



Best Kept Village in Bucks

NEWSLETTER

*Christmas
2004*

Re-incarnation

Some religions teach that after death we come back again, to live another life, this time as something or someone else. Perhaps our status in the next life will be affected by whether we have been good or bad in the current one.

If this is true, I wonder what I did wrong in the past to be re-incarnated as Rector of Amersham?

Christians do not believe in re-incarnation; we understand that the Bible teaches a one off doctrine of 'Incarnation.' What does this mean?

Quite simply, that God became a human being in Jesus Christ. Incarnation means 'in the flesh'. What an amazing thought, the remote transcendent God is born into a body like ours, with all its frailty and vulnerability. Jesus, who is God 'Incarnate', shows us how life should be lived, and points the way to Heaven; our sins are forgiven and our shortcomings made good by his perfect life, death and resurrection. Powerful stuff!

Christmas is the Christian Church's special time for remembering the 'Incarnation'. So will you be celebrating with us?

Tim Harper

History of All Saints'

A history of All Saints' Church Coleshill is about to be published. It is written by Michael Andrews Reading with full colour photographs by John Jefford. His attractive and informative little booklet will be on sale from the end of November 2004, priced £3.00 and available from Patsy Wright-Warren.

All Saints' Charity

A chance to get the first event of next year into your diaries! To launch the twentieth year of the charity, we will be holding an Auction of Promises and Dinner on Friday February 4th 2005.

When we ran a similar event ten years ago, we were delighted that generous villagers donated fifty promises. If you can offer a promise for this event - services or gifts - please contact Patsy Wright-Warren, Marigold Curling, or any member of the committee.

News from All Saints'

Carolynn Croisedale-Appleby

We welcome Carolynn following her Ordination at Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford on Sunday 26th September. She took her first service that evening at St Mary's. By now, many in the village will have met her. We all look forward to getting to know her better in the months ahead.

Bishop of Buckingham

The Bishop has accepted an invitation to visit the Parishes of Amersham with Coleshill, and is coming on Sunday 16th January 2005. It is hoped that there will be a joint service at St Mary's at 10.15am but the details are to be confirmed. The Bishop is new to the post, and it will be an opportunity to see and hear him. So please help represent Coleshill at the service.

Chris Wege

Honorary Secretary - All Saints' Church Committee

Throughout the Newsletter you will have noticed the illustrations of animals.

Holy Baptism

William James Swerling

4th September 2004

Shanah Mary Ashby

10th October 2004

Evie Alexandra Horridge

10th October 2004

In Memoriam

Kay Plumbly

Kay, who died on 8th July 2004, was a long-term member of the congregation with her husband Philip, who continues to worship with us.

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



All Saints' Church Flowers

The Flower Arranging Group have had another busy year making the church look good, not just for weekly services but for the major festivals, Easter, Harvest and Christmas.



Many thanks are due to all those who give their time and expertise, not to mention flowers and foliage, to make this happen, not forgetting the school Mums who organise Mother's Day posies and the Christmas tree and crib. We are a friendly bunch and would be delighted to welcome anyone with an interest in helping with the flowers.

Next year we are planning to hold a FLOWER FESTIVAL on the first May Bank Holiday (Saturday 30th April - Monday 2nd May) so please book this in your new diaries now. We shall be hoping for sponsors for the flower arrangements which will be stunning!

There will be a Bring and Buy Coffee Morning for the Flower Fund on Tuesday 8th February 10.00 - 12.00 at Rosewood, Barrack Hill - always a popular social event and a chance to shed any unwanted Christmas gifts which may be exactly to someone else's taste!

Look forward to seeing you there.

Catherine Green



Global Village - Pakistan

Dear All,

Mother and Susannah arrived safely home after a three week stay with us. We enjoyed their time with us hugely, miss them already but are now resting! A record of their visit. We drove up into the foothills of the Himalayas to visit Nathiagali. The Pakistani drivers treated our visitors to a nerve shattering display of their skills and they oohed and aahed at the many misses on route as we climbed the narrow, winding roads with a hairpin bend every 100 metres. On to Nathiagali for lunch in a road-side eatery where we battled with the flies but thoroughly enjoyed freshly cooked chicken (non-spicy) and nan, hot from the oven, all eaten with fingers. A touch more real Pakistan when the ladies went shopping in Rawalpindi. Shopping featured once again in our week, loads of jewellery, Ma had a pair of trousers made, I have a huge copper cooking pot from Saad Brass and we collected a picture which is now hung at the top of the stairs.

We dined with a friend from DFID, at a dinner party. More manicures, hairdo's, tennis lessons and the British Club where mum enjoyed her first all-day British breakfast. We hosted a party for 80+. The tables were decorated Pakistani style, the garden, shamiana and terrace were festooned with fairy lights and the red carpet laid up the drive. The pre-dinner drinks were served on the first floor terrace and the band entertained us all in the drawing room. The DHC's cook was in charge of the food (Chinese) and the staff of about fifteen. Everyone appeared to have a good time, the band rocked, the staff got roaring drunk to the extent that two crashed their bikes on the way home! We ran low on water (Pakistan is already suffering from a drought) so the bowser had to visit us half way through the evening, together with the electrician - Derek was concerned that the band plus the fairy lights would blow our system. You couldn't get near the house for parked cars. A late night for us all but we all had a ball.

Thankfully we had some rain in the week so the humidity has reduced and although remaining hot, about 100 degrees, life is more bearable. The ladies spent an incredibly interesting day at SACH, an NGO working with us on the issues surrounding human rights for women, joining in with their student programme and learning about their work. Susie is now planning her thesis around the subject. In the evening we ate out at an Italian restaurant - almost but not quite like home - no chianti.

I went by official car to Mirpur, close to the Mangla dam to open the new FedEx office, which I did with TV cameras, newspapers et al recording my every move.

Love and blessings

Alex & Derek Pond *FCO Pakistan*

Red Lion

It is difficult to believe that Christmas is upon us once again and so here is the usual report on our activities over the holiday period. We are open for drinks on Christmas Day from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm and we hope to see as many villagers as possible for a traditional greeting! We will be closed on the evening of Christmas and Boxing Day, but have to remind you of the Golf Challenge on Boxing Day, from 10.30 am at Pools Patch.

On New Years Eve we will be providing a complimentary hot and cold buffet and a glass of bubbly at midnight. No fixed closing time, and this year I have not been persuaded to do another 36 hours - although you never know!

Some of you may know we were awarded Runners-Up by Chiltern District Council in this years Community Pub Competition and as a result were entered in the Morning Advertiser's national competition. In October we were 'short-listed' in the London and Home Counties Regional Section, and Chris and I were interviewed for over an hour by one of the judges. I hope we did not give away too many village secrets! The results are to be published in December 2004, so watch this space.

The season is too young to report much on progress of the pub teams. The annual petanque championship will take place in December as a Christmas event and all are welcome to enter. Details will be given in the pub towards the end of November.

John Ullman

Congratulations
To Chris & John Ullman
for 15 years as our hosts at the
Red Lion - Coleshill

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

Parish Council

Congratulations to all Coleshill Villagers, we have won 'The Morris Cup' in the Best Kept Village competition and if that was not enough we also won 'The Wilkinson Sword of Excellence' which is awarded for the highest score in the small town and village categories. The Chairman of the Parish Council David Hall accepted these awards on behalf of the village at a presentation which took place on Sept 25th 2004 by the village pond. The presentation party included Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Vice Lord Lieutenant, judges and members of Bucks Association of Local Councils (BALC). The competition is sponsored by Calor Gas and they presented the Village with a cheque for £500 along with the trophy certificates and the spectacular sword. The presentation party were very impressed with the number of villagers present and a good time was had by all. Winning this competition has gained us automatic entry into the National competition, which the judging for the south east division took place on October 21st 2004. At the time of writing this piece I have not had notification whether we have won, let us hope I do have the good news soon.

The Chairman and Parish Councillors are still in negotiations with Bucks County Council concerning the proposed new speed limits that are to be introduced in the village. It has been a long hard slog but the end is in sight and these restrictions look likely to be put in place late spring to early summer in 2005.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 23rd November 2004 in the small hall of the Village Hall, the meeting starts at 8.15pm and after the minutes of the last meeting are read and signed the meeting closes for the democratic ¼ hour. That is the time that members of the public can ask questions. When the democratic is finished the Parish Council meeting re-opens. You stay until the end of the meeting or leave then.

When you are reading this piece I will have completed the New York Marathon with Terry Power; both of us would like to give a big thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

Susan Smith
Clerk to the Parish Council

Susan Smith and Terry Power successfully completed the New York Marathon

'I had a fantastic time doing the marathon and did quite a good time to boot.'



Village of the Year



Coleshill Common

The conservation work parties continue through November and into December. Anyone is welcome to come along and see what goes on, and join in if they wish.

November	Saturday 20th	2.00 p.m
December	Sunday 5th	10.30 a.m

Chris Wege

Tennis Club

The Race Night fund raising evening was a great success and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The 'Pig Race' held at the end of the evening was particularly entertaining, as was the singing!

Our AGM was held at the beginning of the month, it was not well attended but perhaps this could be a sign that members are happy with the way the Club is run.

The Club is currently participating in the Farnham Common Winter League. The match players are trying hard; both Teams, Coleshill I and Coleshill II, with varied success. We do now have the results for the High Wycombe & District Mixed Tennis League of last Summer; Coleshill I were placed 4th and Coleshill II were placed 7th. Even though the matches are very competitive, all participants seem equally eager to enjoy themselves.

Consideration is currently being given to the Club participating in the Bucks Veterans League. More information on this will be given on the Notice board if we manage to have sufficient numbers wishing to compete.

Happy tennis.

Angela Perry

Horticultural Society

This is a 'dormant' period for the society when we take stock of this year's events and plan for next year.

We have plenty to think about, thanks to the questionnaires which were completed at the show and the ideas that have been suggested.

There seems to be quite a lot of interest in a Bring and Swap Plant Event for the spring, as well as talks, demonstrations and outings.

The Committee will be meeting later this month to put next year's programme together – so more news and dates for your diaries in the next newsletter.

Heather Auton, *Chairman*

All Saints' Christmas Cards



For the first time we have produced a lovely full colour card (shown above in black & white) which features a stained glass window from the church, photographed by John Jefford. These would be ideal Christmas cards, but as they contain no greeting, could equally well be used as thank-you notes, or for other occasions.

The cards measure 12cm square, and cost £4.50 for a pack of 10 (with envelopes). If you would like some, please contact Patsy Wright-Warren or purchase them from The Red Lion.

Coleshill W.I. Winners



Coleshill WI represented our local group of WI's in a Public Speaking competition this autumn - and won. Joan Domin gave a one minute introduction and Lindsey Haubner gave a one minute vote of thanks to an amazing talk by President, Eileen Gershon, whereby she managed to keep the audience rapt while she spoke of the birds she had seen on a recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. The hard part was restricting her talk to just three minutes but by describing how cock birds either fence with their beaks, puff up their chests to impress the females flying overhead, virtually cuddle their ladies with their wings or, as in the case of the Blue Footed Booby, dance the Booby Two step, all within easy watching distance of their human audience, she waltzed us to the winning place. The photographs show the team accepting the very impressive trophy from the independent judge.

Savoury Pies

Sinn Proctor provides
'Homemade Savoury Pies' during
the autumn and winter months
from 10.00 am - 2.00pm every
Saturday at Ongar Hill Farm, off
Magpie Lane. Individual courses
also available.



(A donation toward the cost of printing the Newsletter was

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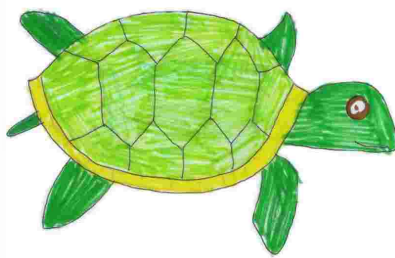
School Christmas Card & Calendar



These are all drawn by pupils of the school and feature in this years School Christmas Card and Calendar. The cards (shown here in B&W) are full colour in packs of ten for £4.00 per pack. The full colour A4 size Calendar is £4.00 and there is also a tea towel for £3.00. All these items are available from the school. Please make cheques payable to Coleshill CE Infants School Parents & Friends.

Apologies to any one whose picture is not shown - it has not been possible to reproduce every picture in the Newsletter due to space

and the limitations of black & white printing - they are all splendid and they will be available to view in full colour on the School page of the Village web site.



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Christmas Greetings to all Friends in the

Joan Allan

David & Jan Atkinson

Heather & Frank Auton

Allen & Barbara Banks

Kate, Tony & Pauline Barber

John & Rita Bennett

Nigel & Sue Bilderbeck

Peter & Jennifer Brock

Peter & Petrina Clackett

The Codling Family

Nancy Collier

Penny, Ken & Edward Crossley

Jean & Leslie Croydon

Marigold Curling

Pat, John & Fiona Dawson

Barbara & Peter Dodds

Sylvia Dollemore

Andrew & Joan Domín

The Eardley Family

Tom & Sandra Ellison

Pat & Jack Emblow

Peter & Eileen Gershon

The Gajadharsingh Family

Robin Ferguson & Dorothy Gajadharsingh

Catherine & Howard Green

David & Sharon Hall & Family

Denis Hall

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

Derek & Heather Hollamby

John & Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter

Barbara, Bill & Guy Houlton

Joyce How

John Jefford & Pantip

Geoff & Ginny Jordan

Chris King

Florence Krebs

~~January 2004~~
and Happy New Year
Village from



Peter & Ann Lawrence

Marjorie Long-Brown

Hilary, Owain & Ella McGuire

Henry Maynard & Barbara Tempest

Rosalind Pearce

Terry & Bernice Pethica & Family

Alex & Derek Pond

Sinn & Tim Proctor and the ducks

Kim, Joe, Tanya & Taylor Richardson

Mary & Nick Sadler

Rosie, Laura, Matthew & Antonia Searles

Susan & David Smith

Graham & Dumpy Swerling

Chris & Hazel Thomas

Richard & Rosemary Valentine

Chris & Mary Wege

The Wolfendale Family

Patsy Wright-Warren

Patrick & Carolyn Leventon

Val, Kim, Tara & William MacGreevy

George & Pat McNeil

Ron & Ruth Murphy

Angela Perry & Peter Ellingham

George & Barbara Plumridge

Jean & John Powell

Micky Prothero

Colin, Gillian, Clare & Fiona Sach

John Savory

Ewart Smith

The Spencer Family

Jayne & John Swindin

Hazel & Graham Thorne

Dick & Penny Ware

The Willoughby Family

Phyllis Wright

Christmas in the Kalahari

Out of the blue last Autumn, a friend asked me to help him oversee a game farm in the Kalahari while the staff went home over Christmas.

‘Yes’, or possibly ‘At last!’

We had a few adventures on the way. One evening when staying on a game farm near the Limpopo, elephants invaded the camp, crunching about in the darkness that was exciting - like a very threatening game of hide and seek. Later one returned and easily flipped over the Toyota to get at our provisions. Another

guest had bravely confronted it; they scared each other away, but a moral victory to him for giving away a couple of tons to his opponent! The Toyota was fine. All I’d say is don’t enter elephant country with a vegetarian!

We set off into the Kalahari Desert and visited two Trans-Frontier National Park reserves. Firstly, a beautiful wild area the north called Kaa where it had rained well so the desert had bloomed. Then we visited

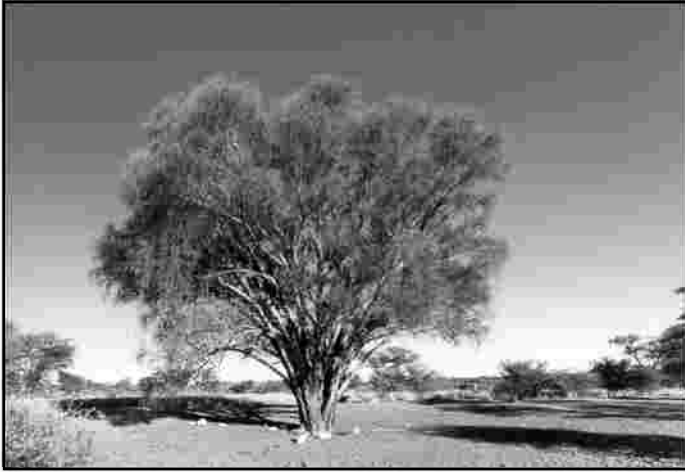


Mabuesehbe Park on the eastern border and the lions visited us! Every night as you zip yourself into your tent you tremble a little with anticipation. You lie there listening to the night sounds as you drift off to sleep but then one night you are startled into instant alertness by the deep roar of a lion. You can’t believe the two layers of ripstop nylon will be any defense against those terrible claws and jaws. But, they are, virtually all tales of attacks from lions involve people being seen by the lions. It seems that they are stimulated to attack by sight not scent.

My companion had a plan for lions involving a sacrificial T-shirt, a Body Shop bottle of paraffin and a cigarette lighter. I’d lie there in my tent mentally rehearsing the routine. Soaking the T-shirt in paraffin seemed fine but speedily coordinating unzipping the tent, lighting the shirt and hurling it at the advancing lions without them grabbing me first or me burning the tent down was like one of those nightmares in which the end never arrives. It’s an old trick but it might just NOT work Nigel! Well, one night they did indeed turn up, frayed my nerves for an hour and rumbled off into the night again.

The game farm is about 25,000 hectares. (The Chiltern District is about 20,000 hectares.) Nights were a challenge, but now it was heat and instead of lions there were galloping





spiders with big fangs called 'solifuges' to keep me on my toes. I felt too vulnerable to sleep with the windows wide open; there were leopards about though one book I read on wildlife commented that in Africa the leopard has never been a man hunter. It concluded with a fascinatingly chilling piece of advice: 'Never, under any circumstances test a leopard!'

Every evening a procession of beasts would stroll up to drink at the

waterhole. The wildebeest would come cantering along with their see-saw stride and their steel grey bodies and black topknots making them look like sort of ragged train and then skittle the other animals out of the way. In the morning I would get up well before sunrise and watch them slowly evaporate into the bush with the coming light. Some of the best sights were the birds, in particular, a Martial Eagle lift off and cruise down the pan like a small light aircraft, and watching the Lanner Falcons and the Doves jousting for survival. Rains had been poor, the larger herbivores were suffering but dark rain clouds would appear across the northern and western horizons daily and seem to just peer at us malevolently like a huge line of meteorological apaches then troublingly retreat as if deterred by a cruel influence.

The farm is overseen by a splendid man, Ian McFarlane, at 77 still quick and vital and generous spirited. However he is someone who has made his living out of arranging for others to spend a lot of money to kill beautiful animals for pleasure. As I read somewhere, there is a strange fascination for wealthy men in killing big beautiful animals. I could not kill for pleasure though I think there are good reasons; self defence, food and pest control. One interesting contrast between our two native lands is reflected in the activities of the 'citizen hunter', considered a scourge in Africa. I suppose our equivalent is the rough shoot or the poacher? In Britain we eat meat that has been raised unnaturally but for pleasure we shoot a small range of 'game' species whilst ignoring species some introduced and edible, that have reached pestilential levels. The key word is – 'hunting', the adventure of the chase, using the skills and endurance that we have evolved. So, Ian encompasses in his life so many impressive aspects of living by being a hunter; curiosity, observation, bravery, endurance, learning resourceful practical skills and a sheer energy for living. People like him never look backwards.

The Kalahari seemed to me to be a



lovely mystery but the traditional key to understanding by outsiders – the San Bushmen - are now sadly all but gone. They are the main influence missing from the Kalahari environment and I felt the loss of not having someone of that nature to ‘show me around’, as I might show someone around the Chilterns. Through the idea of the San, the Kalahari carries an idea of it being a home, as though it were a discrete environment in which people could live well through familiarity.



The Kalahari Desert lies in a basin of impermeable rock that was once an ancient sea. The sand within fills with water during the summer rains and returns the water slowly throughout the rest of the year to its inhabitants. It doesn't present the conventional idea of a desert, it is neatly vegetated by small evenly spaced trees giving it an appearance of a huge park frayed by the multitudinous chaos of life. It is formed of lovely caramel coloured gently undulating sand ridges. It seems a gentle variation on quite a simple theme. Close up the chaos of nature is noticed in the tracks and signs of wildlife scribbled in the sand and the litter of natural materials which seem to be decaying so very slowly here in the desiccating atmosphere. The sense of wildness is a combination of this chaos enhanced by the anonymity of its vast scale.

I wonder what will become of the Kalahari without the San, apart from the loss of precious knowledge that sustained our evolution? Surely, there will be environmental changes as they must have had an influence with all their generations of hunter gathering, and fire making. We think that the influence of humanity on wild environments alters it in a negative way but in the case of these people they were part of the balance. So it was that the Kalahari with its clandestine life and the parallel universe of the wilderness stimulates curiosity in the many natural mysteries that you encounter. But, no-one seems left who knows to show me around.

Graham Thorne



Grenada Hurricane - thanks

The Christmas Spirit arrived early in Coleshill this year, when, at the end of September, our request for assistance for the hurricane damaged island of Grenada in the Caribbean, was met by a most generous response. Our house and front drive overflowed with black bags of clothing, bedding, batteries and food, donated by the ever caring people of Coleshill - and by the many people from beyond the village. The kind concern expressed by you all was very moving. The islanders to whom we sent assistance are, in our experience, cheerful, morally aware and proud people, but have so very little in material terms. We know that every single item donated will have been much appreciated. The islanders are still busy rebuilding their homes and their lives, and on their behalf, we thank you all.

Peter & Barbara Dodds

Village Hall

The Village Hall has its usual busy time before Christmas with Charity Suppers and the School Christmas Bazaar.

The regular hirers, including the various fitness groups that use the Hall, have their 'in house' parties before they finish for the Christmas holiday.

Our new rates have been set for the New Year; the Resident Rate for the Large Hall being £10.45 an hour. This is a very big discount for the personal use of residents who live in the Parish of Coleshill.

We have a booking for October 2007 so please book early for your special date!

Ann Lawrence

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



Neighbourhood Watch

How lovely to be able to report a quiet period since July, when we had our last two burglaries. They haven't gone away completely, though. One previous victim was again woken by a security light coming on and saw a torch being shone into the house. In that instance, the police were called and they not only sealed off the village but, as it was early in the morning, also stopped two cars travelling on the A355 as well. No-one was caught.

Operation Ganymede has now finished, so you are less likely to be stopped in the village at night. The operation took place over eight weeks from August, as that is a known time for an increase in crime. Many officers from different divisions were involved, including road traffic officers operating Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) equipment, dog handlers, the mounted section, support groups, drug enforcement and CID. This was a chance for 'real policing' with every offender arrested being immediately passed to CID so that officers could get straight back on to the street. Known offenders and vehicles linked to crime and hot spot areas were targeted by police officers. Search warrants were issued daily to enable searches of property of known offenders. The results of this operation were 412 arrests, 104 of these being charged and a further 42 going to court, 95 are still on bail and over £20,000 of drugs and property were recovered.

So now Christmas is upon us again. Our house lights will be on, showing the outside world what we have within. Keeping curtains closed will keep our homes warmer and prevent outsiders seeing in. If buying Christmas presents, we are reminded by the police to take note of all serial numbers and if receiving new items for ourselves, use the UV pens which were given out at the police meetings to mark our goods. The Haubners have plenty more if you missed out on a pen.

Keep up the good work and have a happy, safe and secure Christmas.

Jack & Lindsey Haubner



Coleshill Infants School

The school continues to thrive and we were oversubscribed this term, with some parents having to appeal for places, so that is always good news for us. The governors continue to work hard for the school. I would especially like to thank Lindsey Haubner, who is stepping down this term. She supports the school so well and always gives us a mention in the 'Village Voice' if we have any events to advertise.

This term, the whole school has been taking part in the National Gallery's 'Take One Picture' project, which is based around a different picture every year. This year, the picture is Degas' Beach Scene. All the staff attended the National Gallery for a training day in September and since then, the children have produced some excellent work, with stunning displays inspired by the 'Beach Scene'. They compared present day beach holidays with Victorian holidays, designed and made Victorian hats and bonnets, (with the help of Miss Dollemore) and painted their own versions of the Beach Scene.

Our harvest festival took place in October and was well attended by parents and visitors. The children sang a mixture of traditional and modern hymns, including 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and the very boisterous 'The Most Magnificent Pizza'. The produce was sold and the proceeds of £125 were sent to 'Children With Leukaemia'.

The school is taking part in a government initiative for 'healthy living'. We had a healthy eating week and several visitors came to school to talk to the children about healthy food. The school nurse spoke about healthy lunch boxes, a representative from the Marie Curie charity spoke to the children about healthy eating. Mrs. Valentine, our Foundation governor, brought a wonderful collection of fruits and vegetables from her garden to show the children what can be grown at home. The project is ongoing, so if anyone has any expertise in healthy living, including exercise and would like to share this with the children, please let me know. We always welcome visitors at school.

Our Christmas play this year is 'A Present for the Baby'. We always appreciate an audience for our dress rehearsal, so if you are able to come you will be warmly welcomed on Monday, December 13th at 11.00 a.m.

A very happy Christmas from everyone at the school.

Jenny Earp



Cricket Club

Coleshill Cricket Club can look back on 2004 season with mixed feelings, the 1st team finished in the top half of their league division whilst the 2nd XI will face the prospect of 2nd division cricket in 2005 after an extremely disappointing season.

A big thank you to the Club Captain Barney Stay for his efforts throughout the year, the job of captain extends a long way beyond the boundary and takes up most of the week. Similarly massive thanks to Chris Bruin for his contribution for both the Saturday 2nd XI and Sunday XI.

John Ullman's colts training sessions have continued to be a success and some of the older lads are starting to challenge for starting places in the Club sides which is encouraging.

The August BBQ and firework event was an excellent and hopefully all those who attended enjoyed themselves, Jimmy Ullman is already planning his fireworks for next year!

By the end of the month Sujit will on his way back to Sri Lanka with hopefully many happy memories of Coleshill and the whole club hopes to see him again in 2005 (a nice guy and great cricketer).

So the cold and dark evenings will soon be drawing in and the cricket club will soon be closing for the winter, but there is plenty of work to be done on the pitch, nets, outfield and fence (we are in danger of becoming rabbit central). Before you know it though April 2005 will be here and the panic of teams, teas and balls will start again for the lucky few!

Graham Flack

Chiltern Welsh Society

The Chiltern Welsh Society has just celebrated its 5th Anniversary. During this time membership has reached eighty people who are either Welsh, have Welsh parents, have close Welsh connections or have an interest in Wales and Welsh matters. The 2005 Programme includes walking in North and South Wales, Summer Luncheon, St David's Day Dinner, Golf Day, 'Gymanfa Ganu', and theatre visit.

If you are interested in learning more about the Society and would like to join please contact:

Ann Lawrence Tel: 01494 727207

Coleshill W.I.

I am writing this listening to fireworks going off outside, reminding me that one of the letters that went from the W.I. to Cheryl Gillam, our Member of Parliament was on this very subject and played a small part in achieving the new firework legislation.

November is the month of our A.G.M. and this year three committee members are standing down causing a fair bit of arm-twisting to find replacements! Every organisation seems to have the same problem where people are either of an age when they deserve to enjoy retirement from such jobs, or they are too busy to fit anything extra into their schedule, or ill health prevents them from helping. However one of the joys of W.I. is that where there's a will there's a way. So we may have to adapt and do things slightly differently but Coleshill W.I. will march firmly on and we may even recruit some new members from other local W.I.'s that have had to close down.

Recently we've had a lot of fun. A trip to Wycombe Swan to watch 'The Shell Seekers' was much enjoyed and several members are off on a trip to Guildford soon, combining a bit of shopping with another theatre visit. At our last meeting the speaker acted out a variety of monologues and gave us all a good laugh, proving once again that most W.I. speakers are both professional and entertaining whether talking on educational subjects or simply providing enjoyment. The speaker at the Bucks Federation Council Meeting was excellent. The slightly unusual subject of Music for the Deaf had us wondering what to expect, especially as the speaker was profoundly deaf himself, but we should have had every confidence as he was a truly delightful, funny, and inspirational gentleman. Living proof of what can be achieved with determination and a sense of humour, not to mention thinking laterally!

On Wednesday 1st December at 11a.m. we are having a Sherry and Mince pie morning at 'Old Rafters' to help the Christmas spirit along and to boost our funds. Besides we thought it would be fun to have a purely social occasion and do what we do best, chatter and promote friendship! If anyone from the village would like to come and join in they will be made most welcome.

May I remind everyone that our meetings on the second Thursday of each month will start earlier at 2:00p.m. throughout the winter months.

Eileen Gershon

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Diary Dates

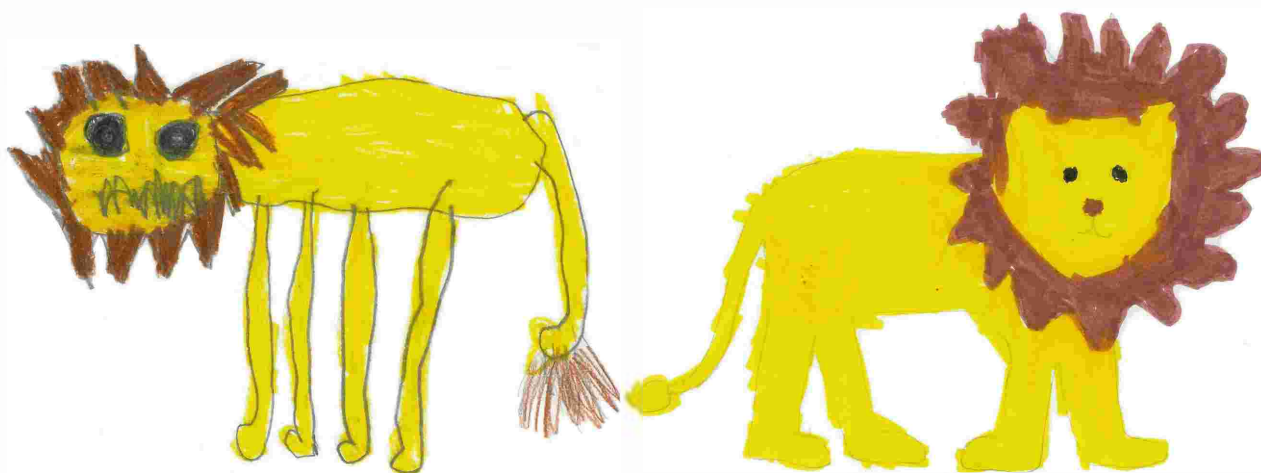
Tuesday 23rd November
 Saturday 27th November
 Wednesday 1st December
 Tuesday 14th December
 Wednesday 15th December

Sunday 19th December
 Tuesday 21st December
 Tuesday 8th February 2005
 Saturday 30th April - Mon. 2nd May
 Friday 4th February 2005
 Saturday 26th February 2005
 Wednesday 23rd March 2005
 Saturday 14th May 2005
 Tuesday 24th May 2005

Parish Council Meeting
 School Christmas Bazaar
 WI Sherry & Mince pie Morning
 Coleshill School Christmas Concert
 Coleshill School Christmas Concert
 (Dress Rehearsal Monday 13th - guests welcome)
 All Saints' Tea Party
 School Christmas Service
 Church Flower Fund Coffee Morning
 Flower Festival at All Saints'
 Auction of Promises and Dinner
 School Parents & Friends Quiz Night
 School End of Term Service
 School May Fayre
 School Parents Evening

Best Kept Village - thanks

A big thank you to all villagers who helped to clear up Coleshill in preparation for the successful judging. A special thank you to some of the younger members of the village who helped with the litter blitz including:- Katie Roxburgh, Matthew Woodgate, Luke Woodgate, Demi Woodgate and Tom Stainer.



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Patsy Wright-Warren - All Saints' Pro-Warden	433356
John Brumwell - Parish Treasurer	724704
Chris Wege - Hon Secretary All Saints'	724152
Catherine Green - Church Flowers	724922
Ruth Murphy - Organist & Choirmaster All Saints'	433539
Frank & Heather Auton - Newsletter	431036
Susan Smith - Clerk 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
Eileen Gershon - President Coleshill W.I.	727868
Amanda McCallum - Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	725083
David Smith - Coleshill Horticultural Society	724490
Angela Perry - Secretary Coleshill Tennis Club	721865
Terry Power - Secretary Coleshill Cricket Club	431186
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
Christingle	5 pm	Sunday 12 th December

All Saints' Christmas Services

Carol Service	4 pm	Sunday 19 th December Followed by tea in the Village Hall
Christmas Day Communion	9 am	Saturday 25 th December
Boxing Day Said Communion	9 am	Sunday 26 th December
Mothering Sunday	10 am	Sunday 6 th March 2005

