good, but frustrating season, by beating Amersham Hill also. Had the 2nd XI had a more settled side, then it may have been a double celebration. This is one to work on for next season.

A big thank you for all your support over the season. It really has been fantastic to see so many of you at the Club. We now enter the closed season and the men in white will be seen putting the wicket to bed for the winter and improving facilities for the coming season.

It is important that the club build on this success and, to this end, here is my normal plea: if you know of anyone looking to play Cricket next year or if there is a scorer or umpire out there - please put them in touch with us. The easiest way is through our website coleshillcc.org this can also be accessed through the village website.

Have a good Autumn and keep the cold at bay.

Chris Bruin *Honorary Secretary*

Red Lion

All things being equal, we complete the purchase of the freehold of the pub from Punch taverns on 18th September 2009. Given the current financial situation in the country, we have experienced considerable difficulty in financing the purchase on a sensible basis, and want to place on record the considerable help and advice given to us by our accountant, David Atkinson, in this area. Floreat the village!

The purchase, almost over, coincides with the 20th anniversary of our arrival at the Red Lion (16th November 1989). To celebrate this and 'Straight Eight's' 20th anniversary, they are coming here to perform on Saturday 17th October 2009.

Notices will appear and tickets will be bought here, or from Jim Walker, who is known to many in the village. This should be a great opportunity for a party!

Winter darts, quiz, and crib and dominoes are about to start on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings respectively. The usual to any villager who is interested in playing in any of the teams, do contact me.

Our usual reminder to all newcomers to the village: in the absence of a village shop for some years, we carry extra stocks of bread, butter, milk, eggs etc if you run short.

John Ullman
727020

Coleshill Village Hall

There's a saying 'Use it or lose it'. Well we're not going to lose our Village Hall but if the lack of bookings continues it's not going to be maintained in as good a condition as the Management Committee and Villagers would like.

It needs to be hired on a weekly basis and we're not fussy what the activity is, although I'm not sure if the neighbours would welcome Band Practice.

Please contact me if you have any ideas that I can follow up and, if you wanted to start a group yourselves, so much the better.

Ann Lawrence
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Village History Project

The formal launch of our book 'A History of Coleshill' by Julian Hunt will take place on Saturday 7th November 2009 in Coleshill Village Hall at 12.00 noon. The Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, has kindly agreed to conduct the ceremony. The Hall will be open from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm for the launch and for the Local History Exhibition.

We plan to start the brief launch ceremony promptly at 12.00 noon. Please arrive in good time, because we are expecting the event to be well attended. We hope that you will stay on afterwards for a glass of wine and refreshments. This will be an opportunity to meet other like-minded people who have a strong affection for Coleshill and its history.

Book sales to date have gone very well and ahead of expectations. I am happy to add that we are well past the financial break-even point. Books will be available for collection immediately after the conclusion of the launch ceremony. Julian Hunt will also be available to sign your copy.

If you have not ordered your copy yet, an order form is below. Please complete, send in with your cheque, and your copy will be available for collection on Saturday 7th November 2009.

Peter Lawrence

A History of Coleshill

Pre-publication Order Form

Please complete the form below and send to P.M. Lawrence,
Hampton House, Chase Close, Coleshill, Amersham Bucks, HP7 0LX
Please make cheques payable to Coleshill History Project

- ☐ I will attend the Launch Ceremony and will collect my copy(ies) there
☐ I want my copy(ies) posted to the address below (please add P & P)

Please Print

Name		Qty	Book	£
Address			£15.00	
		P & P	£3.20	
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Email			Total	£

Thank you for your Order

Invitation to visit the Water Tower

By the kind invitation of the owners, Deborah Mills and Andrew Tate, buyers of the book are invited to visit the Water Tower on the launch day and to be taken up the Tower. (Saturday 7th November 2009)

To avoid congestion and to keep the visits orderly we plan to schedule them for groups of up to 10 people at half-hourly intervals. Any book purchaser will be able to book a time for their visit from 1.30 pm (and half-hourly thereafter) on Saturday 7th November 2009.

Please book in the Village Hall on the day. However, please do not just turn up without booking a time.

All Saints' Church Flowers

The big event this summer was our Flower Festival, 'Through the Eye of the Artist', in July when our flower arrangers produced amazing interpretations of paintings by a huge variety of artists. We had Salvador Dali's Moustache, Marilyn Monroe's Lips by Andy Warhol, Rackham's Kensington Gardens and Cezanne's Still Life, and that was just at the entrance to the church!

Further down was Matisse, Monet's Waterlily Pond with the famous bridge (or should that be Jack Haubner's famous bridge?), Rennie MacIntosh, Michelangelo's Pieta, The Resurrection and beautiful simple pots representing various artists by the choir stalls. The school children excelled themselves under Catherine Watts supervision with Van Gogh's Sunflowers (grown from seed) and a stunning collage to go with them, then there was Rousseau's mysterious jungle, Vermeer's Girl with a Jug and Fantin-Latour's Roses. Leaving the church there was a lake on the bench in the porch with cygnets (Koester's Feeding Ground) and beautiful swags of flowers on the lychgate and in the corners.

Cream Teas in the Village Hall and a Plant Stall outside completed the picture and the weekend was a huge success. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of all our arrangers, helpers, sponsors and visitors we raised £1,000 which was divided between the local MacMillan Palliative Care Fund and the Rosanna Hospital in Kurdistan, and we have received warm letters of appreciation from both of these charities for our efforts.

Other highlights have been the weddings, with flowers arranged by their own florists, of Tara Hall when the church was transported to South Africa with the vibrant colours of orange strelitzias and other exotica, and Susannah Pond – a complete contrast with deep purple and a very delicate pale violet rose.

At all times and on all occasions our lovely village church is a joy to decorate with flowers. Thanks again to our many talented arrangers.

Catherine Green

Coleshill W.I.

As I mentioned last time, Coleshill W.I. has been around for 60 years and this called for a suitable celebration in August, a glass of bubbly and a cake beautifully decorated by Pat Emblow. It was, of course, our Diamond Anniversary, and many members entered into the spirit of the occasion wearing their best jewellery, or a lot of bling. There was even a tiara or two! It was a good opportunity to entertain guests from other local W.I.s and the County Executive, and invite back some of our past members, who are not able to manage coming every month, to celebrate with us. The games had a 'diamond' theme, and there was delight to find jelly was served with the usual amazing spread at tea-time. We all had a wonderful time, as we always do!

Summertime brings The Chesswoods Group Lunch. Did I hear you ask, 'What summer?' Well you are correct in that it poured with rain that day but fortunately the host institute, Little Kingshill, had planned for us to be in their hall. They decided on a black and white theme and decorated the hall accordingly. The impact on arrival was magnificent, the lunch delicious and the quiz mind-stretching. The members had been asked to wear 'black and white' which proved appropriate for many of our members who went straight on to Phyllis Wright's funeral. I like to think she'd have been amused by that fact.

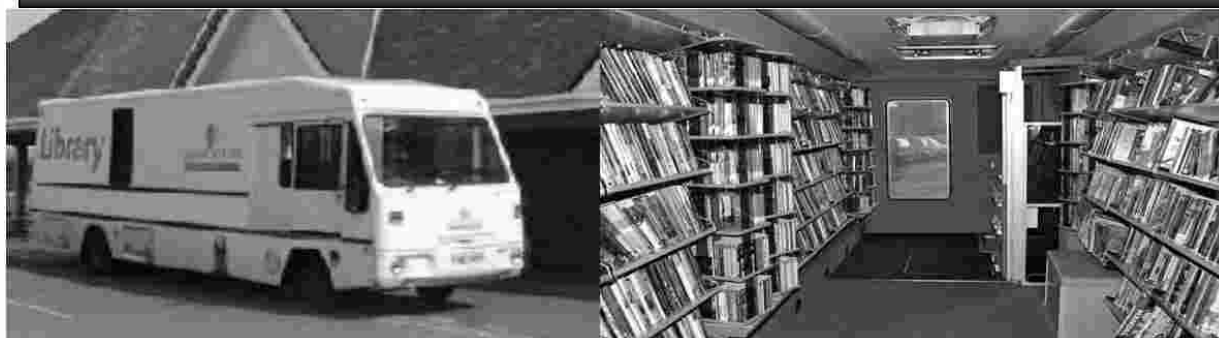
We have listened with interest to speakers on a variety of topics. It was fascinating to hear from a nanny who lived in an Orthodox Jewish household in North London and, in total contrast, from a gentleman who pretended to be a narrow boat man and explained 'Ropes, Roses and Rabbit Stew' to us. In July there was a last minute change of speaker and we had the chance to learn a bit more about the life of Elizabeth Fry; mostly about her early life and not as much as some of us would have liked on her work in Prison Reform, but then we could buy the speaker's book to fill in the detail!

By the time this newsletter is delivered it will be the Autumn, when we shall be starting to think about our a change of President (Yes, Lindsey has completed another three years and we owe her a big thank you) and a new committee. There'll be a bit of arm-twisting no doubt! A speaker is booked to talk on The History of Royal Flying. If that subject appeals to you then do come and join us for that meeting, Thursday 8th October at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

You will often read about the lovely tea we enjoy at the end of our meetings. Thursday 12th November is our Annual Meeting and we will look back over 60 years of Women's Institute in Coleshill. To end our anniversary year we thought we would invite anyone who would like to come along after the business part of the meeting to join us for tea and cake. So please put the date in your diary and come to the Village Hall at 3.30pm to join the fun and chat part of our monthly meeting. You will be very welcome. No charge but you may like to buy a raffle ticket.

Eileen Gershon

Coleshill Mobile Library



The mobile library visits Coleshill every other Friday and stops beside the pond between 2.20 to 2.35pm. It's only a short window of time but is WELL worth a visit. It's stocked with a wide range of books, including large print, and has a special children's section with little seats. There are videos, DVDs, talking books – and the librarian can even sell you stamps!

Next visits are on alternate Fridays:

September 18th, October 2nd/16th/30th November 13th/27th, December 11th.

Harvest Festival Supper

Friday 9th October 2009 at 7.30pm

After an exceedingly successful run over many years by the previous committee they have decided to handover the responsibility to other villagers.

Hence, a new committee has been formed (we are very small and would welcome further members) to organise this year's Harvest Festival Supper which is to be held on Friday 9 October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets are £7 and include a glass of wine/juice upon arrival, shepherds pie, salad, bread, dessert and coffee.

The evening will follow the traditional format of desserts being provided by willing volunteers, and include a bar and raffle.

Tickets are available now from Patsy Wright-Warren (433356) Pat Dawson (433036) Gail Wolfendale (723092), Carol Hallchurch (729707) and Judi Herbert (433534)

Should anyone be able to provide any suitable raffle prizes, please contact Judi Herbert (433534).

Please support us to ensure this popular annual event continues.

Judi Herbert



Pond Appeal 2009

It seems that since time began, or certainly since historians have written about Coleshill, the Village Pond has played an intrinsic part of the everyday life of the residents. The pond has always been a source of pride and enjoyment it is what makes Coleshill quintessentially an English village.

Some three years ago the Parish Council began the process of ascertaining the best method to restore the pond to its former glory, as the continued build up of silt over the last 40 – 50 years has reduced the water level, which has resulted in the reduction of nutrients, culminating in a drop in wildlife, fish activity and plant life.

Taking guidance from leading conservation experts, we were given three options as to how we could progress with the pond. Based on the communication and feedback from residents in the village, the decision was overwhelmingly in favour of retaining the pond as a Duck/Fish/Community pond.

To enable us to move this project forward we have had to undertake a number of different steps. This has involved toxicity testing of the silt layer, Ministry of Agriculture certification for the removal of the silt and finding a location for the removed silt. The overall cost to carry out the full restoration of the pond, removal of 50 tons of silt and at all times making sure the natural clay base is in no way damaged, making good any visual damage to grass areas, is going to cost between £15,000 - £17,000.

We as a Parish Council are fully aware of our responsibility to financially manage the Council budget to the benefit of all; we are also aware that this enormous cost can not be covered directly from Council funds. We have taken this opportunity to enclose in this newsletter a donation form. Whether your contribution is large or small, it will be very welcome and will enable the pond to once again be the very heartbeat of this village.

We would like to be in a position to have the work

carried out by spring of 2010 so the fundraising begins.



Pond Appeal 2009



The Village Pond, at the centre of our village, is one of Coleshill's most memorable landmarks. The pond is also the host to a wide variety of plants and animals, including the ducks. However, our pond is in need of some serious attention. The large number of ducks and the overhanging trees have caused the pond to silt up. This is now serious, as the water level is so shallow that even a short dry spell causes the pond to dry out and become murky with algae.

In the past, volunteers have dug out the silt, but now the time has come for some professional long term maintenance. The Parish Council has commissioned expert surveys and a report has been prepared which sets out the work required to restore and maintain the pond. This work needs to be carried out by qualified specialists to avoid damaging the fabric of the pond or its natural habitat.

The Parish Council has obtained quotes for the work which will come to over £15,000. This is way beyond the Parish's available resources, even after increasing the precept in anticipation of the work needed. We have applied for grants to help fund the project, and have received grant assistance for the survey and toxicity reports from Bucks County. We have also won £2,500 from the Bucks Conservation Board. We now also need to raise money locally from the village to enable us to commence the much needed work, ideally done during the winter period. The Village Show will contribute all of its surplus funds to the Pond Appeal.

Thank you for your support

Coleshill Village Pond Appeal

I would like to contribute to the Coleshill Village Pond Appeal

From:.....(please print)

I/we enclose donation of £.....(cheques payable to the Parish Council)

**Please complete and return in an envelope to Susan Smith - Parish Clerk
2, Manor Way, Coleshill, Bucks, HP7 0LJ**



Please indicate if you wish your donation to be anonymous

Village Show 2009



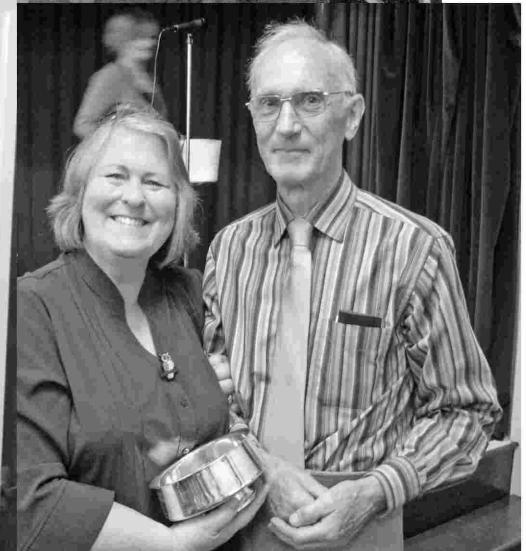
Village Show 2009



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Tug Of War



Red Lion vs. The Harte & Magpies



Red Lion Won By Two Pulls to Zero!

Village Show Cup Winners

CUP	WINNER
The Grindley Cup - Vegetables	Diana Heiman
The Orchard Trophy - Fruit	Richard Valentine
The Woolacott Vase - Flower Arranging	Sharon Hall
The Jackie Ferguson Memorial Award Formal flower arrangement	Sharon Hall
The Cotswold Challenge Cup - Flowers	David Hall
The Ovington Rose Bowl - Single Rose	David Hall
The Joseph Cup - Most unusual exhibit	Heather Auton
The Coleshill Challenge Cup - Preserves	Hilary McGuire
The Edmond Walker Challenge Cup Cakes & pastries	Karen Lowe
The Whitfield Cup - Best Photograph	Brian Taylor
The Windmill Bowl - Handmade textile item	Coll Auton
The Clifton Cup - Handmade craft item	Coll Auton
The Le Mead Cup - Embroidery/canvass wk.	Lindsey Haubner
The Red Lion Cup - Men's Rock Cakes	Frank Auton
The Wheatsheaf Cup - Children's Overall	Ben Krebs & Henry Windsor
The Magpie Club Award - Best in Children's Section	Coleshill Village School
The Premier Cup - Largest No 1 Places	John Savory

Horticultural Society

Coleshill really came up trumps on Saturday 12th September. The standard of entries was truly excellent, flowers, cakes, vegetables, knitting, sewing, photographs etc, packed the stands in the Village Hall. The committee did have doubts if we would hold a show, as for the last few years the entries had declined and interest appeared to wane, but you proved us wrong. Coleshill does want to hold Village events.

With the sun shining, great fun was had watching the tug of war; the BBQ was well patronised, the raffles were a huge success; with the face-painting and bouncy castle everything was perfect. Please join us on the committee so we can plan and organise a show next year that will top this years. It's not arduous: just four meetings a year. Remember every resident of Coleshill is a member of the Horticultural Society, so why not go that one step further and join the committee?

If I attempted to thank everyone individually for their input I would sound like an Oscar winner. But in short a BIG thank you Coleshill.

Susan Smith

President of Coleshill Horticultural Committee

Tennis Club

Village Tennis Tournament. The annual event, open to both tennis club members and outside players, took place on Sunday June 7th 2009. This year



four courts in the village were used, as well as the tennis club itself. It was a glorious day and a lot of fun was had by all. The Frost Shield was finally won by Susie Gajadharsingh and Alan Lowe with Madeleine Murray and Nigel Wolfendale as runners up.

The Generation Tournament.

Despite only four juniors turning up for the day there was some great tennis and I know that the children thoroughly enjoyed playing 'proper' tennis with the adults.

The juniors accrued points throughout the day and in the semi finals Max and Gerry Gajadharsingh took on Sam and Alan Lowe and Oliver and Neville White played Jessica Gajadharsingh and Maddie Murray. Jessica and Max were the victors in the semis and so it was an all-Gajadharsingh final!

The children picked their adult team members out of a hat and Jessica must have thought it would be her time when she picked out Alan, and Max picked his father! However, in a very



competitive game, Max was not going to let his sister get the better of him and Max and Gerry eventually won 4-3.

I would like to thank all the adults for giving up their precious Sunday to enable the tournament to take place. The children really appreciated it.



Finals Day

Summer returned for the finals. Perfect playing weather and for the many members who turned out to watch, some very good tennis. The results were as

Tennis Club

follows:

Ladies singles	Lee Davis beat Sharon Hall	6-2, 6-0
Mens singles	Neville White beat Nick Hallchurch	6-0, 6-1
Mens doubles	Neville White & Joseph Hamilton beat Nigel Wolfendale & Matthew Hallchurch	6-2, 6-2
Ladies doubles	Maddie Murray & Susie Gajadharsingh beat Karen Lowe & Sharon Hall	6-1, 6-2
Mixed doubles	Lee & John Davis beat Susie & Gerry Gajadharsingh	6-1/5-7/6-0

The Coleshill Teams continue to have varied success in the League Matches. Two teams were entered in the Wycombe and District League during the summer. Both teams played particularly well, the first team lost only one match and the second team won five and drew two matches.



Tennis Club



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 Men's 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.

This year's fundraising event will be Coleshill's Got Talent in the Village Hall on Friday 13th November 2009 at 7.30 pm. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available from the bar, and supper will

be provided. Tickets cost £12.50 for adults and £7 for children (includes supper) and are available from Chris George on 01494 722535. Please do try and support the event.

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



Susie Gajadharsingh *Club Secretary*

Tennis Junior Tournament



**Louis Sanders
Max Gajadharsingh**



**Max Gajadharsingh
Taylor Richardson**



**Jessica Gajadharsingh
Pippa Hallchurch**



**Taylor Richardson
Matthew Bishop**



**Charlotte McCallum
Chloe Gajadharsingh**



**JP Waxman
George Nolan**



**Katy Klikis
Chloe Gajadharsingh**



**Tom Waxman
Rohan Mehra**

The Junior Tournament took place on Sunday 12th July 2009 under blue skies. There were 31 entries in the various age groups with a number of children participating in 5 age groups. The results were:

10 & UNDER (BOYS)	1st	Max Gajadharsingh	2nd	Louis Sanders
11 & UNDER (BOYS)	1st	Max Gajadharsingh	2nd	Taylor Richardson
12 & UNDER (BOYS)	1st	Taylor Richardson	2nd	Matt Bishop
(GIRLS)	1st	Jessica Gajadharsingh	2nd	Pippa Hallchurch
14 & UNDER (BOYS)	1st	J-P Waxman	2nd	George Nolan
(GIRLS)	1st	Chloe Gajadharsingh	2nd	Charlotte McCallum
16 & UNDER (BOYS)	1st	Rohan Mehra	2nd	Tom Waxman
(GIRLS)	1st	Katy Klikis	2nd	Chloe Gajadharsingh

It was a fantastic day, there was some great sportsmanship shown – so much so that there were many comments from the adults on how well the children had congratulated each other at the end of the games and consoled those who hadn't done so well. They are learning fast! Comments were also made on the standard of play, particularly with the younger players, who have all made great progress since last year. I would like to thank all the adults who helped with umpiring, cooking, serving food, tidying up etc. I am very grateful to you all for giving up your precious Sunday – I am sure the children appreciated it, because without you it would not be possible to run such an event.



Neighbourhood Watch



After a long period of hardly any crime to report in our village, it was a great shame to learn that, at the end of August, two village houses were burgled in one night. The thieves got away with several smaller items - some inexpensive but precious to the owners and some pieces in silver or porcelain, which were expensive and hard to replace. Both houses were on the main part of the road but the break-ins happened in the middle of the night when no-one was about. There were occupants, there were alarms, there was gravel and even spiky plants and still the thieves managed, so I have no advice to give, other than vigilance and the hope that it was a one-off chancer. There is a whisper that a suspect has been found, but whether the missing items will be returned remains to be seen.

Since the beginning of August there has been a sharp increase in pedal cycle thefts across Chiltern district. Although some had been secured with a good chain, a number had been left insecure in gardens, sheds or garages. Make a note of the make and serial number and keep it in a safe place. Ensure cycles are always kept secured with a good padlock and chain when not in use, even when locked away in a shed or garage. Consider marking your bike with your post code and house number. If you have any information that might assist officers dealing with these incidents, or you see anyone acting suspiciously, please call the police on 0845 8 505 505. Alternatively, if you do not wish to give your details, you can call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Take every precaution this winter.

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 14th November 2009

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 14th 2009 deadline to let me have your greeting by sending in the coupon opposite!

Frank Auton

Neighbourhood Action Group

The importance of the local NAG group can not be underestimated; to have a link between all of the concerned parties: Police, County & Local Council, Emergency Services, Youth Offender Programmes and Roads & Highways is a major benefit to all isolated and small communities. Larger towns & cities have their own direct departments we are reliant on having contact with, and the support of, our local service providers through 3rd party contact. Hence the NAG groups were instigated by the Home Office to allow smaller communities to have their say and for the authorities to hear their concerns.

The local NAG group for this area covers: Coleshill, Winchmore Hill, Penn & Penn Street, Seer Green, Knotty Green & Chalfont St Giles. As a group we meet regularly to discuss all of the issues that are causing concern to our residents. We can only put forward these concerns if you as local residents let us know what is bothering you.

The representatives on the NAG group can raise issues with all of the Local Area Forums. These are the groups, spearheaded by Bucks County Council, that try to pull all local services together, to improve services and to ascertain specific local issues.

It would be foolish of me to say this was a simple and always successful task there is a lot of banging of heads against brick walls. We do, however, always try to make sure the residents of Coleshill, and the concerns and issues that they have, are taken up and acted on by the relevant authorities.

David Smith - NAG Group

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 14th November 2009 to:-

Frank Auton

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

All Saints' Charity

Future Programme

We are planning a Comedy and Magic Show which will take place on a Saturday 6th February 2010. We hope that it will attract children, parents, grandparents and all the family. There will be a matinee, and an evening performance which will include dinner. Put the date in your diary (when you get the new one!). Further details in the Christmas Newsletter.

Patsy Wright-Warren
433356

Coleshill Common

On Monday 7th December 2009 the Chilterns Commons Forum is meeting in Coleshill. The Forum aims to explore problems of mutual interest to those who care for the Commons in this part of England. There will be a walk round our own Common to look at the work ongoing, and difficulties that have been encountered. Then, after lunch, there will be talks from experts in various fields, dealing with current topics. It will be a rare opportunity for our much-loved Common to be on show and for us to make use of the experts present.

Below are the dates for Work Parties in the autumn. These are always subject to changes due to weather or conflicting events, so if anyone wishes to join in on a particular day, they would be wise to ring to check beforehand. Regular volunteers are kept informed by email.

The work scheduled for the autumn will include clearance of paths, stacking of dead-wood, replacement of two foot-bridges, and hopefully installation of a bench seat. Willing volunteers welcomed.

Chris Wege
724152

Work Party Dates – Autumn 2009 - All at 10 am

September - Wednesday 9th and Saturday 26th

October - Saturday 10th, Wednesday 21st and Saturday 31st

November - Thursday 12th and Saturday 21st



Straight Eight



STRAIGHT EIGHT and The POLKADOTS

are appearing at

THE RED LION

Coleshill

Marquee in the Garden

8.00pm, Saturday 17th October 2009

in celebration of significant anniversaries

20 years of the best soul and R&B from S8

and

20 years of Chris & John at the Red Lion

**Admission £10, tickets available from the Red Lion
in person, or email tickets @straighteight.co.uk**

Bar, Food (burger, chicken & salad £6.50 on the night)

For more details see www.straighteight.co.uk



Paul Windsor - Photographer



Many of you will know Paul Windsor, a villager and professional photographer. The picture above - Ducks on the Pond in the Snow (No 1 of a limited edition of 75) - was given by Paul as a raffle prize to raise money for the Pond Appeal at the recent Village Show. Hundreds of raffle tickets were sold, but only one person could win this splendid large scale print. Due to the huge level of interest Paul is now prepared to offer for sale further prints of this limited edition at a cost of £120 each (50% will be donated for the Pond Appeal). If you would like the chance to own one of these prints - please contact Paul direct on 01494-726354 or email on paul@paulwindsor.com

Inge Borg Scott - Artist

Inge is an artist, and a villager for the last few years, and she has generously supported the Pond Appeal. Inge has an exhibition of her art titled 'Daydream' at the Royal Academy of Arts - Café Gallery, Burlington House in Piccadilly from the 23rd November 2009 to 2nd February 2010 from 10am to 6pm.



Described by Professor Maurice Cockerill RA - 'The exhibition is a broad survey of Inge's recent productions that is notable both for its technical and thematic differences and for its resplendent colour and vibrant, expressive handling of a range of materials.'

To view Inge's work or for more details you can visit

<http://www.ingeborgscott.com>

Parish Council

Coleshill Parish Council (CPC) has six meetings a year and at the beginning of these meetings we have the democratic period which enables anyone to ask questions, discuss issues or simply make a point. At recent meetings one of the main topics for discussion has been the village pond, and you will read within the Newsletter an explanation of what the CPC is trying to achieve. If you have any points you want to raise about life in Coleshill, why not come to the next CPC meeting and join in the discussions during the democratic ½ hour?

Another topic mentioned at the CPC meetings is getting information out to the community. I started some time ago to email villagers with information, news, police warnings etc. We have a good data base of addresses but if you wish to know what's going on and your email address is not on the data base please email me at susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk and ask to be added to the circulation list. With the winter months nearly upon us, this email service is much needed, as bad weather reports are sent from the Met Office and these can be relayed to you. This brings about a bone of contention, that of the lack of gritting New Road. With icy mornings fast approaching, I have contacted Bucks County Council (BCC) asking if New Road will be gritted regularly. They promise to give me an answer within the next few days and I will let all know via the email service. Planning applications are also sent out to villagers who subscribe to the email service. With today's technology, when you receive the application number, you can see the full plans and associated documents on the Chiltern District Council (CDC) website.

CPC meetings start at 8.00pm and are held in the small hall of the Village Hall. We do hope to see you on the 3rd November 2009.

Susan Smith
Clerk to Parish Council

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Please come and support MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT'S World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September 2009 in the Village Hall.

Coffee and tea will be served between 10am and 12pm in the Hall and there will a chance to buy homemade cakes, Usbourne books, Phoenix cards and other goodies.

Bring a friend, or even better, some friends and enjoy your coffee knowing you're supporting a very good cause along with others all over the country.

Offers of cakes gratefully received.

Karen Lowe 433779 or Heather Auton 431036



Contact Numbers

Reverend Tim Harper - Rector	724426
Dorothy Potter - Parish Secretary	729380
Dumpy Swerling - All Saints' Warden	873931
Helen Spencer - All Saints' 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
Colin Blandford - Magpie Club & Parish Youth Worker	727785
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 Smith - Neighbourhood Action Group	724490
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

Christmas Edition

The deadline for the Christmas edition is Friday 13th November 2009



Diary Dates

Friday 25 th September 2009	Coffee Morning - Village Hall
Saturday 26 th September	Common Work party
Thursday 8 th October 2009	WI Meeting & Speaker
Friday 9 th October 2009	Harvest Supper
Saturday 10 th October	Common Work Party
Saturday 17 th October 2009	Red Lion/Straight 8 - 20 Year Celebration
Wednesday 21 st October	Common Work Party
Saturday 31 st October	Common Work Party
Tuesday 3 rd November 2009	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 7 th November 2009	Coleshill History Book Launch
Thursday 12 th November	Common Work Party
Thursday 12 th November	WI Annual Meeting
Friday 13 th November 2009	Coleshill Tennis Club Coleshill's Got Talent
Friday 13 th November 2009	Deadline for Christmas Newsletter
Saturday 14 th November 2009	Christmas Greeting Deadline
Saturday 21 st November	Common Work Party
Monday 7 th December 2009	Chilterns Commons Forum
Saturday 6th February 2010	All Saints' Charity - Comedy & Magic

Parish Councillors

Colin Lambert	Chairman (<i>On Sabbatical</i>)	722314
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
Howard Green	Member of Parish Council	724922



Special Services

Harvest Festival	Sunday 4 th October 2009	at 9.00 am
<i>(Harvest Supper</i>	<i>Friday 9th October</i>	<i>at 7.30 pm)</i>
Patronal Festival	Sunday 1 st November	at 9.00 am
	Followed by Coffee in the Small Hall	
	Evensong	at 6.00 pm
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 8 th November	at 10.00 am
	then at the Memorial	at 10.45am
Christingle Service	Sunday 13 th December	at 5.00 pm
Carol Service	Sunday 20 th December	at 4.00 pm
	Followed by tea in the Village Hall	

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	Evensong (except 1 st Sunday of month)