

*All Saints Church
Coleshill*



VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
Christmas 2001

Cough Up The Dosh Or Else!

Rooting through the vestry at St Mary's Church I came across a bundle of old papers. They turned out to be the record of an acrimonious dispute between my predecessor Rector Benjamin Robertshaw and the local Quakers. Robert Elwood and other members of the Society of Friends refused to pay their compulsory tithe rents to the Rector.

Benjamin Robertshaw had a fiery temper and took the Quakers to Court, threatening eviction. The Quakers adamantly refused to pay what they saw as an ungodly tax to an establishment lackey and thumbed their noses at the Rector. So much for peace and goodwill at Christmas in 1728.

This Christmas we have seen the world shaken by the ongoing stand off between the coalition led by the USA and the Islamic fundamentalists. "An eye for an eye, that is what the Bible says!" declare the posters. The problem is that the Bible also records how Jesus commanded his followers to love their enemies.

Tough religion Christianity. We are expected to uphold the principles of justice and freedom, while at the same time extending forgiveness and tolerance to those who oppose us. Pray for our leaders as they face impossible choices.

There was no happy ending for Rector Robertshaw and his Quaker opponents. Both sides were adamant in their self righteousness and the name of Christ was dishonoured. This is the same Christ whose coming we commemorate at Christmas as the Light of the World.

If he were among us in the same way today, I expect Jesus would echo Ghandi's words: "An eye for an eye means the whole world goes blind".

Now there's a thought for Christmas!

Tim Harper
Rector of Amersham with Coles hill
Christmas 2001

All Saints' News

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service was held on 14th October and gifts of produce were later distributed to individuals in the village.

Harvest Supper

The harvest supper held on Friday 5th October was very well attended and much enjoyed. From the profit of £480.00 which was raised, the All Saints' Church Committee agreed that £160.00 each would go to Rushmead Hospice, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and the All Saints' Church Flower Fund. Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way towards the success of the evening.

Harvest Charity

The second fundraising event of the year, the Murder Mystery Evening held on 21st September, was a sell-out and greatly enjoyed. A profit of £1,464.50 was made, which was added to the £900.00 profit made from the Open Gardens and Flower Festival and donations of approximately £250.00, for Raphael.

We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to the evening, especially Lindsey Haubner, who wrote the play. Following recent meetings of the Harvest Charity Committee and the All Saints' Church Committee, it was agreed that Raphael would remain the sole charity for 2002.

Lych Gate – Recognition of Donors

Would those who donated towards the cost of the lych gate please note the separate item in this newsletter.

Choir Stalls

The new choir stalls were installed in August and have been much admired. The Rector will dedicate the choir stalls at the Christmas Day service. It is planned to erect a brass plaque dedicating the choir stalls to the memory of Mollie K. Stone and Betty Waite, and in celebration of the year 2000.

Church Finances

Please note that any accounts to be paid by the church should be sent to Patsy Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages, Barrack Hill, Coleshill (telephone 433356).

Churchyard Maintenance

As always, we are very grateful to Christopher Wege for maintaining the churchyard in such good order and also to all who helped with the recent autumn clear-up.

Carol Service and Tea

Following the Festival of Lessons & Carols on Sunday 16th December at 3.00 pm, there will be a tea in the Village Hall, to which all are welcome. Tickets may be purchased on the door at £1.50 each, children free. If you are able to donate food, help on the day, or require further information, please contact Pat Dawson, telephone 433036 or Rosie Searles, telephone 726118. Proceeds from the retiring collection at church and from the tea will go to the Village School.

New Liturgy – Common Worship

Over 50 people responded to the survey recently carried out and the results showed an almost equal preference for Common Worship Traditional Language and Common Worship Modern Language. A further survey will be carried out around next Easter time. The Book of Common Prayer continues to be in use on alternate Sundays.

Village School

Rosemary Valentine and Martin Pounce were recently elected as Foundation Governors.

Commemoration of Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee - 2002

The All Saints' Church Committee agreed that the Royal Coat of Arms should be placed in church. This will be funded by a private donation and permission from the Diocese is currently being sought.

Ruth Murphy



Holy Baptism - 2001

Jack Terence Austin Houghton – 5th August
Tyla Carolyn Ann Houghton – 5th August
Tamsin Carolyn Dodsworth – 5th August

Holy Matrimony – 2001

Terence John Patrick Pethica to Jennifer Bernice Lorenz – 18th August

In Memoriam – 2001

Anne Vinton – 20th August

Iris Patricia Pickworth – 17th September



Poppy Appeal 2001



The recent Poppy Appeal Collections in Coleshill amounted to a total of £584.15. This is a splendid result, and, the Amersham Branch of the Legion, to which Coleshill is affiliated, are most grateful for the valuable help and support provided by all concerned, and particularly by the volunteer collectors.

The Royal British Legion is a national institution which cares for those whose lives have suffered as a result of service on behalf of the nation. The Legion works for a wide variety of people, veterans, the young men and women of today's Services and the families and dependants of both.

Andrew Seymour

*Hon. Organiser
Amersham Branch*

Coleshill Infant School

This term we welcomed a new teacher to Coleshill School; Mrs. Marion Kitson, who teaches part time in the Early Years' Class. Marion is an excellent teacher who brings with her a wealth of experience to the post and we hope she will be very happy with us. Also we have five new governors; Julie Winson and Howard Coombs (parent governors), Gillian Sachs, an LEA governor, as well as two new Foundation governors who represent the church; Martin Pounce and Rosemary Valentine. We warmly welcome them to our school family.

The school continues to be a busy and vibrant place. This term we have 33 children on roll. We started the school year in September by welcoming a professional artist into school, who worked with the children to produce a beautiful, colourful mosaic picture which can now be seen displayed in the entrance hall. Please come and see it if you can.

We welcomed our new youth worker, Marianne at the beginning of term, who works with Rosie, the curate and several volunteers at the popular Magpie Club, which continues to thrive after school every other Tuesday. It is also pleasing to see so many of our past pupils regularly attending Magpie Club.

In October we visited the Amersham Field Centre at Mop End, where we had a very enjoyable 'Barnaby Bear' day. The children had a wonderful time exploring the grounds, following the maps, making shelters and observing nature first hand. As well as learning a great deal, they also had a very happy day racing through the woods carrying their favourite teddy bears. Only one managed to be dropped in the mud, so a very successful day all in all!

The Christmas Bazaar was held early this year on 24th November. We hoped to avoid clashes with other events by holding the Bazaar earlier this year. Once again I would like to thank everyone in the village for all their support. The Parents and Friends worked very hard preparing for this and once again have produced a beautiful Christmas card using the children's artwork. This year the theme is 'Star of wonder' and the cards are priced at £4.50 for 10 available from the school or Deborah Mills.

Our Christmas nativity this year is 'The Bossy King' and we are busy rehearsing as I write. The teachers have worked hard this term as always and my thanks go to them for all their dedication to the job. We have a very special school at Coleshill, due not in a small part to its staff.

Our end of term service at All Saints' Church will be on Thursday, 20th December at 11.00am to which you are all very welcome. A very Merry Christmas to you all from everyone at the school.

Jenny Earp
Headteacher

N. S. P. C. C.

On *Tuesday 18th December* we will be Carol singing around the village. Meeting outside the church at 7.00pm everyone is welcome join us, but please remember to wrap up warm and bring a torch! Great fun for all ages.

The following day, on Wednesday 19th December, we are holding a *Mothers, Grannies & Childrens Christmas Party* in the village hall from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Children will be given a lunch box upon arrival. Cameo Puppets will then be performing for an hour and there will also be a visit from Santa Claus with a present for all good children!

In the meantime, the adults will be able to enjoy a light lunch with a chance to do a final bit of Christmas shopping from The Purple Kitchen Co. Tickets cost £10.00 per child and £5.00 per adult and are available from Amanda McCallum (tel: 725083) or Susie Adam (tel: 721724).

Then in March, next year, we are delighted that the well-known Daily Mail journalist *Lynda Lee Potter* has agreed to speak at a lunch. The date has yet to be confirmed, but we will let you know via the village notice boards as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support throughout 2001 and may we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Amanda McCallum

Introducing Our New Youth Worker

Hello, I am Marianne though many people call me Max. I have been the brand new youth worker for Amersham with Coleshill for two months now.

I hail from the glorious flatness of the Fens, in Cambridgeshire. My village was not unlike Coleshill and I went to the village primary school with 56 pupils, where I can only really remember playing rounders and painting life size pictures of horses! However after GCSE's and A Levels I went on to do a degree in Visual Arts and Performing Arts at De Montfort University.

Aged 16, I was part of an aid team to Magyar Bukkos in Romania. In three weeks we built a sewer system and I caught the travelling bug! I spent my pre-university year out in Zimbabwe with the Baptist Missionary Society, I have worked as a trauma counsellor on a kid's camp in New York and I have done drama and mime in Israel!

Now I am 25, so it was not really all that long ago that I was a youth but for the past two years I have been working for a schools and youth organisation called "the PAIS project" which is based in Manchester. Although I adored my job I felt it was right to move on, besides it rains too much up there!

My new husband Pete and I got married on the 22nd of September so it is a new house, new job, new church and new community not to mention new marriage! As well as all that, I get to be involved in a fantastic new youth group! It is never easy for a group of young people to accept a new Youth Leader. It is even less easy for the poor souls when said new Youth Leader takes two weeks off to get married (most inconveniently!) but to their credit I have felt very welcome.

It is going well and we are getting used to each other, we have played a vast range of incredibly silly games much to the bemusement of visiting German exchange students! We have eaten a lot of biscuits, 'gotten very competitive and bruised in team challenges, we have chatted, prayed, drawn cartoons and acted out Bible passages so expertly that we are awaiting our Oscars!

Oh, and I forgot to mention the ice cream - now your average youth group ice cream party consists of a couple of tubs of vanilla ice cream and a bit of chocolate sauce, but OH NO, not us! With a better selection than your top ice cream parlours we created frozen sculptures, ice cream art and colour co-ordinated sundaes of mammoth proportions! For the sake of those with delicate stomachs I will not mention what happened to the leftovers!

It is always exciting to see the potential in young people, to be there when they need someone to whom they can pour out their traumas and to be a part of developing their relationships with each other and with God.

If you are interested in any aspect of the youth work then please feel free to get in touch with me, either by telephone (on 723793) or call in at the St Mary's offices.

Watch this space for forthcoming mayhem!

Marianne Holt



Historic Churches Trust *Buckinghamshire*

I have recently sent a cheque for £70.00 to the organisers of the sponsored cycle ride that took place on Saturday 8th September. In due course half this amount will be sent to All Saints' Church.

Thank you very much to everyone who helped, the cyclists, the sponsors and those who manned the Church.

Rosemary Valentine.

All Saints Magpie Club

The Magpie Club has started with a bang this year with more and more children coming every week! We are still running the club at All Saints' School, on Tuesdays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, on a fortnightly basis and we always need more help from Mums and Dads who are able to stay and do a bit of crowd control!

We have done a lot of exciting things, played games, learnt stories and made arts and crafts! Magpie continues to go from strength to strength and we have got lots of exciting plans for the future. If you feel you can help please contact me on 723793 (St. Mary's and All Saints' Youth Worker)

Marianne Holt



Stephanie and Ray Hernandez
would like to thank everyone in the
village for all their cards, gifts and
good wishes on the birth of their
baby son
James William.

Memories of Colehill

by A.E.Carter

Who remembers the Railway Clearing House, was it something to do with Post? I am not certain about this, but the people were evacuated to work here from London.

They worked in three or four large prefabricated buildings on land opposite Porch House. It is possible these workers 'lodged' in houses in the area rather than travelling from London each day.

This was also the case with evacuees. Soon after War was declared a coach of 40 or so children arrived at the village hall from Chiswick. A committee was formed by Mr. Stubbings and Mr Young to canvas the village for people who were prepared to take one or more children into their home.

I was a 'messenger boy' on that morning taking the children to the families who had agreed to look after them. After all this time I cannot remember any of their names or the families who cared for the children.

The Village also became home for people from much further afield, Poland. A camp of Nissan huts was constructed in Hodgemoor Woods for Polish soldiers, some of whom married into village families and their descendants are still in the area today. Some of the concrete bases for the huts can still be seen in the woods.

There was a Church and a Chapel in the Village in those days and if you were a lucky 'church' person you would be invited to join in the chapel outing! Coaches from Wooburn were used, they were called 'Pride of the Green' and were so old they had a fold back canopy, can you imagine the size of such a canopy?

We would get half way to the coast and there would be a hill. This would pose a problem; the engine would boil and then grind to a halt.

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This would cause the driver to shout 'you will all have to get out'. Some of the more able bodied would then have to help push the coach to the top of the hill and off we would go again. These outings were very important to us because very few people had cars at that time.

Some of the young men had motor bikes and one who shall remain nameless, used to scream through the village at 40 to 50 mph much to everyone's annoyance - so what's new!

When we were young the pond used to freeze solid to enable us to make slides 30 to 40 yds long. These would become very polished and fast if you had metal studs in your shoes.

Another project carried out by the children of the school in those days, was the creation of a cricket pitch on the common. Mr Young called us all together with spades and forks and we cleared a 40 sq yd. area on which we could play. This was in the centre of the common.

An area at the bottom of the common was also kept in neat order by Uncle Albert Bates who lived in Thornbury Cottage. He also trimmed a small tree which took on the shape of a mushroom, he put a seat under this. There were pictures in the local paper showing Uncle Albert's tree and the tree can be seen to this day.

This completes my memories of Coleshill because I was called into the Royal Navy and when I returned we were in more modern times.

This concludes Eric Carter's interesting reminiscences about pre-war life in the village as told to Bill Houlton.



Coleshill W.I.

Christmas is coming! Why is it that the discussions surrounding the Christmas lunch seem to take up more committee time than anything else? Simply, because we want it to be a great success....and it always is! This year the theme is 'Baubles, Bangles and Beads' and we are expecting our members to enter into the spirit of the occasion and dress appropriately. No prizes for guessing who will come looking like an overdressed Christmas tree, and the competition are all planning to out-do her!! A little bit of seasonal fun that typifies the spirit of WI friendship.

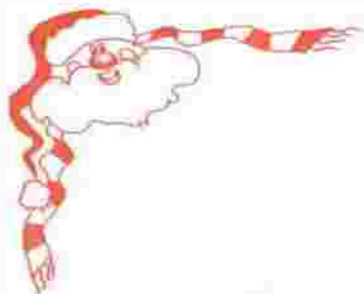
We have just had the AGM and the entire committee was re-elected with the addition of Pat Emblow, who has had a rest and was able and willing to serve again. Not that she ever stopped really as she is much relied on as our catering organiser and masterminded several of the events I mentioned in my last report. Catherine Green was re-elected as a very popular President. At our WI teamwork is important and Catherine has proved to be an excellent team leader.

We have several small groups of like-minded members who get together on a regular basis for patchwork, cross-stitch and knitting. Others prefer discussing books or poetry and some of us will walk three or four miles every month to justify a pub lunch! The AGM was an opportunity for our three new members to learn about all these possibilities that W.I. offers.

Did you know that the W.I. has a residential college at March, near Oxford? Denman College is a wonderful old house set in beautiful grounds and offers an amazing range of courses from car maintenance to creative writing to tap dancing, and all sorts of other exciting subjects in between. Four of our members are off there at the end of this month, for a weekend, which could prove dangerous as I am told it can be quite addictive. At our December meeting there will be a draw for the bursary (£100.00) and the lucky winner may choose to put the money towards a course at Denman College, or indeed towards any other educational project.

WI is moving with the times and you may be surprised to discover that we are setting up a web site which is unlikely to feature either jam or Jerusalem! We have an interesting and varied programme for next year, something to please everyone, and visitors are welcome to all our meetings.

Eileen Gershon



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Joan Allan
David & Jan Atkinson
Frank & Heather Auton
Rita & John Bennett
Peter & Jennifer Brock
David & Sue Bullough
Julie Burton
Nancy Collier
Catherina & Mary Cossey
Ken, Penny & Edward Crossley
Jean & Leslie Croydon
Marigold Curling
David Davis & Family
Pat, John & Fiona Dawson
Sylvia Dollemore
Andrew & Joan Domin
Jason Delahunt, Andrea Domin & Benedict
Peter & Barbara Dodds
Jonathan, Lindsey, Liz & Armabel Eardley
Janice, Steve & William Foster-Jones

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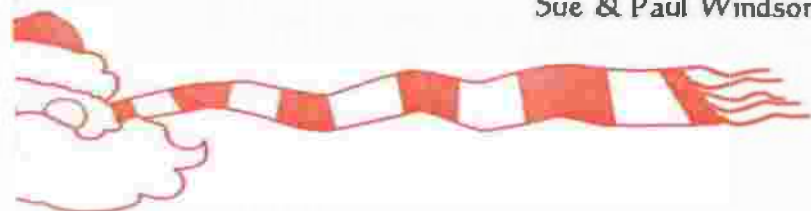


Greetings New Year to all Village from



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Chris & Mary Wege & Family
Phyllis (Spike) Wright
Patsy Wright-Warren
Sue & Paul Windsor



Signing Off

Having produced the Newsletter for almost four years this is my last issue and I am pleased to report that Frank and Heather Auton have kindly agreed to take over. I am confident they will take it to even greater heights!

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has contributed items to the Newsletter during my tenure and for making my task easier by meeting my deadlines in a good-natured fashion. Also the trusty band of distributors who sally forth three times a year to distribute it come 'rain or shine'

Christmas Greetings remains a popular way of wishing friends in the village 'festive greetings' and of course the donations received contribute towards the annual cost of printing. This year donations totalled over £225.00 for which a big thank you.

Ken Crossley

The Red Lion

The summer seemed to pass ridiculously quickly. Petanque on Thursday evenings proved to be a great success, and blessed with better weather this year, was well supported by the village. Two friendly fixtures were attempted against the Fox & Hounds, Chalfont St. Giles, with us winning on legs.

Our sponsored event in the Horticultural Show (mens rock cakes) attracted slightly fewer entries this year with John Savory stopping a Paul Evans hat trick. However none of our mens darts players could prevent Kerry Ferguson winning the Johnnie Dean Memorial Trophy for the third year running, a feat never achieved before.

And so we look forward to the festive season. As usual we shall open for drinks on Christmas Day from 11.00am to 3.00pm. It is hoped Father Christmas will again visit the village between 10.00am and 11am on his way back to Lapland but final details are yet to be confirmed – watch Lindsey's column!

Boxing day brings the usual golf challenge – Pools Patch at 10.30am. Finally on New Year's eve we are open to all villagers with free champagne at midnight. Food will be on offer on an informal basis. John has decided not to pull pints for 36 hours this year, as he is training to cycle to Rome in the summer!

Finally for newcomers – if you run short of the staple groceries (ie. butter, eggs, milk etc.) we can supply them from 9.00am.

John Ullman

Coleshill Bowls Club

Coleshill bowls club is nine years old! Where have the years gone, it seems like only yesterday we were opening the doors to our founder members, since then we have welcomed many new faces and unfortunately lost a few, but the club continues to form the basis of a sporting and fun filled evening on Mondays.

The league programme started badly with a loss, but successes are being achieved and we hope to win the league this season having lost it last year on shot difference after being tied first on points with old rivals Widmer End.

Some of the club players are involved in county games and are enjoying the experience of locking horns with National champions and Internationals, a far cry from those first faltering steps.

We look forward to the next nine years and the continued hours of pleasure and entertainment. Come and see us any Monday evening in the Village Hall and join in.

John Holland

Colehill Cricket Club

This season has proved very successful for the 1st XI, gaining promotion to the top division in the Morrants Chiltern League after just missing out last year. They were consistent throughout the season and won the division comfortably without losing any games.

The team is a very strong batting side with 3 players in the top 10 run scorers for the division. Dominic Spencer topped the list with an impressive 942 runs for the season at an average of 104.6. On the bowling side the return of Malcolm Bates to the side half way through the season provided the firepower to consistently bowl teams out. He finished the season with 27 wickets and was fourth in the division's wicket takers. The team is looking forward to the challenge of playing the top teams in the league and are expecting to do well.

The downside of the season was the inconsistent performance of the 2nd XI, who after a promising start faded very badly and were unfortunately relegated to the 2nd division. Despite this there has been some good performances, most notably from Mark Hull in his first season with the club. One of the clubs objectives for next season will be to return the 2nd XI back to the top division where they belong.

The Sunday XI had a mixed season but has provided some of our younger members with friendly cricket.

We at the cricket club would like to thank all the vice-presidents from the village who have supported us this season. It was good to see so many of you able to make the social event at the cricket club and to have the opportunity to see the League trophy and Dominic's batting trophy on display.

Finally the cricket club will be running net practice after Christmas and would welcome any new members to come along. Please contact me for details on (01494) 763036.

Nigel Palmer
Secretary

Coleshill Tennis Club

Another summer has passed and it is very pleasing to report that the Tennis Courts always seemed to be buzzing with activity. The fine weather meant that Tuesday evenings Club Play was very popular with play continuing until light faded to the degree that the ball could no longer be seen crossing the net! A good time was had by all and I am sure that I am not alone in looking forward to next summer!

Club Play does of course continue throughout the winter months at 10.30am every Sunday morning. Everybody is welcome; playing tennis on a chilly Sunday morning does have it's compensations - it ensures that you move around the court just that little bit more energetically than you would do during the warmer months...

Our Club Tournaments and the Club Championship Finals were played during the Summer, it seemed at times that the spectators to the events had as much fun watching as those playing! Congratulations to the winners.

The fund raising event for this year, the Barn Dance, was tremendous fun. The Caller ensured that practically everybody in the Village Hall that night participated and by the end of the evening, not only had we all lost a few pounds but also we felt quite invigorated by the experience.

Court maintenance carries on throughout the year to keep the court surfaces in good condition - - - so come along and try hard to wear them out!

Angela Perry
Secretary



- Lych Gate -

Recognition of Donors

In the Easter 2001 edition of the Village Newsletter, we advised that a list of those who kindly gave donations towards the cost of the lych gate would be placed in the church in order that people could check for their names and advise any corrections or omissions.

We have four surnames without any further information by which to identify the people concerned and should be glad to hear from these people or anyone who can identify them. They are: Harris, Reading, Scott and Winson.

As a result, the list below has been compiled which sets out the way in which donors' names will be recorded in the final version.

Mr J Adams	Mrs F Krebs
Mrs Joan Allan	Mr & Mrs PM Lawrence
Mr & Mrs SR Allen	Mr & Mrs SP Leventon
Mr & Mrs HR Amar	Mrs M Long-Brown
Mr & Mrs FD Auton	Mrs JB Lorenz
Ms Carol Benton	Henry Maynard
Mr & Mrs N Bilderbeck	Mr & Mrs Richard Maynard
Mr & Mrs M Bishop	The McCallum Family
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Mr & Mrs DM Bullough	Dr & Mrs RH McNeilly
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Mr & Mrs PO Gershon	Richard & Rosemary Valentine and Family
Mr & Mrs HS Green	Mrs A Vinton
David & Sharon Hall	Mr & Mrs RG Ware
Hamptons International	Mr & Mrs SC Ware (in memory of the Ware & Pusey families)
Mr & Mrs PM Hanson	Mr & Mrs MJ West
Mr & Mrs CD Hollamby	Mrs B Whitefield
Sir John & Lady Horsbrugh-Porter	Mr & Mrs AJ Willoughby
Mr & Mrs W Houlton	Mr & Mrs P Windsor
Mr J Joseph	Mr & Mrs AJ Wright
Mrs C King	Patsy Wright-Warren
Knight Frank	

Please advise Ruth Murphy of any corrections, amendments, omissions or other information, either by telephone (01494) 433539 or E-mail: rm@murphy14.fsnet.co.uk.

Neighbourhood Watch

The extra care villagers are taking of their property since our Neighbourhood Watch was set up, is certainly proving its worth - as far as our houses are concerned. Burglar alarms, better locks (on windows as well as doors), security lights, even noisy gravel paths all help to thwart would-be house invaders.

However, these 'creeps' are still around and, since the last letter there has been some expensive garden equipment stolen, tools taken from the back of a locked van, locked gates tampered with and an unexplained white van parked in a driveway at 4.00am.

A burglar, caught after a break-in in Tower Road, has since been tried and a few cars have been seen and numbers taken. Please do continue to let us know if you see someone or something suspicious. It would be lovely to hear of a break-in and then say that we were notified of a strange car around at that time, which could be traced and thieves caught.

A height barrier has now been installed at the entrance to the tennis club but security at the entrance into the cricket meadow by the pavilion, continues to give concern. The club needs brewery deliveries in the summer and occasionally other large vehicles are given permission to park in the field, so access has to be available, whilst not making it too easy for unwanted visitors. We hope you are thinking of ways to keep your own property safe, including sheds and garages.

Please do also keep yourselves safe. With no pavements and no street lighting, make sure you can be seen, even at twilight time, if you are walking - take a torch and wear light coloured clothing so traffic can see you as it approaches.

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

Horticultural Society

The Annual Show in September was very successful. It was particularly rewarding to the committee that more adults, up from 55 to 65, and more children, up from 9 to 19, exhibited at the show and that there was a total of 446 entries to classes. The hall looked marvellous and congratulations to everyone and especially the cup winners.

Society Cup Winners 2001

The Grindley Challenge Cup	MRS B. JOSEPH
The Jerram Challenge Cup	MRS D. HEIMANN
The Orchard Trophy	MRS D. HEIMANN
The Woolacott Vase	MRS L. HAUBNER
The Cotswold Challenge Cup	MRS D. HEIMANN
The Coleshill Challenge Cup	MRS S. PLATZER
The Edmond Waller Challenge Cup	MRS S. GAJADHARSINGH
The Jackie Ferguson Memorial Award	MRS C. GREEN
The Ovington Rose Bowl	MR DENIS HALL
The Joseph Cup	MRS J. SMITH
The Whitefield Cup	MRS S. WINDSOR
The Windmill Bowl	MISS A. TROTMAN
The Clifton Cup	DR JANE McNEILLY
The Le Mead Cup	MR A. PLATZER
The Society's Premier Cup	MRS D. HEIMANN
The Red Lion Cup	MR JOHN SAVORY
The Wheatsheaf Children's Cup	HANNAH WATTS
The Magpie Club Award	JESSICA GAJADHARSINGH

Over the years we have been most fortunate in the quality and expertise of our judges, many of who have returned year after year although inevitably changes occur in time. For next year we shall have to find a judge for the cookery and preserves sections and if anyone knows of a possible candidate please let one of the committee know.

When starting off your diary for next year please note down the Annual Show will be on Saturday 7th September 2002. Currently we are looking forward to the Spring lecture evening and outing and will have dates and details early in the New Year.

John Savory

Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd October 2001. During the last quarter the Parish Council has been active on a number of fronts, the most important being:-

- The road entrance to the Tennis Club has been secured by way of a height restriction barrier.
- Discussion with the Cricket Club to achieve a higher degree of security for the road access into the cricket ground.
- Consultation with the County Council about the state of roads and in particular the flooding that occurs in some parts of the Parish. The County Council has been active in addressing these complaints but the possibility of having the roads resurfaced is some long time away.
- Further consultation with the County Council about the 'speeding' through the village and the possibility of introducing a 30mph speed limit. The County Council is due to produce a 'map report' which will then be made available to the village for comment.
- Objection to BT Cellnet erecting a 6 panel antennae on Ongar Hill Farm. Chiltern District Council upheld the objection but notification has now been received that BT has lodged an appeal.
- The maintenance of footpaths - work to maintain the footpaths is now underway; this is being carried out by the Chiltern Society in conjunction with the Parish Council. If there are any urgent problems that you find on the footpaths, please let Nick Sadler know as he is the Council member who has the responsibility for footpaths.

Precept

At the meeting on 2nd October 2001 it was agreed that the 2001/02 precept would remain as the previous year and be set at £5,000.00.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Coleshill Parish Council will take place on the 4th December 2001 in the village hall. Any member of the public is welcome to take the opportunity to put their views forward in the democratic period. The first meeting in the New Year will be on 12th March 2002.

Clerkship

Christine Dann, our Parish Clerk, resigned with effect from 22nd October last. Christine had originally agreed to assist on a temporary basis following the long service provided by Patsy Wright-Warren; Christine has now found a new home and will be moving away from the village. She will be missed for her quiet sense of humour and great efficiency. We are very grateful for her albeit too brief services and we wish her well in her new home.

I have taken over the post of Clerk to the Parish Council and I hope that I will acquit myself well. Patsy, who held the post for over 10 years has been very helpful, as has Christine. My telephone number is (01494) 724490 and my email address is anemones@compuserve.com. I have a lot to take on board but I am sure it will be enjoyable and interesting.

Susan Smith
Clerk

The Village Hall

The Hall has been booked weekly for the Bowls Club, Body Care, Bridge, Tae kwon-do and Fit Quick. In addition 'the Village' has used the Hall during the Autumn for the:-

*Horticultural Show, Harvest Charity Murder Mystery evening,
Tennis Club Barn Dance, School Christmas Bazaar, Charity Music Concert,
WI Christmas Lunch and N.S.P.C.C. party for children.*

How many of you remember all the fund raising we did 19 years ago to rebuild the Village and Parish Halls? I think you would agree it was worth it!

Ann Lawrence

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John & Chris Ullman	The Red Lion	01494 727020

Diary Dates

Tuesday	4th December	Parish Council Meeting	8.15pm
Sunday	9th December	Christingle Service	5.00pm
Sunday	16th December	Carol Service	3.00pm
Tuesday	18th December	NSPCC Carol Singing	7.00pm
Wednesday	19th December	NSPCC Christmas Party Village Hall	8.15pm 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Thursday	20th December	School, End of Term Service, All Saints'	11.00am

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Tuesday	12th March	Parish Council Meeting	8.15pm
Saturday	7th September	Annual Horticultural Show, Village Hall	

WI—Meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2.00pm during the winter.

Tennis Club—Club Play takes place Sunday mornings at 10.30am throughout the winter.

Bowls Club—Meets Monday evenings in the village hall.

Parish Council's

David Hall	Chairman of Parish Council	01494 725231
Richard Valentine	Vice-Chairman of Council	01494 725794
Tony Barber	Member of Parish Council	01494 722143
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Nick Sadler	Member of Parish Council	01494 726277

Church Services in the Parish

St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	9.00am	Holy Communion (except 2nd Sunday)
All Saints'	10.00am	Family Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)
St Mary's	10.15am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.45am	Matins
All Saints'	6.00pm	Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)
St Mary's	6.00pm	Evensong (except 1st Sunday of each month)

Christmas Services

All Saints', Coleshill

Sunday 9th December – Christingle Service – 5.00pm

Sunday 16th December – Festival of Lessons and Carols – 3.00pm

Thursday 20th December – Coleshill School Carol Service – 11.00am

Christmas Day – Holy Communion & Family Carols – 9.00am

St Mary's, Old Amersham

Sunday 24th December – Blessing of Crib & Nativity Play – 4.00pm

Sunday 24th December – Midnight Service of Holy Communion – 11.30pm

Christmas Day – Holy Communion (said) – 8.00am

Christmas Day – Holy Communion & Family Carols – 11.00am