



NEWSLETTER

*Christmas
2003*

Please keep this secret under your hat

‘Christmas is your busy time Rector!’ I smile and try to look haggard.

Actually Christmas is a doddle for clergy. While there are some twenty six Carol and Christmas services in our churches for the various schools and organisations, they are all much the same. A welcome and a blessing, maybe a few well chosen words, and the clientele is satisfied that I have done my job brilliantly. No-one wants to be visited much, they are all too busy shopping or making Christmas preparations. As everything in the Parish is organised ages in advance, I generally sit about and enjoy the peace. The main challenges are trying to avoid the deluge of rain that invariably drenches the Scouts and Amersham Band as they sing round the tree in the Old Town, and avoiding children catching fire in church as they get too close to candles. Now do not let any of this get out, or I will be asked to do things by the Churchwardens.

But the relative peace does allow me time and space to reflect on the mystery of what we Christians call the ‘Incarnation.’ That God became a human being some two thousand years ago, was born to poverty and the life of a refugee as a member of the most persecuted race on earth; that God earned a living as a carpenter, told the world a few uncomfortable home truths and was crucified for his pains; that his perfect life makes up for the inadequacy of my imperfect life, his death swallows up my death, his resurrection will one day become my resurrection, that all this becomes mine if I will but follow Jesus with all my heart.

Never realised any of this before? Then maybe my telling you about it at my leisure will be the best work I do this year.

Please join us for any of our Christmas services. It is never too early or late to become a follower of Christ.



Meanwhile? Please keep my secret!

Tim Harper
Rector of Amersham with Coleshill

You can find out more about All Saints' Coleshill by going direct to our page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/all_saints_church.htm



News from All Saints'

The Reverend Derrick Carr

Derrick was ordained Priest on 27th September at All Saints' Church, High Wycombe. We congratulate him and look forward to his continuing ministry in the Parish.

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper held on 10th October was well attended and much enjoyed. We are grateful to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success, particularly Pat Dawson and Rosie Searles. From the profit of £636.31 on the evening, it was agreed that £300 would be given to Crisis at Christmas, £100 to the All Saints' Church Flower Fund, £100 to be used to provide a free tea following the Carol Service, and the balance of £136.31 to go to the Rosanna Hospital.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service was held on 12th October and gifts of produce were later distributed to individuals in the village.

Carol Service and Tea

The Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday 21st December at 4pm. **Please note the change from our usual time of 3 pm.**

Following the service there will be a FREE tea in the Village Hall, to which all are welcome.

Verger – Mrs Pat McNeil

Pat has had to resign her position due to ill health. We are very grateful to Pat for her many years of sterling work, which has been greatly appreciated. The All Saints' Committee is currently considering alternative arrangements to cover the verger's duties.

Church Flower Fund

A Bring and Buy Coffee Morning in aid of the Church Flower Fund will be held at Rosewood, Barrack Hill, on Friday 9th January from 10.00 to 12.00. All are welcome.

All Saints' Charity

The All Saints' Charity, which supports the Rosanna Hospital in Kanamarsi, will be putting on a Murder Mystery Evening, with hot supper, in the Village Hall on Friday 30th January 2004. Tickets at £15 each will be available from 1st January from Marigold Curling (tel 726431) or Patsy Wright-Warren (tel 433356).

Church Cleaner

We welcome Jane Stefanovic as our new church cleaner, following Caroline Pool's leaving to go to university.

Churchyard Maintenance

We continue to be very grateful to Christopher Wege for constantly maintaining the churchyard in such good order and also thank all those who helped with the autumn clear-up.

Ruth Murphy

In Memoriam

Walter Clayton – 20th July

Holy Baptism

Eleanor Grace Brackley – 15th July

James Benjamin Percy Makins-Elliott – 15th July

William Joseph Henry Makins-Elliott – 15th July

Harry David Sayers – 10th August

Lily Alexandra Hunter – 17th August

Theo Euston Wayland-Smith – 14th September





Coleshill Christmas Bazaar



On

Monday 1st December 2003

10.30am-2.30pm

At

Coleshill Village Hall
Barracks Hill



Stallholders include:

David Shuttle's
Gifts of Christmas Past

At Home.com

Phoenix Cards

Fox & Chave -
Silk ties

DK Books

Brambles



Raffle
Entry including
Coffee & Cakes
£2.00

Rich Gifts

Top Hat - beautiful
bags

Hall & Albin -New England
decorations

Victoria's Designs-
Jewellery

The Collection

Inaid of Adaptive Skiing for the Disabled & Iain Rennie Hospice at Home



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Coleshill - A Short History

Introduction

This extract is reproduced with kind permission of John and Max Chenevix Trench. The original booklet is reproduced in full and is available from Patsy Wright-Warren, price £2.00, donation to the All Saints' Charity.

John Chenevix Trench, a well known figure in Coleshill, having lived in the village for 50 years, passed away on the 13th February 2003. He was 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.

Law and order

It is often asked whether, as a result of its status as a detached part of Hertfordshire, it enjoyed any immunity from law enforcement, which was a county responsibility. The answer is apparently not. The Cantelo's sheep rustling did not go unpunished; they drove the animals across the county boundary into Bucks, but this did not prevent them being taken to law. In 1259 William de la Stock was arrested by the Sheriff of Herts and taken to Wycombe to hang for the murder of two women there. If Coleshill enjoyed any immunity in this respect it was freedom from the vexations of manorial law and manorial courts.

We seem in any case to have been a law-abiding community. We had our own constable, appointed annually by the village freeholders, and invariably a person of standing. But for the most part it is not recorded that he had much to do.

The year 1609 was one of the rare exceptions, for there was both a homicide and a suicide. John Warren, who farmed at Whites, was killed by being struck on the head by a stake, from which he died four hours later. A labourer called Edward Wood was charged with murder, but successfully 'claimed clergy', which meant that he claimed to be in holy orders, and could only be tried by an ecclesiastical court.

For an historian the puzzle is how this course could have been open to a labourer; but the only test of 'clergy' was to be able to read a passage of scripture. About a month later Nicholas Johnson took a halter into his barn and hanged himself. His brother accused the widow of murder, but this came to nothing. After this petty larceny and assault were the most serious cases arising in Coleshill, and were dealt with by fines or, earlier, whipping. But in 1767 John Bates was transported for seven years for stealing poultry from Stockings. It is not likely that he ever saw Coleshill again.



Author's note

Perhaps the most common question that people ask me is 'How do you know all this?' There is in fact a great mass of records in the Record Offices of Bucks and Herts, and in the Public Record office in London, as well as in various other repositories. Most of it is in manuscript, and much in Latin. I have not burdened this brief review with the scholarly apparatus of references and footnotes, but if anyone wants to take the matter further, the references will be found in various learned articles that I have written over the years.

These are 'Coleshill and the Settlement of the Chilterns', *Records of Bucks Vol. XIX, Pt 3*, 1973, 'Fields and Farms in a Hill Top Village', *Records of Bucks, Vol. XX, Pt 3*, 1977, 'The Houses of Coleshill', *Records of Bucks, Vol. XXV*, 1983; and 'Some Buckinghamshire Place Names Reconsidered', *Journal of the English Place Name Society*, 1991.

You can read the whole Coleshill History online by going direct to the Village website at www.coleshill.org/short_history.htm

Sinn Louis-Proctor is a trained Pro Leith's Cook. She is a native Chicagoan with 20 years experience in cooking. She relocated from London to Coleshill offering clients a unique dining experience.

A donation was made to the Newsletter for this inclusion

A Taste of Chicago Catering

Looking for a different experience in dining? Try Chicago Cuisine and impress your guests. Food can be prepared in your home, or delivered closer to the time of your event. We will leave your premises the way that we find them: neat and clean. If you wish to serve, we will be able to provide you with advice as to what goes where and when.

Sinn has incorporated knowledge of using herbs, spices and other methods of cooking into her recipes from travelling the world. Her personal recipes have been used for over 100 years; passed down through each generation in her family.

Ready Meals

Lamb Casserole, Chicago Style Deep Dish Pizza, Cuban Chicken Tagine with Bulgar Wheat Salad, Vegetarian Stuffed Mushrooms, Vegetarian Tagine, Louisiana Flank Steak Gumbo (Special Preparation)

Desserts

Dark Chocolate Mousse or Tart, Poached Pears or Peaches with a Raspberry sauce, Apple or Peach Cobbler Pie

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Telephone: 0149472 4149/ Mobile: 07931 6543 13
or email inquiries: info@chicagocuisine.co.uk
Web page www.chicagocuisine.co.uk

Coleshill W.I.

Have you seen 'Calendar Girls' yet? If not, then we can recommend it for a thoroughly enjoyable evening out. Yes, it does poke fun at the W.I. and, no, we have never had a speaker on '100 ways with broccoli', neither do we sing 'Jerusalem' at all our meetings but as an example of friendship and the support network that W.I. offers it is a brilliant film and good entertainment too. We all enjoyed it enormously.

Our visit to Highgrove was very special, a major accident on the motorway meant we arrived 15mins late, despite allowing oodles of time, which was frustrating for us and our apologies fell on stony ground. However we did get the full tour (walking quickly) and marveled at the contrasting areas of woodland, stumpery, cottage garden, walled kitchen garden, formal displays and wild areas, fountains and statuary. All surrounded by acres of rolling farmland. We returned with the video to share our experience with our fellow members, husbands and friends.

Our September meeting was a good opportunity to invite members from other W.I.s in our Group to join us as we had the National Trust Shepherd as our guest speaker. He is a delightful, and amusing speaker with his tales of sheep, cattle and unwelcome visitors on National Trust sites, causing lots of merriment. In true W.I. style we coped with the village hall fuse tripping and a splendid tea was served in keeping with our tradition.

In October we learnt about the Flowers of the Mediterranean and, in contrast, went on a ramble through the glorious autumn colours of Burnham Beeches. The Federation had an Evening with John Bly, of Antiques Roadshow fame, which was both educational and enlightening.

This month is our A.G.M. and there will be several changes to the committee and a new president as Catherine Green has completed her three years. She has done us proud and will be a hard act to follow.

Meanwhile the Christmas party is planned, with a caterer this year so that we can all sit back, relax and enjoy ourselves. A gentleman from the magic circle is coming to entertain us after dinner.

Church Flower Fund Coffee Morning
Friday 7th Jan 10.00 - 12.00 at Rosewood Barracks Hill

Finally we wish everyone a Happy Christmas, and suggest all the ladies add 'Become a W.I. Member' to their New Year's resolutions!

Eileen Gershon

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

Coleshill Infants School

As usual we have had a very busy, exciting term. Our new resource room, cloakroom and head's office are all finally completed and being fully utilised. We now have a lovely learning environment for the children and teachers, which we all appreciate very much. My thanks once again go to everyone who contributed to our appeal fund and made the building work possible.

In September, the whole school enjoyed an art week, with the theme of 'Water'. We looked at the work of the Japanese artist, Hokusai and the Year 1 and Year 2 children helped to make a big version of his famous 'Wave' picture, which we have displayed in the front entrance corridor. The younger children made giant raindrops with splashed powder paint, waterfall pictures with fabric and produced a very colourful under-the-sea picture. The children read stories and poems on the theme of water and had a thoroughly enjoyable week.

The Parents' and Friends' group have been busy organising special events once again. In September, they held a treasure hunt and barbecue, which was a great opportunity for new parents and children to meet new friends. School Christmas cards, calendars and Christmas puddings are all available again this year, either at the Christmas Bazaar or via the school.

In October, the older children enjoyed a visit to the Rothschild Zoological Museum in Tring. They were very excited, (even by the coach journey!) especially when they saw all the animals on display. The trip coincided with work done in science on 'variation' and was a very happy day out for everybody.

As I write, we are busy rehearsing our Christmas nativity play entitled 'Rock Around the Flock', a very lively musical which everyone is enjoying very much. Our end of term service this year takes place in Coleshill church on December 18th at 11.00 am. Please come and join us if you can.

A very happy Christmas to all our friends in the village from everyone at the school.

Jenny Earp - Headteacher

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



Red Lion

Christmas is upon us again and so we must give you notice of the 'Festive Features' at the Red Lion. First there is the annual party here after the Carol Singers have performed. Amanda McCallum is in charge and all money raised will be for Iain Rennie Hospice at Home. Grand Union Morris will be joining us and the party starts at approximately 8.30pm on Thursday 18th December.

Boxing Day, hopefully, will see a good turnout for the golf - 10.30am at Pools Patch. Entry is confined to villagers and their guests who have stayed in the village overnight.

For New Years Eve Chris and I will be providing a complimentary hot and cold buffet plus a glass of champagne at midnight. We will be entering our 15th year here and so we will be delighted to see as many as possible, even if only for a quick drink during the festivities.

It is twelve years since the closure of the Village Shop and most know that we do stock eggs, butter, milk, bread etc for purchase. This facility is used quite regularly for emergency rations and our door is usually open by 9.00am.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

John Ullman
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You can find out more about the Red Lion by going direct to our web page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/red_lion.htm

Village Hall

The summer months are relatively quiet at the Village hall and this year was no exception. This gave us time to have the refurbished kitchen redecorated and to catch up on some extra housekeeping tasks.

The hall has become a popular venue for children's parties although we discourage Bouncy Castles since one resulted in a fluorescent light being damaged. I'm not sure what happened to the child!

The Village Web Site gave the Hall its first Internet booking and subsequent hiring. I find the web site an easy way for prospective hirers to get a initial viewing of the Hall.

Ann Lawrence



Parish Council

The SID machine came to the village of Coleshill for a week in October. The machine registers the speed at which a vehicle is travelling enabling the driver and the person operating the machine to see the speed. The main thing the Parish Council learnt is that there are not as many speeding cars coming through the village as were thought. But that does not mean the few that do break the speed limit are OK. We all need to check our speed when travelling through the village and in country lanes; even doing 30mph in some areas is too fast. I would like to thank all the villagers who helped man the SID machine, it gave me a chance to meet and talk to them, finding out what ideas they have for the next time the machine comes to Coleshill.

The Parish Council has devised and printed a leaflet which will be delivered to all houses in Coleshill; it asks for your opinion on various village matters. We need to pull together and have a louder voice to show our strength of opinion at District and County Council levels.

Grass verges still remain very high on the agenda at Parish Council meetings. Heavy vehicles do untold damage to the verges as do cars being constantly parked on them, especially when the ground is damp and soft. This year we were unable to enter the 'Best Kept Village' competition because of the state of the verges, it would be very nice to enter next year 2004. So let's look after the verges through the winter and spring; keep vehicles off them.

The Parish Council had the War Memorial cleaned during the summer and a very good job was done. It was nice to see it so resplendent at this years Memorial Service.

The village pond has looked beautiful all through the summer months and we can boast that we have forty mallards, moorhens and the dreaded heron. I have a personal vendetta against the heron as David and I have a pond which was full of fish, now not so full.

The Parish Council meeting dates for next year are as follows:

Tuesdays 13th Jan, 30th March, 25th May, 20th July, 21st Sept, 23rd Nov,

These take place in the small hall of the village hall, starting at 8.15pm. Please remember there is a democratic ¼ hour when villagers can have their say.

Susan Smith *Clerk to the Parish Council*



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Christmas Greetings to all Friends in the

Joan Allan

Pat & Jack Emblow

David & Jan Atkinson

Joan Frost

Heather & Frank Auton

The Gajadharsingh Family

Kate, Tony & Pauline Barber

Peter & Eileen Gershon

Allan & Barbara Banks

Howard & Catherine Green

John & Rita Bennett

Carol, Níc, Matthew & Pippa Hallchurch

Nigel & Susan Bilderbeck

David & Sharon Hall

Julie Burton

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

Penny, Ken & Edward Crossley

Barbara, Bill & Guy Houlton

David & Faye Cockerell

Stephanie & Ray Hernandez & Family

All at Coldharbour Farm

David & Diana Heilmann & Family

Jean & Leslie Croydon

Derek & Heather Hollamby

Pat, John & Fiona Dawson

Jon, Judi, James, Jenna Herbert

Barbara & Peter Dodds

John Jefford

Andrew & Jean Domín

Geoff & Jinny Jordon

The Eardley Family

Betty & Teddy Joseph

ICalendar 2003
and Happy New Year
Village from



Nancy Collier & Chris King

Peter & Ann Lawrence

Patrick & Caroline Leventon

Marjorie Long-Brown

David & Ineke McCammon & Family

Ron & Ruth Murphy

George & Pat McNeil

Micky Prothero

George & Barbara Plumridge

Rosalind Pearce

Jean & John Powell

Derek, Alex, Philip & Susannah Pond

Lee, Sarah & Emily Parker

Sinn Louis-Proctor & Tim Proctor

Stella & Tony Platzer

The Roxburgh Family

John Savory

Colin, Gillian, Clare & Fiona Sach

Susan & David Smith

Mary & Nick Sadler

The Spencer Family

Rosie, Matthew & Laura Searles

Graham & Dumpy Swerling

Terry & Bernice Pethica & Family

Henry Maynard & Barbara Tempest

Ann Trotman

Chris & Hazel Thomas

Richard & Rosemary Valentine

Patsy Wright-Warren

Phyllis Mary Wright

Nigel, Gail, Oliver & Rupert Wolfendale

Dick & Penny Ware

Chris & Mary Wege

Colehill Common



August saw the Mushroom Tree restored to its former glory. Thanks to the expertise of Michael Connolley



and his colleague, the lack of trimming over several years has been put right.

The Tree was first shaped by Albert Bates, who lived opposite in

Thornbury Cottage. He used to cut the area of grass in front of the tree to form his own lawn, despite the hillocks and dips. This area was the best part of the

Common for harebells in the late summer. Albert and his wife Ada would take their chairs out on the grass on a summer's day and watch the world go by. Mrs Bates also used the grass as a convenient place for spreading her sheets to dry.



Originally two cottages, the property was owned by Sidney Ware's father at one time. He can remember the old lady who lived in one of them, sitting at her door, and working with her lace pillow and bobbins. The cottages were sold for £75 each, and later Albert knocked them into one.

Chris Wege



Tennis Club

What a lovely summer we have had and what great activity on the courts! Oh, that all the summers could be like this year's! The Tennis Club Championship Finals were as usual hotly contested, the weather was kind for the Finals Day and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. The Village Tournament was able to take place this year after two years of cancellation due to poor weather

League matches were played throughout the summer months both At Home and Away and the Winter League Fixtures have now been finalised. The Club plays these Leagues with two teams; if you are interested in taking part please do contact either Robin Ferguson or Angela Perry. We have varying degrees of success but always have fun and certainly enjoy the convivial tea afterwards!

Do look on the Notice Board to check which date/times the courts are being used for competition play.

We managed to fill the Village Hall on Friday 14th November for our fund raising event, the Bingo Evening; which was as always a popular event.

The Club's AGM takes place on the 26th November and the Committee looks forward to seeing as many members as possible on the day.

Happy Tennis Days to all.

Angela Perry



To find out more about the Tennis Club go direct to our web page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/tennis.htm



Youth Matters

After a long, hot and blissfully sunny summer (who would have thought eh?) the nights are drawing in and the Youth group Frisbees are being packed away! That doesn't mean there is any less going on though as Christmas looms (again, already!) and the Youth group and I are planning lots of new stuff.

Our newest adventure is a monthly service! St Mary's Church has services all over the place but we decided that it might be nice to have youth led services once a month in the evening (everyone knows teenagers wake up in the evenings!) and try a few new style things! We've got a youth band going, we're learning new songs, we're trying drama, meditations, prayer, visual imagery and anything else we can come up with to give to God as our "sacrifice of praise" (from a verse we found in Hebrews 13 verse 15). Anyone welcome of course, first Sunday evening of every month.

I'm hoping that the Youth band will perform at the Christmas Eve crib service, for a few jazzy carols and that it will be the success that it has been over the last few years.

The 14+ discussion and study group is now held every week AND we have a meal together. How very civilised I hear you say, well.... the group members take it in turns to do the cooking (or their mums do, for those who are less culinary!!) and it's been a fascinating experience so far! Not to mention a lot of washing up! Well, it's all fun when you are surrounded by people who care and that's still the thing that delights me the most with this youth group, they care for each other. They may all be at different stages in their faith but there's nothing like a great bunch of people to grow up with! After all, it's a tough old world out there, and being young doesn't make it any easier!

Lastly, for anyone who can help me out by offering one hour of your time once a fortnight, I am still desperate for helpers at Magpie Club. Coleshill Church doesn't have a Sunday school, so instead we run a fortnightly fun hour at the school on Mondays, with a bit of craft, a Bible story and some games. However, we are badly short staffed and can't go on this way. So if you can help please contact Jenny Earp at the school (she is setting up a rota system)

If you or someone you know would like to give our Church Youth Group a go, contact Marianne (youth leader) on 01494 723793. There are activities throughout the week for anyone in school year 5+ There is also a website (with discussion boards, latest news and prayer requests) where you can find out what is going on. www.yoofgroup.co.uk

Marianne Holt



Neighbourhood Watch

Just as we were feeling confident that we had village security fairly tight and were wondering what to write here, a burglary occurred in the centre of the village. By crawling under a hedge, a particularly well-protected property was accessed. Power and telephone lines were then cut and keys, obtained by passing a wire through a letterbox, were used to get into a garage and office. Unfortunately for the burglars, by cutting the power, they were unable to drive the car in the garage through the electric gates, so they just helped themselves to equipment in the office instead. The occupants were asleep in another part of the house when this took place in the early hours of the morning. A neighbouring house appears to have been tried as well and a car alarm went off at a similar time on the same night on the other side of the village pond.

We were woken ourselves in the early hours of a morning about a month ago. A car was sitting in our drive and a passenger shone a torch at the front of the house. We put lights on and they slowly drove off. I decided I would phone the police, even though no crime had been committed, in case these people drove through the village, possibly looking for another house. It would have been easy to say, 'Oh we won't bother the police', but, in fact, two officers came round the next day to say that a known car thief had been seen in our village driving a similar car to the one we described and warned us about car thieves knowing that most drivers leave car keys handy by front doors, where they can easily be lifted with a piece of thick wire passed through the letterbox. We were also warned that they could come back and try to steal our cars.

We wanted to notify and warn other people so we have set up for people in the village a **Neighbourhood Watch E-Mail Link**. This is an e-mail system to quickly relay information to interested villagers. By subscribing free of charge to a list, which has been set up, with thanks to Owain McGuire, you can automatically receive messages from the police which are circulated on their Ringmaster system. You can also submit suspicious sightings you may encounter yourself or general comments or concerns that you may have about improving crime control. The e-mail that you submit will automatically be relayed to everyone on the list. This is seen as a valuable addition to village communications in the fight against crime.

**To be on the list send a blank email - (no message, no subject) to:
coleshill-join@foxmead.net**

It will then send you an email confirming your subscription and explaining how the list works. More details on the web site. Always phone the police on 999 first in an emergency. When reporting information to Thames Valley Police, the new main switchboard telephone number is 08458 505505. (Calls to this number will be charged at local rates.)

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

Cookies for a Cure

World Leprosy Week 18th - 25th January 2004

LEPRA
The Leprosy Relief Association



Can you cook up a cure? Join in the Greatest Cookie Party Ever - and help cure people of leprosy

Next year - 2004 - is the 80th Anniversary of LEPRA - the Leprosy Relief Association. To help celebrate this landmark, LEPRA is once again asking people to hold a Cookies for a Cure Party during World Leprosy Week - 18th January to 25th January 2004.

All the money raised will go towards supporting LEPRA's vital medical development programmes in Asia, South America and Africa.

Simply bake (or even buy!) some cookies, and invite your friends, neighbours and colleagues to join in the fun at coffee break, lunchtime, afternoon or evening. We'll send you, free of charge, all you need to make your Cookie Party a success!

By collecting 'cookie contributions' at your party you will soon raise the £21 needed to help cure one person of leprosy, restoring their health, hope and dignity. If you wanted to be really ambitious you could make it a real community Cookie Party by inviting everyone in your neighbourhood!

Leprosy is one of the oldest recorded diseases in the world, with references to it in the New Testament. Yet around 700,000 cases are still diagnosed annually and an estimated 4 million people have dreadful disabilities as a result of the disease. Every minute of every day one more person is found to have leprosy and some of these will already be severely disabled.

Yet leprosy is easily curable and the complete eradication of the disease is the stated aim of LEPRA and the reason that the charity exists.

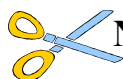
So, do something wonderful - change lives by helping to cure leprosy!

To receive your party pack, which includes, poster, balloons, invitations, collecting box and special cookie recipe, please complete the clip-out form:

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I would like to take part in the Greatest Cookie Party Ever!

Please send me a party pack



Name

Address.....

Postcode **Tel number** **email**

Please send me more information about LEPRA

Return to: Sally Ormond, LEPRA, The Briars, Norwich Road, Stonham Parva,

☐ Suffolk IP14 5JU

Contact: Sally Ormond, Community Contact Assistant Tel: 01449 711958

Reg. Charity No. 213251

Your Village Needs You

‘It’s time to stand up and be counted!’

Why ?

- There seem to be an increasing number of important issues where the Parish Council need to gather the views/support of residents in the village.
- Examples of some of these issues are:
 - Major planning/development issues
 - Road safety and the adoption of 30mph speed limits throughout the village



What will you want from me?

- We may want your views or feedback on these sort of issues
- We may ask you to support a central petition we are pulling together
- We may try and get as many people as possible to write individually to the local planners/council to add more weight to certain matters that we feel strongly about

How often can I expect to be contacted?

- Probably no more than two to three times a year
- We will try to ensure we raise the ‘call to arms’ only when we believe it is really important

How can I sign up to help?

- By returning the attached ‘tear off slip’ to the Parish Clerk if you wish us to contact you on these issues.
- **OR** you can also use the form to give us your internet address
- **OR** go to our own village website at **www.coleshill.org** and sign up to receive notification of important issues where we need your views/support. (if you haven’t already checked out our website it is well worth a visit!)

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To : Coleshill Parish Council

From: Name:

Address :

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Please tick below as appropriate

Please feel free to contact me at home directly or via a leaflet drop

I can be contacted via the following e-mail address :

Signed :

**PLEASE RETURN TO: SUSAN SMITH (PARISH CLERK)
2 MANOR WAY, COLESHILL**

Horticultural Society



Another successful Show took place at the beginning of September, despite the driest/hottest summer for years and despite most Coleshill gardeners stating they had 'nothing' in their gardens. Horticultural entries were, certainly down a little on previous years, but regulars rallied round by submitting plenty in the cookery and craft sections.

The new adult craft challenge – to produce something sculpted from pastry – produced some clever and humorous exhibits and we will keep this in for at least one more year in case others have been inspired. It is always nice to see newcomers taking part and even more fun when they beat the regulars!



Well done to Mrs Sheila Inwood, who won both the pastry and the Whitefield Cup for best overall photograph and also to young Taylor Richardson who won the prize for child who had made the most effort. The Society is especially grateful to Rosemary Valentine, who provides the Magpie Award each year. This stimulates some of the children who get restless after the first week of the school holidays. You need not be the best at anything, it's the trying hardest which often pays off most.

Lindsey Haubner



To find out more about the Horticultural Society go direct to our web page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/horticultural_soc.htm

Cricket Club

With all the boys of Coleshill Cricket Club hibernating the cricket meadow is quiet once again.

The plans for the 2004 season are being made and hopefully the players diets will not include too much Christmas Pudding. We are praying for some rainfall before the start of the season to put some 'green' back in the pitch and help Vic with his work.

The winter will feature some bad darts on a Monday nights and some clubhouse improvements with the large windows at the front of the pavilion being replaced.

Next season's projects include repairing the outdoor nets, replacing some of the ground equipment, continuing the junior nets run by John and winning the league!

If you are interested in becoming a Vice President please contact John in the Red Lion.

Throughout the winter the Clubhouse is available for hire, please contact Graham on 01494 728562 for details.

Have a good Xmas and see you on the boundary rope.

Graham Flack

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Pastry Art - Fish by Sue Windsor

Diary Dates

Monday 1 st December	Coleshill Christmas Bazaar
Sunday 7 th December	Common Working Party
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas Nativity Play
Thursday 18 th December	Red Lion Annual Party
Friday 26 th December	Boxing Day Golf
Wednesday 31 st December	Red Lion New Years Eve Party
Friday 9 th January	Church Flower Fund Coffee Morning
Tuesday 13 th January	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 18 th January	World Leprosy Week
Friday 30 th January	All Saints' Charity Murder Mystery Evening
Tuesday 30 th March	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 25 th May	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 20 th July	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 21 st September	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 23 rd November	Parish Council Meeting

Marquee Hire



You may have seen at the Fete the splendid new marquee purchased by the Parish Council. It is approximately 25 foot long by 12 foot wide with side curtains and windows (not shown). Villagers can hire the marquee for £25.00 per day and a deposit of £75.00. Contact John Jefford or David Hall for more details.



Contact Numbers

Reverend Tim Harper - Rector	724426
Dorothy Potter - Parish Secretary	729380
Dumpy Swerling - All Saints' Pro-Warden	873931
Patsy Wright-Warren - All Saints' Pro-Warden	433356
John Brumwell - Parish Treasurer	724704
Ruth Murphy - Hon Secretary All Saints'	433539
Catherine Green - Church Flowers	724922
Ruth Murphy - Organist & Choirmaster All Saints'	433539
Frank & Heather Auton - Newsletter	431036
Susan Smith - Clerk Parish Council	724490
Ann Lawrence - Village Hall Bookings	433421
Marianne Holt - Magpie Club & Parish Youth Worker	723793
Jenny Earp - Head teacher Village School	727206
Jack & Lindsey Haubner - Neighbourhood Watch	722589
Catherine Green - President Coleshill W.I.	724922
Amanda McCallum - Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	725083
Jane Stainer - Coleshill Horticultural Society	725671
Angela Perry - Secretary Coleshill Tennis Club	721865
Graham Flack - Secretary Coleshill Cricket Club	tba
John Holland - Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	729357
John & Chris Ullman - The Red Lion	727020
Chris Wege - Common Management Committee	724152

Parish Councillors

David Hall	Chairman of Parish Council	725231
Richard Valentine	Vice-Chairman of Council	725794
Jan Atkinson	Member of Parish Council	434830
Frank Auton	Member of Parish Council	431036
Tony Barber	Member of Parish Council	722143
John Jefford	Member of Parish Council	433230
Mike Smith	Member of Parish Council	tba

Services in the Parish

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

All Saints', Coleshill

Christmas Services

Sunday 14 th December	5.00 pm	Christingle Service
Thursday 18 th December	11.00 am	Coleshill School Carol Service
Sunday 21 st December (followed by tea in the Village Hall)	4.00 pm	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Day	9.00 am	Holy Communion & Family Carols

St Mary's, Old Amersham

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

