



Runner Up - Best Kept Village in Bucks

NEWSLETTER

*Christmas
2006*

Christmas is coming - the goose is getting fat

This autumn you may have seen geese flying in V-shaped formation migrating south. At the front is a leader doing the hard work. By pushing a hole in the air, he makes flying very much easier for those behind. The other geese follow, honking encouragement. After a while the lead goose gets tired, so another takes a turn, and so on in rotation. By this crafty dodge, the flock can fly three times further than if each were trying on their own.

If one drops out, two stay behind to assist, and form a mini V shape to convoy their weaker colleague back to the flock.

In a sense human beings are flying to Heaven. It can only be done in formation: the Church! Mutual encouragement is vital, as is being an active part of the formation, taking a share in the work and having a good honk.

Jesus is the formation leader, or the 'High Priest' as the Bible puts it. He does the hard work, and makes it possible for everyone else by going first. As Hebrews 5:10 teaches, 'Although Jesus was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest.'

What does this mean for other religions? Who knows. But one thing I do know, at Christmas I remember that Jesus the High Priest is my formation leader. He makes it possible for everyone else by going first. I believe the following of Jesus Christ is the sure route to heaven.

Tim Harper
Rector of Amersham with Coleshill



News from All Saints'

Reverend Derrick Carr

We congratulate Derrick on his appointment as Assistant Area Dean for the Amersham Deanery. This is in addition to his duties as a Non-Stipendiary Minister in Amersham and Coleshill. The Deanery area covers Gerrards Cross, Beaconsfield, Amersham, Penn, Penn Street, and Chesham.

Harvest Supper

The Supper on Friday 6th October saw the usual big crowd enjoying a very successful social occasion. It is extraordinary that one in six of the village inhabitants come together in this way each year.

The excellent main-course goulash was cooked single-handed by Angela Loewi, and many ladies contributed to the great range of desserts. The table arrangements were handled by Susan Smith. These two ladies, and the rest of the organising committee (Pat Dawson, Ruth Murphy and Dumpy Swerling), and many other helpers, deserve a big thank you for all their hard work.

The event is always a good fund-raiser for charity, and of the £500 raised this year, £300 has been sent to the South Bucks Hospice, £150 given to the All Saints' Church Flower Fund, and the remainder set aside to go towards providing the free tea that follows the Carol Service (this year on Sunday 17th December).

Patronal Festival Celebrations

On Sunday 5th November we celebrated not only our Patronal Festival but also the centenary of the church organ and 20 years of the present choir.

The occasion was enhanced by a Flower Festival, which took place on both the Saturday and Sunday, masterminded by Catherine Green. She and her team provided us with wonderful floral arrangements on the theme of The Church Year in Flowers, which added greatly to the atmosphere and spirit of the celebrations.

During Sunday afternoon Ruth Murphy and Gerard Anderson gave organ recitals and Dumpy Swerling and her helpers provided refreshments. The 6pm service was a Celebration of the Liturgical Year in Music and Readings at which around 80 people were present.

We are grateful to all those who contributed to making such a success of our celebrations.

Chris Wege

Honorary Secretary - All Saints' Church Committee

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' Charity

Our summer event was The Tempest in a splendid garden setting on a wonderful summer evening. A good audience enjoyed their picnic suppers and an interesting and highly amusing performance. In addition to the profit from the sale of tickets, there were many generous donations, which meant £998 was sent to The Rosanna Hospital.

Our autumn event was a treasure hunt with clues distributed around many local villages, and a barbecue held in the Cricket Field. Unfortunately it was not as well attended as the last one in 2004 but a good time was had by all and it raised a profit of £299.

The Charity was set up by the Church Committee in 1985 and at its meeting on Tuesday 7th November reviewed its first 21 years. During that time it has mainly supported Raphael and the Rosanna Hospital for both of which there was a personal contact in the village so that regular feed back could be received. The Committee welcomed and endorsed the activities of the Charity and supported the continuation of its work.

Patsy Wright-Warren
01494 433356

Holy Baptism

Sunday 15th October 2006 – Emma Willoughby

Holy Matrimony

Saturday 21st October 2006 – Samantha Manning and Andrew Smith



All Saints' Church Flowers



The Flower Team are still glowing in the aftermath of what turned out to be a full blown Flower Festival in honour of the church organ's 100th birthday. A great day had been organised by Ruth Murphy to celebrate the Centenary and what started out 'as a few extra floral arrangements, please' became 'The Church Year in Flowers'.

Many thanks to everyone who made it so special, both the arrangers and the visitors. The schoolchildren provided a lovely welcoming banner in the porch for this, and had also excelled themselves at Harvest Festival with an array of miniature scarecrows and little

animals. Special thanks to Catherine Watts for her brilliant ideas and to all who made the church look so colourful and cheerful at Harvest.

The next event is a Flower Arranging Morning on November 16th at 10am in the church with Susan Smith – all welcome – then on to Christingle, the Carol Service and Christmas.

If you are interested in joining us give me a ring or mention it to any of the flower arrangers. You will be very welcome.

Catherine Green 724922



Red Lion

Christmas falls this year on a Monday and so this means that we will not be serving food from Christmas Eve until lunchtime on Wednesday 27th December. We will be open as usual on Christmas Day from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm and on Boxing Day from 11.00 am until approximately 3.00 pm. The arrangements for New Years Eve will be the same as for previous years. We will be providing a complimentary hot and cold buffet for our regulars and a glass of bubbly at midnight. Let us know if you are coming so that we can ensure there is food for all.

The usual Golf Challenge will take place on Boxing Day with the first tee-off at 10.30 am at Pools Patch. As in previous years, only one club and one ball will be allowed and the one who reaches the porch of the pub in the least number of shots will be deemed the winner. In the event that competitors have equal scores, a play-off will take place from the top of the car park. Competitors are reminded that any damage caused is at their own risk.

Chris and I wish all our patrons a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and hope to see you over the festive season.

John Ullman

Tennis Club

At the time of writing, the first of the winter frosts has just arrived, bringing with it lovely clear blue skies. Fortunately the frosts have not yet stopped play! Whilst winter months can be frustrating because rain, snow, frosts and ice disrupt play, when there is a still, chilly wintery day the environment at the courts has so much beauty to be appreciated. We are so very fortunate with the siting of the courts.

This year's Fund Raising Event, a quiz night mid-October was terrific fun and the competition fierce. It was a very successful evening, thank you to everybody who attended and to the helpers who contributed to make the evening so enjoyable.

Notices have been posted advising of the AGM on the 13th November. Which will have taken place by the time you receive the Newsletter. Happy Tennis for the remainder of this year and Good Luck for next year!

Angela Perry

Many thanks to Angela for her many years as Tennis Club Secretary. Angela is stepping down as she prepares to say 'au revoir' before setting off for a new life abroad. Susie Gajadharsingh has agreed to take over as Secretary (to be confirmed at the AGM). Susie can be contacted on susiegaj@btinternet.com or telephone - 726603.

Parish Council

Coleshill Parish Council welcomes Peter Clackett who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council. Councillor Clackett is to take on the remit of 'Open Spaces'. He has told me that he is looking forward to walking the footpaths around the village and enjoying the beautiful countryside.

The village pond and its husbandry is still a hot bed of discussion; whether to let it dry out in the summer months or keep it topped up; should the ducks be fed bread or grain; to dredge or not to dredge. These are some of the questions that need expert answers. The Pond Conservation Board has visited our picturesque pond and they will, in the next two months, carry out an in-depth investigation of the pond, its bed, the silt, the springs that feed the pond, flora and fauna. It will suggest a programme for a two-year clean-up within an overall ten year plan for maintaining the pond in the best possible way. This report will take into account that many of the villagers of Coleshill will want to be included in the clean-up work; the dates for these 'working parties' will be posted on the Parish Council notice board.

After many years the Parish Council meetings will now start at 8.00pm instead of 8.15pm in order to allow the democratic period, which, since its inception has lasted for 15 minutes, to be extended to 30 minutes.

The meeting in January is to change from a Tuesday and will take place on Monday 15th January 2007.

If you have ever thought about, wanted to be or been told you would make a good Parish Councillor, remember the elections are on the 3rd May 2007. Why not put your name forward.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parish Council meetings.

Susan Smith
Clerk to the Parish Council

Thanks from Paul & Sue Windsor

As many of you will know Paul was recently taken ill with a heart attack. However, he has had treatment and is now back at home recuperating. Paul & Sue wanted to say thank you to everyone in the village who has wished them well and offered encouragement during Paul's convalescence.



Coleshill Common

This Autumn has seen the loyal band of volunteers again working on the Common. The recent task has been to rescue the seat which is situated at the top of the path from Wheatsheaf Cottage. Brambles and trees were rapidly covering the seat and its surroundings; these have been cut back, the roots dug out, the soil dug over and seeded with meadow mix.

The aim is to keep this area clear, to allow grass to re-establish and also to open out the view a little to make sitting there more attractive. A new seat (of simple rustic bench design) is also being made, and will soon be placed at the edge of the main grassland area below.

The Mushroom Tree has had its annual trim recently, thanks to Michael Connolley, and now looks the way its name suggests. The story of this tree is on the Village Web Page and it is also now officially a 'Special Tree of the Chilterns'. See www.chilternsaonb.org/special.

Volunteers are always welcome - any information about the Common's management can be had from Chris Wege

Chris Wege
724152

Neighbourhood Watch

The police have informed us via Ringmaster messages, that there have been seven distraction burglaries in the Thames Valley region in recent weeks. Thankfully, none of these have been in Coleshill but we are only a short car journey away. The felons knock on the door and when answered, barge their way in. The police suggest we STOP, CHAIN AND CHECK before answering our front doors.



Now that the clocks have gone back they offer some timely advice to help keep our homes secure. As we lose an hour of daylight we all need to remember to set timer switches and look out for vulnerable neighbours. If you are going out in the late afternoon and will not be arriving back until later, set a timer switch so your home looks occupied. Always remember to make sure you put your bins away after collection and make sure all garden tools and ladders are secure.

This is an awful time of year to be driving when it is sunny as the sun is so low in the sky. It makes it harder to see pedestrians in the village, especially if another car is approaching at the same time. Likewise, when it is dark, we are amazed at how many people walk along our unlit roads in dark clothing with no torch.

As the 30mph signs have made no difference to many drivers, it is up to us to protect ourselves and our children.

Horticultural Society

This is obviously a quieter time of year for the Committee, but we are planning the programme for next year.

We think that the talks that Timothy Walker has given in the last two years have been so entertaining and enjoyable that we have invited him back for next April. His topic will be: 'A Blaze of Glory', and he will help us to achieve colour in our gardens well into the autumn. Do put the date of Friday April 27th into your diaries now, as it is sure to be a popular event.

Having analysed the number of entries for this year's Show against those of previous years, we were not surprised to see the produce and flower entries down, in view of the extreme weather this spring and summer. However, it seems that changing the date had a negative effect on the volume of entries from children, and so we have decided to revert to our usual practice of having the Show on the first Saturday of September, before the schools go back. Next year this will be Saturday September 1st 2007.

We are still on the lookout for a permanent storage location for the Show's staging – surprisingly, it only takes up a space of 2m x 2m x 2m, and of course we only need access for one weekend a year. Has anyone got an empty shed or space in a garage or outbuilding that might be suitable? Please contact me if you can offer anything or if you have any ideas – we would be very grateful.

If anyone would still like any additional Diamond Jubilee mugs, at £5 each, then please get in touch with me.

A final thought – how about a plant swap area on the village website?

Heather Auton
Chairman

Neighbourhood Watch contd.

We hope you have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year holiday and remember that it is illegal to use fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except on New Year's Eve.

PC 1701 Gavin McVeigh is the Beat Officer for Coleshill. He is supported by PCSO 9714 John Webb. If you have any non urgent issues they can be contacted by phone on 08458 505 505 or you can email them at

gavin.mcveigh@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

or john.webb@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

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Christmas Greetings to all Friends in the

Heather & Frank Auton

Kate, Tony & Pauline Barber

John & Rita Bennett

Peter & Jennifer Brock

Julie Burton

Peter & Petrina Clackett

Nancy Collier & Chris King

Penny, Ken & Edward Crossley

Jean & Leslie Croydon

Marigold Curling

Pat, John & Fiona Dawson

Simon & Rosie Chilton & Families

Barbara & Peter Dodds

Andrew & Joan Domin

The Evans Family

Jonathan & Lindsey Eardley

Pat & Jack Embrow

Tom & Sandra Ellison

Catherine & Howard Green

Peter & Eileen Gershon

The Gajadharsingh Family

Robin Ferguson & Dorothy Gajadharsingh

Denis Hall

Andrew, Catherine, John & Simon Harvey

The Heilmann Family

David & Sharon Hall & Family

The Herbert Family

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

John Jefford & Pantip

John & Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter

Joyce How

Geoff & Ginny Jordan

Salisbury 2026
*and Happy New Year
Village from*



Florence Krebs & Ben

Peter & Ann Lawrence

Karen, Alan & Sam Lowe

Patrick & Carolyn Leventon

Hilary, Owain, Ella & Oliver McGuire

Mary Machin

Henry Maynard & Barbara Tempest

David & Ineke McCammon & Family

Rosalind Pearce

Ron & Ruth Murphy & Family

Terry & Bernice Pethica & Family

Angela Perry & Peter Ellingham

Alex & Derek Pond

Jean & John Powell

Micky Prothero

Sinn & Timothy Proctor and the ducks

Terence & Stephanie Prideaux

The Parker Family

Kim, Joe, Tanya & Taylor Richardson

Colin, Gillian, Clare & Fiona Sach

Jane & June Stefanovic

John Savory

Graham & Dumpy Swerling & Family

Susan & David Smith

Jayne & John Swindin

The Spencer Family

Chris & Hazel Thomas

Ann Trotman

Richard & Rosemary Valentine

Chris & Mary Wege

Penny, Dick & Dickon Ware

Sue & Paul Windsor

Phyllis Wright

Patsy Wright-Warren

Global Village - Pakistan

Dear Villagers, the Coleshill Autumn newsletter has just arrived in Pakistan by Diplomatic Bag. HRH and the Duchess of Cornwall arrived in Islamabad. As you can imagine the visit gave my Chancery colleagues sleepless nights, so much red tape and additional activity. The visit passed without major incident although their day in Peshawar was ruined by a riot. Fortunately for them they did meet us, in the gardens of the Residence with both of them stopping to chat. For those interested Camilla wore white or off white the whole time she was here, mostly silk and chiffon and her outfits were stunning.

I returned to the UK last week for 4 days and spent many hours touring the shops. A long way to go for 2 days of business in the City but a great opportunity to catch a glimpse of the flower festival at All Saints. Next visit in December on my way back from New York when I shall be able to stock up on Christmas fare at Tesco's (so thrilled) and when dear friend Ruth has permitted me to rejoin the All Saints' choir for the Carol Service.



Earlier today I attended the Remembrance Service at the War Graves Cemetery in Rawalpindi, beautifully maintained and a small oasis of peace in a very busy Pakistani city. It is always this time of year, from Bonfire Night onwards that Derek and I miss family and home most. It is very autumnal here, leaves are starting to turn on a small number of the trees, I have donned a cardigan and it is dark by 5pm. It has been cloudy since my return last weekend, gigantic claps of thunder yesterday evening but little rain and rather oppressive.

We both enjoyed a visit to Lok Versa (the museum) to attend a craft fair with every state in the country represented by stalls, food and entertainment. I am joining friends to climb the Margallas and meet Derek at the top of the third ridge where we shall lunch at the Chicken Shack. The next few weeks are full of engagements of one sort or another, shame I shall miss the panto but Christmas is not quite right in Pakistan.

Alex & Derek Pond
FCO Pakistan



The Hospice of St Francis

On Saturday 25th November the Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Berkhamsted Civic Centre giving everyone a chance to buy some Christmas gifts, decorations and cards. Doors open between 9.30am and 2.30pm

Also on Saturday 25th November the Chesham annual Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Chesham Town Hall. This is another opportunity to buy Christmas present, cards and decorations. Doors open between 9.30am and 1pm.

On Sunday 10th December our annual Light up a Life ceremony will be held in the Hospice grounds for the last time before we move to the new hospice on the outskirts of Berkhamsted. This is an opportunity to dedicate a light to a loved one who is no longer with us. The ceremony will involve carol singing and hot mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

On Monday 11th December our annual Carol Service will be held at The Sacred Heart Church, Park Street, Berkhamsted at 8pm. Admission free.

For more information or tickets please contact the Fundraising Office at 20 Kings Road, Berkhamsted or telephone 01442 878181

Village Hall

The Village Hall will be the venue for Christmas Parties which our regular hirers enjoy at this time of the year.

Hopefully they will notice the new carpet and upgraded W.C. which is part of the ever-continuing maintenance programme agreed by the Management Committee.

The Hall will be used in the New Year mostly by fitness groups which all villagers are welcome to use. Monday is Bowls Club night, Tuesday and Sunday have Fit Quick sessions and Ali Newell is adding Tuesday morning to her Monday and Wednesday successful 'Way to Go Fitness'.

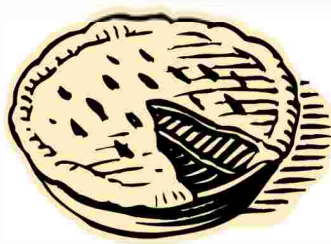
Please contact me on 433421 for further details.

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



Country Mini Market



The Market will operate on the 1st Saturday of every month in the Village Hall. Chiltern Farm Foods (pork & lamb, sausages, bacon, chops) Erskine's Fresh Organic Bread, Jams & Chutney, Chiltern Natural Foods, Archies Organic Vegetables, Sinnful Savoury Pies & Casseroles, Something Special Cakes and Pies, Free Range Eggs and many more.

NEXT MARKET - Saturday 1st December 2006

Anyone interested in having a stall contact - **Sinn Louis Proctor - 724149**

Live Musical Theatre

It has been a long time since the Village Hall resounded to live theatre and music. Not since the last Drama Society play or one of Lindsey Haubner's Pantomimes has there been live theatre in Coleshill.

So book Sunday 4th February 2007 at 7.30pm in your diary!

The Time Of Our Lives - Musical Theatre Company have been booked to present their latest show 'All The World's A Stage' - a musical revue to celebrate British theatre from medieval mummers to 20th century West End musicals. An hilarious mix of song, music and dance, stand up and sketch comedy. This Theatre Group have been performing on sell-out tours throughout Britain concentrating on neighbourhood venues for many years.

All proceeds to the local branch of Samaritans. Tickets from Frank Auton - The Rosary Cottage - 431036 or from The Red Lion.

I would like () adult tickets @ £10, () under 16 tickets @ £7 for 'All The World's a Show' on Sunday 4th February 2007

From:(please print)

I enclose £.....

(cheques should be made payable to Chiltern Samaritans)

Please complete and return to

Frank Auton

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

Live Music Theatre in Coleshill

TIME OF OUR LIVES MUSIC THEATRE
PRESENTS

All The World's A Stage

*A rollicking romp through the Golden Ages of British Theatre
from the Middle Ages to Present day.*

A hilarious mix of music, dance, stand-up and sketch comedy

Writer and Director Keith Myers

Producer Dympna Le Rasle

'A brilliant evening of sheer entertainment'



**Coleshill Village Hall
Sunday 4th February 2007**

Doors open 7.30pm

**Tickets £10 Adult, £7 under 16
Bar**

In aid of Chiltern Samaritans



Chiltern Samaritans

Volunteers are required for the Amersham based branch of Samaritans. Chiltern Samaritans need more volunteers to be able to continue their 24/7

availability to the 400,000 people in the Bucks area. Samaritans offer confidential, non-judgemental emotional support to anyone facing a crisis or feeling in distress, including when things seem so bad they are contemplating suicide.

Volunteers will join a supportive group of approximately 100 volunteers and will receive excellent training.

You will always work as a pair,



with the additional support of a shift leader and be based at our comfortable and secure premises in Amersham.

Samaritans work is primarily by telephone but we also receive callers to the Centre during the day and we offer a Samaritans email service.

The shifts are three hours long with one overnight duty every six weeks and can be arranged to suit your availability.

For further information call
01494-432000
or email



chilternsams1@btconnect.com



SSAFA Forces Help

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association help servicemen and their families at a time of real need. In the Spring of this year additional British troops left to serve in both Afghanistan and Iraq to augment our over-stretched forces engaged in intensely difficult military situations. As these men and women went on operation they left behind them thousands of loved ones who wait and pray for their safe return. Separation is always difficult for families and many people feel the need for extra support at these times.

SSAFA Forces Help, runs a nationwide Support Line for all Service personnel and their families. This provides a fully confidential, independent service aimed at listening to people who are experiencing any kind of difficulty. This includes calls from the families of the ex-Service community as well as those in the services now.

The issues people call about include anxiety, isolation, depression, bereavement, relationship breakdown and debt. The Support Line operates outside the military chain of command, thus ensuring full confidentiality. The Confidential Support Line number is free and it is open from 10.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. every day, 365 days a year.

The number is

0800 731 4880

The work of SSAFA is carried out by trained volunteers working closely with the Royal British Legion. Volunteers work flexibly in relation to days of the week and periods of the year. There is a local support network in five major sub-divisions of the County.

If any readers are interested in devoting some of their time to this valuable work then contact Victor Heron (SSAFA) or Craig Treeby (Royal British Legion,) both obtainable on 01844 218349.

John Lambert

Publicity Officer SSAFA Forces Help, Bucks



Coleshill Infants School

This term is very busy as usual with many exciting activities planned for the children, including a visit by a group of African drummers as well as the 'Great Shakes' professional theatre group who will perform 'Little Red Riding Hood' for us.

At the beginning of term, all the children took part in Art Week, learning about the life and work of the artist, Pablo Picasso. The children made a large picture of Picasso's 'Three Musicians' as well as producing individual paintings in the style of Picasso. The resulting display, currently in our entrance hall, is very bright and colourful.

In September the school took part in the celebrations marking the 400th anniversary of the birth of the poet and parliamentarian Edmund Waller, which were held in St. Mary's Church, Beaconsfield. (Waller was born in Coleshill in 1606.) A display of work, including a large collage of an oak tree and paintings of Waller, produced by our children, was placed in the church for the weekend's celebrations.

Harvest festival also took place in September and was well attended by parents and visitors. We had an excellent display of harvest produce, which was sold after the service. The money raised this year was sent to the Down's Syndrome Association.

Our Christmas Bazaar will take place on November 18th and as I write the Parents' and Friends' committee is busy preparing for this special event. Once again the parents have produced school Christmas cards, calendars and tea-towels using the children's artwork, all of which will be on sale at the Bazaar or available from school after that.

Our Christmas play this year is entitled 'Countdown to Christmas'. We always appreciate an audience for our dress rehearsal, so if you are able to come you will be warmly welcomed on Monday, December 11th at 11.00 a.m. Our end of term service will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 20th at All Saints' Church, which you are also very welcome to attend.

A very happy Christmas from everyone at the school.

Jenny Earp
Headteacher



Coleshill W.I.

Coleshill W.I. is already in festive mood. We've had a Sherry and Mince Pie morning and raised £150 to boost our funds as well as helping South Bucks Hospice by buying their Christmas cards. All who came had a good time and we were delighted to welcome friends from our W.I. Chesswoods Group. The Autumn Group Meeting included a speaker who gave an entertaining talk on Opera complete with musical interludes. Now I am busy cutting out seemingly endless white paper cracker shapes ready for the members to decorate after our A.G.M. This follows the success of drawing snowmen a couple of years ago as the decorations for our Christmas Lunch. They don't know I have this 'cracker' treat in store for them but by the time you read this everyone will have experienced a flash back to playschool days and survived the glue and glitter!

At our September meeting we did not have a speaker and this year, after the usual interesting anecdotes from the various small groups who meet to make patchwork, or discuss books or poetry, we played a new version of pass the parcel. This involved each member answering a personal question if the basket was in their hands when the music stopped. Despite some cheating everyone had a go and there was lots of laughter as members revealed where they had their first kiss, what their first job was, or told us about a holiday disaster, etc. It proved to be an excellent way of us all getting to know a bit more about each other!

In October we had a delightful talk on Wild Flowers with beautiful slides, and we can all distinguish a wild strawberry from a barren strawberry now! At the County Meeting there was an excellent talk on Antarctica with amazing slides, many taken at great risk to the photographer for our enjoyment.

In November many members from various W.I.s in Bucks gathered at Denman College, near Oxford, for a weekend of education, fun and laughter. We are so lucky to own such a wonderful place. Did you go to the Evening with Dame Stella Rimington at Wycombe Swan? This was hosted by the W.I. and proved to be a most interesting event and followed the successful evening with Dame Betty Boothroyd last year. I wonder who the Federation will invite next?

I joined Coleshill W.I. eight years ago when we moved to the village and I would like to extend a welcome to all newcomers and say that coming to W.I. is an excellent way to join in village life and feel at home with lots of new friends. Why not come to our meeting on Thursday, 11th January at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall and get the New Year off to a good start!

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

Diary Dates

Saturday 18th November	School Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 25th November	St Francis Hospice Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 1st December	Coleshill Country Mini Market
Monday 11th December	School Christmas Play
Sunday 17th December	All Saints' Carol Service
Tuesday 20th December	School End of Term Service
Tuesday 26th December	The Red Lion Boxing Day Golf Challenge
Thursday, 11 th January	WI Meeting
Monday 15 th January	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 4th February	Musical Theatre Evening at Village Hall
Friday 27th April	Horticultural Society Spring Talk
Thursday 3rd May	Parish Council Elections
Saturday 1st September	Village Show

Village Pond Art Installation



Local art student Sarah-Jayne Lipman found an imaginative and dramatic way of getting the message across that the pond needed help and used her site specific art project for her HND in Fine Art to demonstrate that villagers care about the pond.

Villagers were encouraged to send messages to be placed in bottles which were then hung from the trees around the pond. Sarah Jayne said she was overwhelmed by the response and the passion that people have for their local pond.



Contact Numbers

Reverend Tim Harper - Rector	724426
Dorothy Potter - Parish Secretary	729380
Dumpy Swerling - All Saints' Pro-Warden	873931
Helen Spencer - All Saints' Pro-Warden	725857
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 to the 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
Susie Gajadharsingh - Secretary Coleshill Tennis Club	726603
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

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Parish Councillors

David Hall	Chairman of Parish Council	725231
Frank Auton	Vice-Chairman of Council	431036
Jan Atkinson	Member of Parish Council	434830
Peter Clackett	Member of Parish Council	433034
Kim Richardson	Member of Parish Council	433304
Richard Ware	Member of Parish Council	722486
Lee Parker	Member of Parish Council	432983

Services in the Parish

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

All Saints' Christmas Services

Sunday 10 th December	5.00 pm	Christingle
Sunday 17 th December	4.00 pm	Carol Service Followed by tea in the Village Hall
Sunday 24 th December	4.00 pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service For under 5's
Monday 25 th December	9.00 am	Christmas Day Communion

