

All Saints' Church Coleshill



VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Golden the Winter Olympics

Fact or Fantasy?

The Cresta Run in St Moritz glittered under the TV lights. Bobsleigh GB 1 stood ready to go in the final round of the Winter Olympics. Crewed by the unlikely combination of the Rector of Amersham and his glamorous Curate, the Gold Medal was theirs for the taking. Switzerland 1 had just broken the Games record, but conditions were improving, and the course speeding up as the frost hardened in the fading daylight.

The crew hurled their Bob down the slope, gathering vital fractions of a second, braked hard at the s-bends to stay on the track, then full speed into the final straight. Victory, by the merest whisker, and best of all against the Swiss. The Gold Medal was worn proudly by the new Olympic Champions.

What a load of tosh! It has always been a fantasy of mine that I would be good at Winter Sports. No amount of wishful thinking can make the dream a reality. Yet stranger things have happened. Christians believe that at the first Christmas time so long ago, God became a human being in Jesus Christ. The baby born in the stable was and is in every sense fully God, worthy of our worship and obedience. Fact or fantasy? John Bet jeman put it this way:

And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?
And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissue'd fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,
No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

Tim Harper

Rector of Amersham with Coleshill



News from All Saints

The Reverend Derrick Carr

Derrick was ordained Deacon on 29th September and has joined us as Non-Stipendiary Curate. We warmly welcome him to his ministry in the Parish.

Harvest Charity

The second fundraising event of the year, the Viennese Evening held on 20th September, was much enjoyed. Music was provided by the Heronsgate Quartet and words by Tenniel and Evangeline Evans. A profit of £1,169.50 was raised.

Harvest Supper

The harvest supper held on 11th October was very well attended and much enjoyed. We are grateful to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success. From the profit gained, the All Saints' Church Committee agreed that £350 would go to Heritage House, £150 to the Church Flower Fund and the remainder to be used in order to provide a free tea in the Village Hall for everyone following the Carol Service.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service was held on 13th October and gifts of produce were later distributed to individuals in the village.

Carol Service and Tea

Following the Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00 pm, there will be a FREE tea in the Village Hall, to which all are welcome.

Church Redecoration

The east wall has now been repaired and redecorated and the pillar around the war memorial has been re-bedded.

Churchyard Maintenance

We are most grateful to Christopher Wege for constantly maintaining the churchyard in such good order and also to all those who helped with the autumn clear-up on 23rd November. The storm of 27th October brought down a few sizeable boughs, a panel of fencing and much small debris, but no damage was done.

Christian Aid

As the result of the special appeal for funds to aid the serious food shortage in southern Africa, the Parish raised a total of £547.85.

Lych Gate

The list of donors has been mounted and framed and is displayed in church on the wall behind the font.

Ruth Murphy



Holy Baptism

William Thompson Fisher - 8th September

Victoria Ellen West - 8th September

Holy Matrimony

William Crawford to Beverley Needham - 20th July

Andrew Brodie to Alexandra Seymour - 17th August

Simon Lague to Yvonne Ueberbach - 24th August

Ray Tang to Sophie Hesford - 31st August

Richard Jemmett to Rosanne Fowler - 26th October

Sigurd Halling to Beverley Watson - 2nd November

In Memoriam

Valerie Norcliffe - 23rd July

Anna della Casa - 5th October

Helen Savory - 27th October

Hugh Jamieson - 4th November

Margaret (Peg) Pomeroy - 5th November





Parish Council

It is a year since I took on the post of the Clerk to the Parish Council. I have learnt a lot about the ways of the Council but I know there is still a lot to learn.

Three topics are always raised at Council meetings. The most serious of these is the traffic calming. Until the County Council makes a final recommendation the work will not commence. David Hall the Chairman of the Parish Council and Cllr. John Jefford have spent a great deal of time on this project, but still BCC hasn't as yet finalised everything.

With the dark nights upon us, if you are walking in the village, take a torch or wear a fluorescent stripe on your jacket. This does help motorists to see us in time and could save an accident happening.

The other two topics that are always raised are the parking and the state of the grass verges throughout the village. The road through Coleshill isn't wide so it would be helpful if car drivers didn't park on both sides of the road, especially when collecting children from Coleshill school or attending the Village Hall. This narrows the road and heightens the chance of a nasty accident happening, all the more so if a speeding car tries to navigate a narrower road. The grass verges in some places throughout the Village are in a sorry state. Vehicles parking on the grass verges just churn them up and cause deep ruts, which are a hazard to walkers as well as looking unsightly. We will enter the Best Kept Village competition next year and neat grass verges will earn us some points.

Next year there will be the Parish Council elections, so if you have ever thought you would make a good Councillor, now is the time to think whether you want to stand for election. Why don't you come to the next Parish Council meeting on December 10th at 8.15pm in the Village Hall. There is a democratic period at the beginning of the meeting, so if you have a matter to raise that's an ideal opportunity to do so. The Councillors and myself look forward to seeing you there.

Whilst writing this piece I have been thinking about the past year in Coleshill and especially the summer celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee. The village looked lovely decked out in the red, white and blue and the events of that day are happy memories. It would be nice to have a celebration in the village in the coming year, any ideas.

A May Day picnic, Easter Egg hunt?

Susan Smith
Clerk to the Parish Council



Coleshill W.I.

As I write this report there is a great sadness in the W.I. at the death of Helen Savory, a much loved and respected member. Coming so soon after Val Norcliffe's funeral we shall feel the loss of two friends. In many ways they stand as an example of how very different individual W.I. members can be whilst being very much part of the whole. There is no stereotype here! It would be impossible to forget them, but we will miss them.

It has been a busy summer. As there is no meeting in August, you might expect it to be a quiet month, but not in Coleshill! July and August saw us catering for three lunches: our own fundraising lunch, the annual Chesswood Group lunch, which we host, and our yearly charity lunch for St. Saviour's, a deaf club from Acton. All were enjoyable and successful, and what could have been a mammoth task was made easier by the enormous amount of help, willingly given, by the members. Some of us were seen helping at the Country Fair at the Open Air Museum. Blessed with two beautiful summer days this County event was a triumph and a good time was had by all. Catherine Green, our President, hosted a Cheese and Wine Party in her garden for members and their husbands...see, we do include the men sometimes!

On a more serious note we submitted a resolution to the National Executive seeking a policy of zero tolerance to the use of mobile phones whilst driving vehicles. Unfortunately, it was discounted in the initial selection process, and we await with interest to hear which resolutions were considered more important.

Those of you who read this newsletter regularly will be wondering where we went on an outing? This time we tackled a Backstage Tour of the Royal Opera House and marvelled at the facilities for costumes, scenery and rehearsals. Of course there are more outings in the pipeline, including visiting Guildford to shop prior to a matinee at the theatre, and a chance to see Sue again (and you thought I was joking in my last report!). Two of us are putting on our dancing shoes for a day, and several have signed up for 'Carols for Christmas' to ensure we are in the right mood for the season of goodwill and our own Christmas party. Did someone suggest 'Frills and Feathers' for this year's theme? Should be fun.

Membership is renewed in January, so it is a good time to think about joining in and making new friends. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

Eileen Gershon



The Rosanna Hospital - Northern Iraq

May I begin by thanking all my friends in Coleshill for their kindness, support and encouragement and for making it possible to build this small hospital in memory of my daughter, killed with her husband Nicholas in 1991 while working for the BBC.

The Hospital built and opened in 1994 is very small but operates in a large rural and mountainous area where there are no other medical facilities, so the main work is healthcare and education. All the children in the area have been immunised against all the same childhood infectious diseases as children have in this country, and also against the increasing incidence of TB. Ante-natal, obstetric and post-natal care are also an important part of the hospital's care.

The twelve beds are always occupied and it is planned to increase the number of beds in the next year. There are now radiological and pathology services and, very importantly, at last a dentist!

Since the hospital was opened, I have tried to visit each year. However, this has not always been possible due to the fighting between the Kurdish parties and the Turkish Kurdish Guerrillas. When I visited at the end of May this year (sadly, missing the Coleshill Golden Jubilee celebrations) I was really pleased that the hospital seemed to be doing really good work serving the area. I receive statistics each month and between 1800 and 2000 patients are seen and treated monthly.

It is deeply saddening that there are no cancer services in the whole of Kurdish Northern Iraq: no radiotherapy, no chemotherapy, not even palliative care. It is therefore planned (politicians allowing), with the help of the UN and EC, to build a Cancer Centre in the capital Erbil. The Rosanna Hospital will be closely involved in setting up this centre. This is of great importance as there is a marked increase in all forms of cancer as well as congenital malformations thought to be due to the use of chemical and radiological weapons by Saddam Hussein in 1988, 1990 and 1991.

I hope to bring you more news about this project next year.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful 2003 and a big thank you for your help and support.

Marigold Curling



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This term we have 41 children on roll. In September, we welcomed a new caretaker to the school, Mr. Norman Skeete, who has a grandchild here, so he was already familiar with the school.

We have had a very busy term with many exciting activities going on in school. In October we held our Harvest Festival. The harvest produce was sold after the service and £110 was raised for the Helen House Hospice for Children.

We were very fortunate to win the Bucks County Council first prize for collecting paper to be recycled. We held a special assembly where the Chairman of the County Council presented the school with a cheque for £675. Mrs. Angie Hayes from the UPN Recycling company gave an interesting talk to the children about the process of recycling paper.

Thank you to everyone in the village who uses our recycling facilities.

The children have been studying the work of the artist Henri Matisse this term and have produced colourful displays of several of his paintings. Matisse's painting, 'One Thousand and One Nights' was the inspiration for this year's school Christmas card. Once again, Deborah Mills has kindly co-ordinated the production of our Christmas cards and they will be on sale from mid-November priced at £5 per pack of 10.

A very successful Humanities Workshop was held this term. Parents were invited to spend an afternoon having fun studying history and geography with their children. A host of activities were organised by our Humanities Co-ordinator, Mrs. Robertson. Maps and plans were drawn, old photographs discussed, artefacts were brought in and illustrated and the computer programmes were put to use. All in all, it was a very happy afternoon.

The Christmas Bazaar was held on November 30th. As I go to press, the Parents and Friends are very busy preparing for this event. Once again I would like to thank everyone in the village for all their support. Our Christmas nativity play this year is 'Whoops - a - Daisy Angel' and we are busy rehearsing as I write.

Planning permission for our new resource area was obtained in October and the governors are hopeful that building will begin in Spring 2003. I am so very grateful to everyone who has supported us in this venture to provide better facilities for our children. I would also like to reassure people that the building will in no way extend the school's number roll. Our maximum pupil number has been and will remain at 50.

Our end of term service at All Saints Church will be on Thursday, December 19th at 11 a.m. to which you are all very welcome. A very Merry Christmas to you all from everyone at the school.

Jenny Earp - Headteacher

Coleshill Common

Working parties on Coleshill Common will continue during the winter. These working parties rely on a stalwart few and have become almost a club. There is a social side to the work and more helpers would be welcome. The work on the common is undertaken under the aegis of the Parish Council and organised by the Coleshill Common Management Committee.

The dates for the rest of 2002 are as follows:-

Sunday 1st December - 10.30am

Saturday 14th December - 2.00pm

Dates for the new year will be announced shortly.

Chris Wege

Chairman Coleshill Common Management Committee - 433356

Message to all in Coleshill

'We would like to thank all of our friends for the cards and good wishes received on our recent move to Marlow. We are pleased to say we are gradually getting things organised - at least we are not living out of packing cases anymore! We will of course be back in the village from time to time'.

George & Barbara Plumridge

Notice of Thanks

Roger Nordcliffe, Emma and Louise would like to thank friends, villagers and medical staff for their kind help and support during Valerie's illness.

Also, thanks for the donations received for Cancer Research UK.



Coleshill - A Short History

Introduction

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John Chenevix-Trench is a well known figure in Coleshill, having lived in the village for 50 years. He is a well-respected local historian and antiquarian who pursued painstaking academic research into ancient archives, many of these in Latin, and has published many scholarly works, including this short history of Coleshill.

Lords and Masters

At the time of Domesday book (1086) Coleshill had no resident lord of the manor. It was part of the manor of Tring, whose lord was the Count of Boulogne. In 1154 King Stephen granted Tring to the Abhey of Faversham in Kent, but very soon after this Coleshill was given to William de Mandeville, Earl of Essex and lord of the manor of Amersham. The Earl gave Coleshill, and part of Amersham too, to sub-tenants, the de Quarrendon family, whose name survives in Quarrendon Farm, and they in turn had sub-tenants; a local family, the de la Stocks, held most of the land west of what became the A355, and another, the de Braynforads, had most of what lay to the east.

Before the end of the 13th century the de Quarrendons had been obliged to sell up, owing to financial difficulties and their tenants then held their land directly from the lords of Amersham. (By this time the de Bohuns had succeeded the de Mandevilles). The de la Stocks had divided their manor some time around 1220, building a manor house for the eastern part where Bowers Farm now stands. The original manor house, Stock Place, then served only the western manor became known as Old Stock. The owner of Bowers in the latter part of the 13th century was John de la Stock, who became Chief Bailiff of Dacorum Hundred, an office in which he made himself highly unpopular.

He died in 1270, leaving a son, another John, but 25 years later his land had come into the hands of the de Bohuns and ultimately became part of the manor of Amersham. Another de la Stock, Henry Sampson, bought up all the land round Luckings Farm and gave it to Missenden Abbey in 1275. He took advantage of the de Quarrendons' problems with a money lender, to buy up their land too. (Within fifty years this land too had become merged with the manor of Amersham).

Henry Sampson did not live in the area.



He was a cleric, evidently an ambitious man, who had been on the losing side in the Barons' Wars, but had been pardoned and had acquired a number of livings around the country.

When he was in his sixties, an advanced age for that time, this rich pluralist was sent on a mission to Rome, and may have died there, for we hear no more of him.

The de Bohun Earls of Essex did not live at Amersham either, but in the second half of the thirteenth century the manor there was held by a younger son, Henry de Bohun, who did live in the place. Having a resident lord did not suit local people at all. Henry threw his weight about, making Coleshill people attend his manorial court and distraining on their farm animals.

The western manor, with its manor house at Stock Place, also passed out of the hands of the de la Stock family. In 1281 it was held by Adam Wace, an Amersham man, and in that year he sold it to Walter of Amersham, a de la Stock cousin and an eminent lawyer, soon to be Chancellor of England. Walter did not live here, nor did any of his descendants except his son Adam.

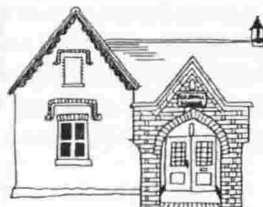
Meanwhile, the eastern manor was let to John de Bayworth, from whose name, surprisingly enough, the name Bowers descends (via the forms 'Baywood', 'Bewards' and 'Bowyers'). In the 1500s it was owned by the Readings; its demesne land was Ongar Hill Farm.

The western manor remained with the de Agmodesham family until about 1450, when it was acquired by the Brudenells, a family of Northamptonshire magnates. They held it until the late sixteenth century, when a Brudenell heiress brought it in marriage to Sir Basil Brooke.

In all this long time Stock Place and its land must have been let to tenants, but of these we know nothing until, in the early fifteen hundreds (16th century) it was let to Francis Waller, a member of a Beaconsfield family, on what must have been a long lease, perhaps 99 years, as was common in those days. Francis was succeeded by his brother Edmund, and he by his son Robert, father of Edmund the poet. Robert died in 1616, but his widow kept on the lease until 1628, when the lease may have determined, and the family moved to Hall Barn, Beaconsfield.

Meanwhile, the landlord, Sir Basil Brooke, had in 1616 sold the place to a lawyer called - coincidentally - George Coleshill, who was a sort of asset stripper. He sold off most of the demesne land and clear-felled Stock Grove, where he built three new farm-houses, now known as Stock Grove, Little Lands and Friar's Vane (historically Lands Farm).

There is a tradition that he also demolished most of the manor house and used the materials to build smaller houses, and there is enough re-used timber in the three farm houses to make this credible.





Certainly the Stock Place we see today is only one wing of a much larger house. What was left of the property was sold to James Perrott, an Amersham man, in 1641, and by him, in 1645, to another Amersham man, Henry Child. Henry was a tallow chandler, a member of a family that had already had a branch in Coleshill for 100 years as well as several in Amersham. His son, another Henry, sold to Edmund Waller in 1684, and emigrated to New Jersey; but the poet never lived in his old home. Since George Coleshill's efforts it had ceased to be a gentleman's house.

George Coleshill, on the other hand *did* want to live in the village that now bore his name - but not in the Manor House, where there were sitting tenants (the Wallers) and the house was impossibly old-fashioned for a 17th century yuppie. The eastern manor house was also old-fashioned, but its owners were keen to dispose of it, and George Coleshill took a long lease and rebuilt it. His house is the Bowers Farm we see today.

The western manor house never again had gentry tenants, nor was the lord of the manor ever again found from the ranks of the gentry. The last individual lord was Daniel Roberts of Chesham, whose widow, or her executors, sold it in 1731 to the trustees of Elizabeth Bent's Charity, which meant that the Rector of Amersham enjoyed the rights of lordship. This state of affairs was not formally ended till 1925.

Continued in the next edition

John Chenevix-Trench

The Red Lion

The only report since the last issue concerning the 'doings of The Red Lion' is that our intrepid fishermen Andrew Willoughby and Dave Hogan reached the National finals of the British Trout Fishing championships, having entered a team under our name. The finals were held near Northampton, and although they did not do well on the day, it was considerable achievement to reach the finals where they had to compete against internationals.

Over the festive season we will be open for Christmas Day lunchtime drinks (11.00 am - 3.00pm) and on New Years Eve we will provide our usual hot buffet and midnight glass of sparkling wine for our customers. On Boxing Day the golf challenge will tee-off from 'Pods Patch' at 10.30am, with a new trophy to be presented to the winner.

By popular request we will be hosting another Burns Supper on Friday 24th January 2003. Already we have had a number of bookings, and if you want to attend, please telephone us at the number below without delay.

As our new editor is keen on village history, with the aid of a local historian; the families of Maurice Weller and Lionel Hanford; and Hugh Jamieson, who sadly died recently, I have unearthed and list below the landlords and landladies of the pub since 1830:-

1830 - 1841	Lydia Nash	1920 - 1928	George Mills
1841 - 1847	Thomas Wilson	1928 - 1935	Frederick Butler
1847 - 1851	Benjamin Stone	1935 - 1939	Frederick Butcher
1851 - 1853	Sophie Smith	1939 - 1942	John Stewart
1853 - 1882	Henry George	1942 - 1957	Pop Smith
1882 - 1887	Henry Gilbert	1957 - 1958	Maurice Weller
1887 - 1895	John Dyke	1958 - 1966	Lionel Hansford
1895 - 1899	Thomas Gilbert	1966 - 1968	Vic Austin
1899 - 1901	Arthur Hudson	1968 - 1979	Percy Mountier
1901 - 1903	Mark Grace	1979 - 1980	Roger & Stella
1903 - 1907	George Godley	1980 - 1981	Bob & Terry
1907 - 1911	Henry Parkinson	1981 - 1989	Eric & Tilley Shaen Carter
1911 - 1915	James Weedon	1989 - to date	John & Chris Ullman
1915 - 1920	William Rolfe		

Only 15 more years to become the longest serving landlords!

It will be noted that until the 1970's the breweries (Wellers and Benskins) only allowed one name on the licence. It is our intention to record these names on a board in the pub. The surname of the landlords from 1979 - 1980 and 1980 - 1981 cannot be traced from public records, or remembered by those villagers to whom I have spoken. It would be nice to have a complete record and so if any reader can come up with the surnames, I would be extremely grateful.

John Ullman
(Tel: 01494-727020)



Kilpisjarvi 2001

An occasional article submitted by Graham Thorn after discussion with a fellow villager and walker on Coleshill Common. Similar articles about Coleshill residents adventures are always welcome.

My aim on this trip was to revisit the valley of Dividalen which I saw with wonder years before, on a hike I took as a change from cycling on my trip to Nordcapp. It is a beautiful forested valley stretching away mysteriously to the east. In the end I didn't have the time and I suppose what is called logistical organisation to do it. In other words, a stop half way.

Basically, I walked along the watershed between the fells of Lapland and the coastal escarpment of Norway. I followed part of the Arctic Trail, a marked trail that runs between Kilpisjarvi and Abisko. Eastwards stretches the undulating wilderness of Lapland. Westwards the eye is drawn towards the raw, weird glacial mountain panorama between which decline the fjords. All the time your eyes are drawn towards them in a sort of fascination ignoring the plain views to the East. They are so curious and individual. It is like each one decided what it would look like or where it would arrange itself in the panorama, not like other mere mountains sculpted and bullied into place by geology.

I set off from Kilpisjarvi heavily laden in excellent spirit and lifting bright blue weather while doing an impression of a heavy lorry in the rain. 'Where is all this water coming from? Oh heck,- it's sweat!' On the third day I left the spectacularly sited Gappohytta. After biking 20 kilometres, involving 6 kilometres through a fantastic boulder strewn pass, I reached the huts at the head of Rostadalen, a lovely place and ready for a rest.

I feel that different parts of your body age at different rates as a consequence of a combination of wear and genetics. So, whilst my heart, lungs and legs, all the cycling parts, were cockily asserting that they thought that they were still thirty-ish my knees were claiming to have reached seventy the hard way. Can knees suffer from bronchitis? My shoulders had remained about seven.

So, I decided to invoke the advice given to me by my Finnish friend Martti Parkonnen when I asked him some dopey number crunching questions about how far you could hike in a day in Lapland. 'Don't worry about all that Graham. Remember, the most important thing about Lapland is just to be there'. So, next morning the sky was blue and the clear air had given the surrounding landscape the sheen of silk. The air was still and scented from my birch wood fire and silent but for the calls of birds and whisper of water. I decided to just 'Be'.

Having walked as far along the trail as I had time for, it was time to turn back. I did not want to return the way I came especially through the tough, knee-ageing rocky pass. The map showed a low-level track that seemed to suggest an interesting detour.

It was my birthday and the return hike began well. The track was easy to follow up the gently sloping valley. At the head of the valley was a Sami summer reindeer camp. Crossing the divide I was looking down on a beautiful birch tree lined valley running at a right angle to the one I had just hiked. Was there a track up the valley or was I just careless? My freshness was drained as I trudged over rough damp ground up the valley. At the head of the valley I left the track and hiked around the side of the mountain hoping to gently contour down to rejoin the Arctic Trail close to my destination. It became a rugged scramble through broken terrain not detailed on the map. I was irrationally I suppose, determined to return to Gappohytta.

After 13 hours I finally arrived at the hut. I was too tired to camp. I just made myself a drink of blueberry 'soppa' and lay down hoping for sleep. My legs lay there humming contentedly to themselves of a job well done, my knees wheezed bronchitically, my shoulders wept quietly. My brain whose responsibility was to achieve reviving sleep found itself like a night-shift worker tormented by a rowdy kid next door, the rowdy kid being my heart which like a big red juvenile ball was bounding around in my chest and noisily yelling to the rest of my body, 'OK team, that was great! What's next? How about a game of basketball!'

On the penultimate day I reconfirmed my friend Maarti's observation about Lapland. I set off free of my pack to just do some simple exploring. There was an area, probably bypassed by people concentrating ego-like on the trail where the beads of fjords met the rivers spilling over from the watershed. Here rivers ran through rocky gorges, and trees began to grow. It was a rock gardener's delight, full of ideas. 'Nature Perfected' indeed.

The whole area seems to me to be where the Lapland fells have climbed gently from the East leaving behind the trees and meet the Norwegian coastal escarpment. The watershed is reached and the land declines westwards through long winding fjord valleys between the great curiously eroded granite peaks to reach the Sea. There is a geological text in every scene for the knowledgeable.

It is wilderness. I suspect that it may be an environment which has been changed very little by the influence of people. It has not been altered by the plough. It is only used as it has traditionally been used by Sami people for the Summer herding of their reindeer away from the worst of the biting flies.

It is a land above the tree line. The trees are replaced by a prostrate spangled flora flowing everywhere between a matrix of grey lichen mottled rocks. It is an endless variation on a brightly coloured floral theme that is intensely enhanced by the spectacular clarity of the light. Emerald-leaved dwarf birches spread over the ground and filigree the rocks and the soft green downy ears of the dwarf willow wave in the breeze. The rocks are patterned with lichen and low growing brightly coloured berry-bearing plants fill the spaces between them. Ferns and mosses frill the rocks and many species of mushrooms bulge from the ground.

Fauna is generally sparse and fleeting in this exposed environment. However there are exceptions. Naturally the reindeer are used to humans. They seem to view us with languid distaste obviously preferring it if we would just go away. Lemmings, if trapped and will stand their ground in a hysterically aggressive manner. Fell hawks circle over head if you venture into their territory calling to you in an unimposing plaintive wail that they obviously think is threatening but their mere presence is fascinating and induces you to stop and admire. Thankfully now the nesting season is over the testosterone levels of the territorial male Skuas have decline to a level of tolerance.

After a lifetime of wandering in an earnest but misguided way, hopeful of lucky glimpses of fauna it has begun to dawn on me that I have been unsubtle. I was talking to a Zimbabwean game ranger one day and in one simple phrase he summed up my misgivings. 'Yes', he said, 'I used to be like that when I was younger, I thought that the further I walked the more animals I was likely to see'. In fact the opposite is true. They hear you coming with their superior senses and just get out of the way rather like a matador's cape, always leading you on but never there. One of my ambitions is to control that internal clock that insists it is time to move on and learn to spend a day hidden in some vantage point and observe any comings and goings of wildlife.

Looking back on the trip I see in my mind's eye a brightly coloured landscape revealed and detailed by bright blue sunlight in the day and enriched by the golden evening light. I recall a panorama of curious granite mountains accompanying me daily. Thankfully the beauty of the sensory experience easily overrides the discomfort of the effort required to make the journey. Indeed the discomforts have already dwindled into insignificance.

I also learned several useful things somewhat by default which reminds me once more of my original trip to Dividalen. Hiking through the terrain using a road map! I got lost. Well, what is lost?

To someone from Buckinghamshire, not being on a path probably. I knew whereabouts I was, I just wasn't on the path.

As I wandered along in the right direction at least, I was challenged by the Fellhawks.

I began to zigzag experimentally to see how their anxieties would wax and wane accordingly. By doing this I discovered their huge nest covering the top of a large boulder. I wondered later if I would have discovered such a treasure if I had stayed faithfully on the trail. Nowadays I feel getting a bit lost is acceptable otherwise you don't discover any secrets in the landscape. I didn't return to Dividalen but the trip shines gem like in my mind due to the magical relationship between the quality of the light and the landscape.

It also gave me insights about how to adapt to backpacking. In the end I came up with my improvement on Robert the Bruce's maxim "If at first you don't succeed, don't just try, try, try again – adapt." Well, to be fair Robert the Bruce lived a long time before Darwin. I spent much time adapting my backpack and my hiking routine to good effect – for next time!

So I'm set up for the next trip and I still have those two interesting aims to look forward to achieving.

Graham Thorn

Coleshill Drama Group

Although the number of productions has been less than in past years the Drama group is still alive and occasionally active. A series of play readings have taken place throughout the year and Lindsey Haubner has directed the Group in two productions of a Murder Mystery Play, *Murder at Little Twaddle*, which she wrote. This was first presented as a fund-raiser for the Harvest Charity and proved so popular that the cast was reassembled to perform for another fundraising dinner, this time for Barnardos, in the Village Hall in November.

The cast line up was :

Penny Ware	Philomena Nuttall
Nick Sadler	Gordon Bennet
John Horsborough-Porter	Rev. Will Sawyer
Heather Auton	Geraldine Wright-Wight
Julia Murray	Gloria Allwoman (1 st production)
Marianne Holt	Gloria Allwoman (November production)
and, doing a very good impression of Ann Robinson, complete with wink	
Patsy Wright Warren	Inquisitor

Some drama group members, along with other villagers, are participating in the Passion Play, to be performed in St Mary's in March.

The Drama Group is looking forward to some more play readings next year and, (if she finishes writing it) another murder mystery play with, possibly a further play or panto, if a producer can be found.

Lindsey Haubner



Christmas Greetings a Happy New Year to all Friends in 1991

Joan Allan

David & Jan Atkinson

Frank & Heather Auton

Peter & Jennifer Brock

Julie Burton

The Codling Family

Nancy Collier

Ken, Penny & Edward Crossley

Marigold Curling

Pat, John & Fiona Dawson

Barbara & Peter Dodds

Sylvia Dollemore

Andrew & Joan Domán

The Eardley Family

Pat & Jack Emblow

Joan Frost

The Gajadharsingh Family

Peter & Eileen Gershon

Howard & Catherine Green

David, Sharon, Tara

Denis H

The Herbert F

Derek & Heather

John & Lavinia Hor

John Jeffe

Geoff & Ginny

Christine K

Florence K

Peter & Ann L

Marjorie Long

Val, Kim, Tara & Will

Steve & Toni McQuinn

Pat & George

Ron & Ruth

Roger Norcliffe, En

Rosalind P

Terry & Bernia

Stella & John

Greetings and New Year the Village from



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George & Barbara Plumridge

Derek, Alex, Philip & Susannah Pond

Jean & John Powell

Micky Prothero

Colin, Gillian, Clare & Fiona Sach

The Searles Family

Ewart & Jean Smith

The Spencer Family

Graham & Dumpy Swerling & Family

Hazel & Chris Thomas

Donald Urry

Richard & Rosemary Valentine

Penny & Dick Ware

Chris & Mary Wege

Mark & Elaine West

Sue & Paul Windsor

The Wolfendale Family

Phyllis Mary Wright

Patsy Wright-Warren

Coleshill Bowls Club

The Bowls Club is 10 years old!

It seems remarkable that it is 10 years since June and I started the Bowls Club, based on a poster in the pub asking if anybody was interested. Most of the names did not turn up because it clashed with darts night, but enough did, and within a few weeks we had two mats, we now have three.

The Anniversary is to be marked with a bowls match inviting all league sides to field a team.

Sad to say that we have lost players, Lynda Pyle, Sam and Jess Mallett and Patrick Signal, all of whom, I hope, are playing for a new captain where the mats are true and you never lose.

We have new faces from the village, David Hall and Robin Ferguson, both are very welcome, and where are you?

The new year beckons and the County Championships loom, I doubt we can emulate last seasons success but we'll give it a good try.

John Holland

Contributions to the Newsletter

The next Newsletter will appear at the end of March 2003, contributions are welcome from anyone, on any subject pertinent to the village.

The deadline for contributions is Friday 14th March 2003.

I am happy to receive your contributions in almost any format from handwriting to email. Now that we are producing digitally, illustrations and photographs are most welcome

Frank Auton

Internet Coleshill

Work is now underway to design and construct the Coleshill Village Web Site. Technical and design assistance has been offered by village newcomer Frank Wortmann. David Hall has confirmed that the Parish Council will be responsible for the site. We are currently assembling material for the site. We are looking for existing printed material and photographs, new and old for use to illustrate all the activities which make Coleshill the village we all enjoy. Please contact myself or David Hall if you have any material or suggestions.

Frank Auton



Coleshill Tennis Club

The tennis courts seemed to be buzzing with activity for the summer months - little wonder that the new surface was so necessary!

Inter-club matches were played during the summer and a great deal of energy was expended by all involved. The Club Championship Finals day held in September was very exciting and the matches were fun to watch. Our coach Alan Lowe also worked very hard - ensuring that all members that turned up to watch also had the opportunity to play competitive tennis.

Mini-tennis was played during the summer months at the Village School. Our Chairman Peter Dodds, who took most of the classes, reports that all of the children that participated were very enthusiastic, (and very excitable) enjoying themselves immensely.

Our Fun Day/Try Out Day and the Fun For All Tournament was very well attended and it was obvious that all participating enjoyed the day. Our thanks again to our Coach for his time and energy.

Our fund raising and social event, the Bingo evening was very well supported and jolly good fun. An amount in excess of £900 was achieved - thank you.

The Club's AGM takes place on the 27th of November at the Cricket Club and we look forward to welcoming as many members as possible.

A reminder that Club Play is on Sunday mornings at 10:30 during the Winter months. The sessions are well attended and a great opportunity to play with different members. Do come along - it's FUN.

The Committee has prepared a Calendar of Events for 2003, details of which will be announced in our Newsletter to all members.

Wishing you all Happy Tennis Days.

Angela Perry
Secretary

Angela Perry



Horticultural Society

Along with the Fete and the various church festivals, The Annual Horticultural Show is a village tradition which brings people together and provides inexpensive entertainment for all the family. As with all village events, it also means much hard work and a few moments in the preparation where it is wondered if it is all worth it. When the doors open, though and the Hall is once more full of the smells both of the garden and the kitchen, there is a feeling of satisfaction and the knowledge that it is all worthwhile. The craftwork and photography always come up with a few surprises - as does the judging. There are always disappointments as well as delight when the marks are given. The children really came up trumps this year and even won a couple of classes against the adults from an equal standing. The judges are good about quantity and draw the stewards' attention to a problem which always occurs: too many items in one class. If it says three, don't put four; ten means ten, not twelve. In bigger shows the class would be disqualified but our judges usually allow us a minute to 'lose' one or two. Please check next year.



Chairman - Lindsey Haubner
and Catherine Green opening the show

John Savory receiving his prize for
rock cakes (with no alcohol)

Horticultural Society

The organisers were very sorry to learn of the death of Dave Glennister a few days after the Show. Along with his partner, Jan Atkin, he had found much pleasure in producing items for the Show and, indeed, had won three cups this year.

While there are still a few leaves on the trees, don't forget to take some snaps of 'Autumn' as the first of four of the seasons for next year's photographic class. These can be of any subject or subjects taken at the four different times of the year, of snapshot size and mounted together. Maybe the village pond, your garden, your grandchild, your holidays or leisure pursuit or a mixture of all sorts but the seasons must be clearly shown.

Lastly, thank you all for your entries and providing the materials for a happy afternoon.

Lindsey Haubner

Chairman Horticultural Society



**Katy Roxbrugh receiving
her Magpie Award**

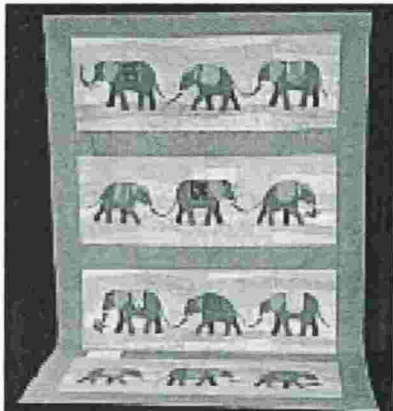


**Heather Hollamby with her prize
winning orchids**

Horticultural Society



Cup That Cheers
Prize Winner - Catherine Green



Elephant Quilt
Prize Winner - Sue Bullough



Jubilee Arrangement
Prize Winner - Lindsey Haubner



Autumn Leaves Arrangement
Prize Winner - Sharon Hall



Coleshill Cricket Club

This year has proved to be a successful season in the Chiltern League for both the Saturday 1st XI and 2nd XI. The 1st XI consolidated their position in the top division by achieving a very commendable 3rd place in what was their first season back. This was achieved despite the loss of several players, due to injury, for large parts of the season. These injuries particularly affected the bowling attack. Dominic Spencer easily won the league-batting prize by scoring 938 runs in the season; some 300 runs ahead of his nearest rival. Richard Ullman, the club captain, was also placed in the top 20 batsmen.

The 2nd XI had an excellent season winning their division and gaining the only promotion slot back to the top reserve division. Graham Flack led the side from the front finishing 3rd in the league batting averages and was also well placed in the bowling. Four other players were well placed in the batting averages. Mark Hull was runner up in the league bowling average with three other players also featuring near the top. A special mention should go to Ray Cuneen who would have been in contention to win the bowling had he not played many games for the 1st XI to help cover for injured players.

On the more social aspects of cricket, the highlight of the season was the club's first overseas tour in Nijmegen, Holland. 13 players set off late on a Sunday evening driving to Dover for the 2:00 am ferry to Calais followed by the long drive to Nijmegen. We arrived, very tired and stiff, late morning with the temperature already 30°C and rising. The bad news was we were due to start playing in 2 hours time on a coconut matting surface and it was going to get hotter. We were well beaten in the first game but we more than made up for it on the social side after the game. Unfortunately the rain caused our next game to be abandoned and our final game to be cancelled. On our free day the team visited the Airborne Museum and Allied Cemetery at Oosterbeek (near Arnhem) in the morning, which proved to be a very moving experience. In the afternoon we visited Arnhem, the home of the 'Bridge too Far' in the film of the same name. The tour proved to be a great success with everyone having a great time. We were well looked after throughout our stay by our hosts at Nijmegen. We are hoping to repeat this expedition into Europe in the future.

The cricket club would like to thank all the vice-presidents who have supported us this year. We were very pleased to see so many turn up for the Cheese and Wine this year and we hope they enjoyed the cricket. We were very fortunate with the warm weather in September.

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

The 'Swan' Pub



A big thank you to the many people who contributed to solving the 'Swan Pub' mystery. It is unanimously agreed that it never existed! The confusion is the naming of the above photo in the Bucks archive as the 'Swan Pub-Coleshill'. Following inclusion in Lindsey Haubner's Village Voice column in the local paper - more details emerged. Many thanks to Joan Higgs, Pam Appleby and Brian Norris. The cottage by the pond was owned by the Slade family and Mr Slade was a house painter. He had a sign to that effect on the side of his cottage. The cause of the confusion was the sign with the Swan on it. This was a sign designating Coleshill as a winner of the 'Best Kept Village' competition. The Swan being the symbol of Bucks County. I know this for a fact because the person who erected the sign himself, called me within minutes of the last Newsletter appearing! Lindsey tells me the sign was still there when they moved into Coleshill in 1977.

More interesting details emerged about both Coleshill pubs and the pond.



Lets start with the pubs.

There was another pub in the village at the beginning of the last century - It was called the 'Fleur de Lys' and was situated halfway between the Red Lion and the windmill, next to the blacksmiths forge at what is now called 'Forge House', part of what was a row of cottages and is now one house. At the time of the 1901 census (I have a copy if anyone is interested) the Fleur de Lys was clearly operational and the publican was Mary Muckley - aged 77 years.

Featured below is an interesting old picture supplied by Pam Appleby, who was brought up in the village. This shows the pond before the embankment was built up to prevent it overflowing across the road.

You may wonder why a horse and cart are in the pond. This was standard practice to allow the wooden wheels to expand to ensure a tight fit with their metal rims and to refresh their horses. Although you cannot see it on this reduced size print, when blown up it clearly shows the sign on the side of the carriage as C. Stevens, who was the butcher, who came up to the village twice a week from Amersham.

The picture also shows that the church does not yet have its clock and there has been much discussion about the houses on the other side of the pond. The Valentines at Friars Vane have unearthed an old Ordnance Survey map, which shows that there were some cottages on the road at the front of their gardens in the 1870's.



Another word from our youthworker

After the lazy warm (?) days of summer it always seems to be extra hard work to get back into the swing of ordinary life. Of course there were those days of tortuous waiting as the GCSE and A level results loomed, I stayed by the telephone all day on GCSE day, everyone did fantastically! And as for Youth Group stuff - no more BBQs, no more games up in the woods (one of the boys hid for about an hour!) instead it's new schools, new friends and more homework all round!

It's emotional for the youth group every new school year, happy emotions because we get a new influx of year 5's (that's 9+10 year olds for the uninitiated) but also very sad because we had to say goodbye to our oldest Yoof as she went off to university to study medicine. We were so proud of her that we held a surprise party in her honour - a pink party! Everything was pink, food, balloons, table cloths, decorations - everyone even dressed in pink (Well done lads!) and we gave her a good send off. It was a great photo opportunity, especially during the forfeit pass the parcel. Almost as much of a challenge as our group trip to see Harry Potter at the cinema. Well, you try to get 36 excited 10-17 year olds squashed into cars and then watch an action packed film and get them all home again. Why do they not stay still to be counted! I have a lot of respect for teachers now and I'm sorry for all my behaviour on all the school trips I ever went on when I was at school!

So what's happening at the moment? Well, following our 2nd place in the God's Not Dead video comp, we get to send a bunch of our best to Diocesan synod to teach the old and crumbles (including our good Rector!) about Youth matters, which will be a new experience. We've started our rehearsals for our scene in the passion play and a new youth band is being discussed as I type. 10+ and 14+ groups are going really well, these study groups meet on alternate Fridays and discuss the nitty gritty of life as well as drink a lot of 'pink' (any pink coloured drink will do!) and play violent card games. The 14+ers in particular have started taking prayer seriously and are learning and maturing a lot as a result.

Looking forward we are planning a 14+ trip to join a beach mission in Florida next summer, to work alongside American churches doing kids clubs, homeless missions, tidying rundown neighbourhoods and who knows what else. Watch this space for developments and fundraising events.

If you want to know more about the youth work in St Mary's and All Saints' please contact me (the youth worker) on 723793 or check out our award winning website www.yoofgroup.co.uk

Marianne Holt

St Mary's and Coleshill Youth Worker

All Saints Magpie Club

Magpie club is a fortnightly after school club run in Coleshill school. Every fortnight we play games, make crafts and learn Bible stories for one manic hour! All children of infant school age are welcome, if you are interested in your child(ren) coming to Magpie Club please contact me (number below) or Mrs Earp the headmistress of Coleshill school. This term has been good fun, especially as when the weather is good as we can play games outside which calms the little darlings down! We've decorated boxes for harvest and all sorts of activities, with more fun planned up until Christmas. Several of our regulars have grown up to move up to other schools, so we miss them but new faces are always appearing. However we always need more help in supervising the kids (making drinks and cutting and sticking etc).

Any questions or info contact me on 723793.

Marianne Holt

Ne ighbourhood Watch

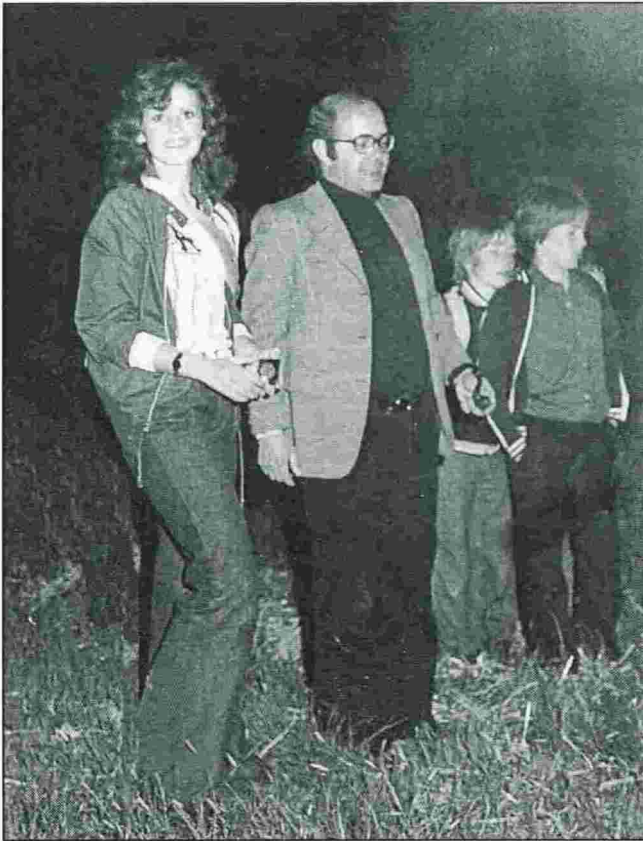
As another year comes to an end, I would love to say that there have been no burglaries and no dodgy callers but, idyllic as this village can be, that only makes it a draw for the unscrupulous in our society. There have been a couple of burglaries this year and also break-ins in sheds and outhouses. In fact, with all the expensive gardening and do-it-yourself equipment on offer now, the shed can be more of an Aladdin's cave to a burglar and the chances are that you won't hear a sound and possibly may not find out you've been robbed for several days either. Now that we are putting on our lights early, can I urge you to pull your downstairs curtains at least, so that thieves cannot see in, in order to check out whether you have goods worth returning for. The most worrying burglary this year (and a first for Coleshill) was that robbers broke into a downstairs window of an occupied house. A handbag and keys were stolen, including the car keys and subsequently, the car. The house did not have a burglar alarm switched on.

Comparing us with other communities, I suppose we don't have graffiti, drugs crimes, wanton vandalism, joy riders and worse to live with daily, so just be vigilant, and remember: Don't buy from door to door salesmen; don't buy from cold callers on the phone (a couple of our residents have been unnerved by callers selling home protection especially); fit a burglar alarm if you haven't already and let anyone you don't recognise see that you are checking them out or maybe ask them if you can 'help' them, and if you are really concerned about someone, do call us, as you may not be the first and we may be monitoring them.

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

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Miss Coleshill - 1977



Featured in the photo exhibition from the 1977 Jubilee, put together by Rosemary Valentine at this years Jubilee celebrations was this scene featuring Miss Coleshill 1977, who had just lit the Jubilee Bonfire, accompanied by Richard Valentine. Subsequent investigation has revealed that she was Jennifer White, a resident of Coleshill. The question is, where is she now? If any villager can offer any information then I will invite her to write a short piece for the next Newsletter.

It is a sign of the changed times that it would be considered very non-PC to have a Miss Coleshill in the 21st Century, but would we feel the same way about a 'Glamorous Grandmother' or 'Knobbliest Knees' contest?

The winners of these two events in 1977 were respectively:-

Mrs Jamieson and Mr Dwight

How do I know?- I was reading the July 1977 edition of the Newsletter. These are all available for anyone to consult - just call me.

Frank Auton

Village Road - 1897



Thank you to Lindsey Haubner for the loan of this photograph of Village Road, taken in June 1897 by George Ward - a local photographer. Is the house referred to as The Cedars, what we now know as White Roses or the house opposite the trees - North House?

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Dear Coleshill Residents,

I am writing to thank the Poppy Collectors in Coleshill for all their hard work in collecting for the Poppy Appeal this year. The total for the Coleshill Area is £611.79 plus the Church collection to come.

Coleshill is affiliated to the Old Amersham Branch of The Royal British Legion and the committee is most grateful for the support to help other people. The Legion works for a wide variety of people, veterans, the young men and women of today's services and the families and dependents of both. So once again thanks for all your support

Andrew Seymour
Old Amersham Royal British Legion Branch Organiser



Village Hall News

The Village Hall held it's 20 years Celebration party on the 27th September. It was a very happy occasion which was shared by many residents. Denis Hall, President of the Village Hall Management Committee, reminisced about it's rebuilding and personalities involved 20 years ago. We are fortunate that a willing group of residents took a lot of time and effort to give us a Hall which can be used for social occasions.

After Christmas the Village Hall kitchen is going to be refurbished with new cupboards, worktops and floor. As well as being a more hygienic workplace, which will satisfy Health and Safety inspectors, it will hopefully be a more attractive kitchen for Village use.

Ann Lawrence

Village Fete - Help

The Village Fete was in danger of folding, but luckily Marian Davies has come to the rescue!

But - we do need volunteers to join her 'Happy Band of Helpers'

Please phone her on 727304 and join her team

Home Wanted

*Black Cocker Spaniel Dog
aged 8 seeks new home*

Ring Roger on 01494-433199

Relative Reflections in Coleshill Churchyard

An occasional extract from a collection of poems written by Brian Norris inspired by the gravestones of his relatives in Coleshill churchyard. Reproduced here with his permission.

Jessica Carter (1862-1943) Jane Carter (1864-1957)

Here within wrought iron portals
Lie the bones of many mortals,
Some of whom were kin to me,
Some who'd bounced me on their knee.
Where to begin? How make some order?
Why not by age from Southern border?
For here we laid my Grampy Carter
A humble soul but not a martyr.
He praised his God, he read his books
Unshaved he was, 'twas not his looks
That spoke of kindness but his deeds
And sheer hard graft to meet the needs
Of family, that grew to seven
(though all of them are now in Heaven).
He'd married Granny, known as Jane,
Who cast her spell where e'er she came.
Widowed young with Jack her first
From second marriage soon she nursed
My Uncle Ern, to carry on the Carter stable
(sans tonsils, ripped on kitchen table).

My Gran, my idol, was no joker,
I loved her slow-baked tapioca.
She knew a trick or two with sago
Which also helped to ease Lumbago.
While left hand massaged aches and pains,
The other coaxed the sago grains
To swell and meld the sugared milk
Into a dish as smooth as silk.
She'd also cook my favourite stew
Upon her fire with open flue.
A fire made bright within the hood
That groped for smoke from gathered wood
Enticed across the fields in packs
Roped up as loads for aching backs
Till darkness fell, then with a spill
Their lamp was lit and all was still.
Until the sun should rise again
And light the way down Magpie Lane.



Diary Dates

Sunday	1st	December	Common Working Party
Tuesday	10th	December	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	14th	December	Common Working Party
Sunday	15th	December	Christingle Service
Thursday	19th	December	Coleshill School Carol Service
Sunday	22nd	December	Festivals of Lessons and tea
Wednesday	25th	December	Holy Communion & Family Carols

Iain Rennie Hospice At Home

Thank you once again for all your encouragement in our first year of supporting IRHH. I am delighted to report that Iain Rennie will be opening their new premises for the South Bucks and Wycombe nursing teams just before Christmas and that they will be based at Hodgemoor View, Chalfont St Giles. Now we really do feel we are supporting a local charity!

Our recent coffee morning was a great success, particularly all those homemade cakes which we sold off at the end of the morning after everybody had had their fill. Not good for the waistline but a lovely treat. In addition, the Christmas Crackers have again raised in the region of £1,000 which is a tremendous effort - thank you.

Carol Singing Evening - Thursday 19th December

We have decided to change the format for the carol singing this year. Carol singing will start at 6.30pm at the church and please remember to wrap up and bring a torch if you are able to join us - the more the merrier! Afterwards, John and Chris have kindly agreed to provide a sausage supper at The Red Lion at about 8.30pm to be followed by a little more singing and a festive quiz. Tickets are required for supper at a cost of £10 per head, but if you would like to join us for a drink and a song or two later on, you are more than welcome to join in the festivities.

Coleshill Christmas Quiz

We have come up with a cracking quiz this year which was donated by another charity. Do have a go. It is only £1 a copy and is available at the pub or from Amanda. A couple of people in the village now buy a few copies and put them in Christmas cards to friends and relatives - what a good idea! It does explain why I had one answer sheet sent in from Scotland last year. They didn't win though - that honour went to Dick Ware's sister!

Amanda McCallum



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Ruth Murphy	Organist & Choirmaster All Saints'	01494 433539
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John & Chris Ullman	The Red Lion	01494 727020
Chris Wege	Coleshill Common Committee	01494 433356

Parish Councillors

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Gillian Bunney	Member of Parish Council	01494 431583
John Jefford	Member of Parish Council	01494 433230
Sue Miles	Member of Parish Council	01494 721717
Nick Sadler	Member of Parish Council	01494 726277





Services in the Parish

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

Christmas Services

All Saints' Colehill

Sunday 15th December	5.00pm	Christingle Service
Thursday 19th December	11.00am	Colehill School Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December	3.00pm	Festival of Lessons & Carols (Followed by tea in the Hall)
Christmas Day	9.00am	Holy Communion & Family Carols

St Mary's Old Amersham

Tuesday 24th December	4.00pm	Blessing of the Crib & Nativity Play
Tuesday 24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Service of Holy Communion
Christmas Day	8.00am	Holy Communion (said)
Christmas Day	11.00am	Holy Communion & Family Carols

