



*Christmas
2007*

Away with the manger

(To the tune of 'Away in a Manger')

"Away with the manger," the Councillors said.
"We daren't risk offence, use some cartoons instead."
Bright festive embellishments show us the way
To the shops in the High Street,
(for those who can pay).

For summer is over, and make no mistake,
We've just ninety nine days for your money to take.
"You love them? Then prove it!" the TV ads cry.
"Love is bought, we're still empty, we cannot think why."

Be near us Lord Jesus, we know you will stay,
When the hubbub dies down and the chill's on the way.
Your message of joy shall to all people be,
Unconditional love, for the truth sets us free.

(Words: Jane Sigrist)

In my last parish in the London Borough of Lewisham, the Christmas decorations, which consisted of meagre strands of orange and silver tinsel twisted around lamp standards, were put up on the first weekend in October! No one in our parish would wish the shopkeepers in Amersham anything but a good Christmas of trade. But it is surely up to the rest of us to keep things in proportion.

Christmas festivities have a habit of brutally exposing the reality of our personal relationships. Those which are good get better; those which are dodgy creak and groan. Often at Christmas people cheerfully remark to me "Busy time of year for you Rector." At the risk of blowing the gaffe on my fellow clergy, it is not Christmas itself which is busy, it is the New Year, when people have been exposed to the presence of their allegedly nearest and dearest for nearly a week without respite. Then I get busy!

And yet, the miracle of the Incarnation remains. To save us He became like us. And to know what God is like, look at Jesus. As C.S. Lewis put it, "God has landed on this enemy occupied world in human form."

Tim Harper
Rector of Amersham with Coleshill



News from All Saints'

Reverend Carolynn Croisdale-Appleby

Carolynn took her last service at All Saints' recently to the great regret of the congregation. She has been appointed as curate in the Beaconsfield Team. We will miss her care and affection. The loss to All Saints' is compounded by the news that Derrick Carr will be leaving at the end of the year.

Patronal Festival

The celebration of All Saints' Day took place on Sunday 4th November with a multi-faceted occasion. The choir was augmented by choristers from St Mary's and they sang a difficult anthem beautifully. During the service the new sound system was dedicated by the Rector, in the presence of family members of the late Mrs Long-Brown. Her legacy, together with a generous gift from an anonymous donor, has paid for the installation. The Loop system should in future be a help to those with hearing difficulties. Then the Rector dedicated the



new Wardens' staves, which were on show for the first time. Finally the fine new bench in the churchyard was dedicated to the memory of Pat McNeil who served All Saints' loyally as Verger for many years. George McNeil sat on the bench that he had given while the ceremony took place. The occasion was rounded off with coffee and croissants served in the Village Hall.

Remembrance Sunday

Villagers gathered at the War Memorial on the 11th November, joined by the congregation from All Saints'. They heard the Chairman of the Parish Council read out the names of the Coleshill fallen from two World Wars, and then observed the two minutes' silence. David Hall laid a wreath for the Council and Leslie Croydon laid one for the British Legion. This year everyone present must also have had in mind the young men who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan, and those who have returned maimed in body and mind. Coffee was served at the Red Lion afterwards at the kind invitation of John Ullman.

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'

Harvest Supper

The Village Hall was packed to capacity on Friday 12th October for the Harvest Supper. It was good to see a number of new faces there. The main course and the excellent deserts were all provided without charge by the team of helpers, to whom we give our grateful thanks. The money raised by the event totaled £850 which will be divided up between St Francis Hospice (£300), Scanappeal (£300), Church Flower Fund (£150) and the Carol Service refreshments (£100).

Churchyard Clear-up

Many thanks to those who helped with the Autumn Clear-up. The leaves were falling from the oak trees as fast as they could be raked up, but the end result was some useful work done on the borders and shrubs, and a good start on the annual leaf problem.

Chris Wege

Honorary Secretary - All Saints' Church Committee

Holy Baptism

Sunday 14th October 2007 - Thomas Ullman

All Saints' Charity

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will see an advance announcement about our Pantomime – The Babes in Hodgemoor Woods. This is the first time in many years that we have had a pantomime in the village and it is an entirely local one – written, directed, and acted by villagers. So do come along and visit us on 1st or 2nd February. We are including a matinee especially for younger visitors. Tickets will be on sale early in December and can be booked NOW from any member of the Committee. We expect a big run on them so don't delay! See you there!

Patsy Wright-Warren

433356



All Saints' Church Flowers



Thank you to the flower arrangers who provided such beautiful variety in the church from a stunning white and green arrangement incorporating broccoli and tiny bananas (okay they're yellow) to flaming reds, oranges and purples in flowers and foliage, and to others who kindly provided apples, tomatoes, pumpkins etc.

There will be three pre-Christmas weddings and then it will be no time at all before we are preparing for Christingle and Christmas with candlelit

Harvest Festival meant that once again the church was filled with colourful flowers and fruit with a spectacular display from the school children who had not only made Potato Heads but also some very smart scarecrows and pictures of fruit and vegetables. There was a wide range of vegetables from their school garden as well. Congratulations to all the children who took part and to Catherine Watts who inspires them and Jane Stainer too for her assistance.



arrangements. If you would like to be involved do ring - you don't have to be a church-goer.

The next Flower Fund Coffee Morning, always a fun social event, will be on Friday, January 18th at Hill House, Windmill Hill

Catherine Green
724922



Red Lion

The battle cry worked! Since the last Newsletter we have seen a number of new regulars from the village. We knew it would only be a matter of time. For information, over the Christmas period we will be open as usual for drinks only on Christmas Day from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. On Boxing Day the golf tee-off time from Pools Patch will be from 10.30 am, and following the unfortunate breakage last year, everybody will be monitored more closely. We will be closed again in the evening.

As in previous years we will provide a free buffet on New Years Eve for those who are joining us for the celebrations. Also, there will be a complimentary glass of bubbly at midnight, and our licence lasts until 11.30pm on New Years Day!

On the games front our teams have got off to a quiet start with wins and losses under our belt. Any villager who wants to play darts on a Monday or Tuesday evening; join the quiz teams on Tuesday evening; or fancies our chances at crib or dominoes on Wednesday evening, will be more than welcome.

A very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

John Ullman



**Memories of a long afternoon of
Morris Dancing in the summer of 2007**



Parish Council

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped tidy up the village pond and its verge on Sunday 4th November; they have done a fantastic job. I am sure the ducks appreciate all the hard work - just don't mention the heron who of late has visited many of the ponds in the village a little too often. The next tidy up will be in the spring. The date will be advertised on the notice boards and by email. If you wish to join the work party you will be made most welcome.

Planning applications in Coleshill can be viewed on the Chiltern District Council website. If you have any observations to make about a planning application, it can be done online.

The Parish Council meetings are also a good place to ask questions and make comments concerning all things in the village. At the beginning of the meeting the democratic ½ hour is held and you can have your say then.

I have been asked by Thames Valley Police to report potholes and bad road conditions to them. At their last NAG meeting residents voted to have road conditions a third priority, and it is the job of the local police to evidence recorded reports for the priority plan. Please email at susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk or telephone me on 724490 and I can pass on these reports.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 10th January 2008 in the small hall of the Village Hall the meeting starts at 8.00pm - we look forward to seeing you there.

Susan Smith
Clerk to the Parish Council

Thanks to all in Coleshill

Just a note to thank everyone for your concern over my health during my recent knee problems. It is at times like these that you appreciate the real meaning of village life and community.

I am on a slow but steady road to recovery but am not sure when I will be back on the golf course! Oh sorry - I mean back to work.

Thanks again for all of the sympathy and support.

Joe Richardson



Coleshill History Project

Project members have now met at the Village Hall on six occasions to exchange information and report on the progress of their individual research. Julian Hunt has introduced the different source material required to study big houses, farms, cottages, the Common, and Winchmore Hill. Members have worked on copies of the various census returns, trade directories, the 1840 Tithe Map, and the 1910 Rating Valuation Maps. A wealth of maps, deeds, sale catalogues and photographs have been contributed to the village archive, which is under the care of Peter Brock. John Powell has produced a full chronology of Stock Place. The census returns of 1851 and 1901 have been transcribed by Lindsay Eardley. Marigold Curling has obtained copies of the land taxes for 1800-1832 from Hertfordshire Record Office and these have been added to the archive. The log books of Coleshill Church of England School have been digitised and it is planned to make an abstract of their contents. The database of Coleshill people is growing rapidly and a project website will be launched in the New Year. Peter Brock has offered to be the 'Web-master'.



LOTTERY FUNDED

One of our early decisions of the group was to include Winchmore Hill in the project. This was a very industrious settlement, full of potters and chair makers. Until 1955 the hamlet was divided between the parishes of Coleshill, Amersham and Penn. Roughly speaking, the Coleshill part came up to the west part of the common and included the Potters Arms and the Plough Inn. The



road called The Hill, including the Primitive Methodist Chapel and the long row of potters' cottages was in Amersham. The east part of the common and the old Wesleyan chapel were in Penn Parish. In July 1955 needing to claim a grant for a recreation ground, the residents asked for an adjustment of the parish boundaries. Amersham RDC wanted all three parts of Winchmore Hill in Coleshill parish. After a local enquiry, they gave way to the arguments of the local ratepayers association with a 363 signature petition demanding that the

whole of Winchmore Hill should be in Penn and the boundary was moved .

Future projects include the scanning of post cards and photographs for inclusion on the web-site, and the transcription of the census returns and land taxes so that their contents can go on to the database of Coleshill people. As



Coleshill Cricket Club

The nights draw in and our thoughts turn to Christmas and as far away from Cricket as is possible.

Your average Coleshill cricketer usually hibernates around November time not to resurface until early April as the days get longer and the temperature rises above 12 degrees.

Following a disappointing season for the club with the 1st XI being relegated to Division 2 and the second team finishing bottom of their division, all the players have been asked to hold off from hibernating till after Christmas day.

We have all been instructed to write a letter to Santa this year asking him for an opening bowler who can release a ball at approximately eighty five miles per hour and an opening bat who will average above fifty per innings. Now assuming that we have all been very good boys this year, we are hoping our wish comes true.

On a serious note we are looking to recruit genuine cricketers for the 2008 season, and since we cannot rely on the guy with the red coat and the white beard, if you know any one who is interested in playing cricket next summer please let us know.

Lastly we would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year and our grateful thanks to all who supported us through this year in particular our very generous Vice Presidents.

On behalf of Coleshill Cricket Club

Chris Bruin
724152

Coleshill History Project contd.

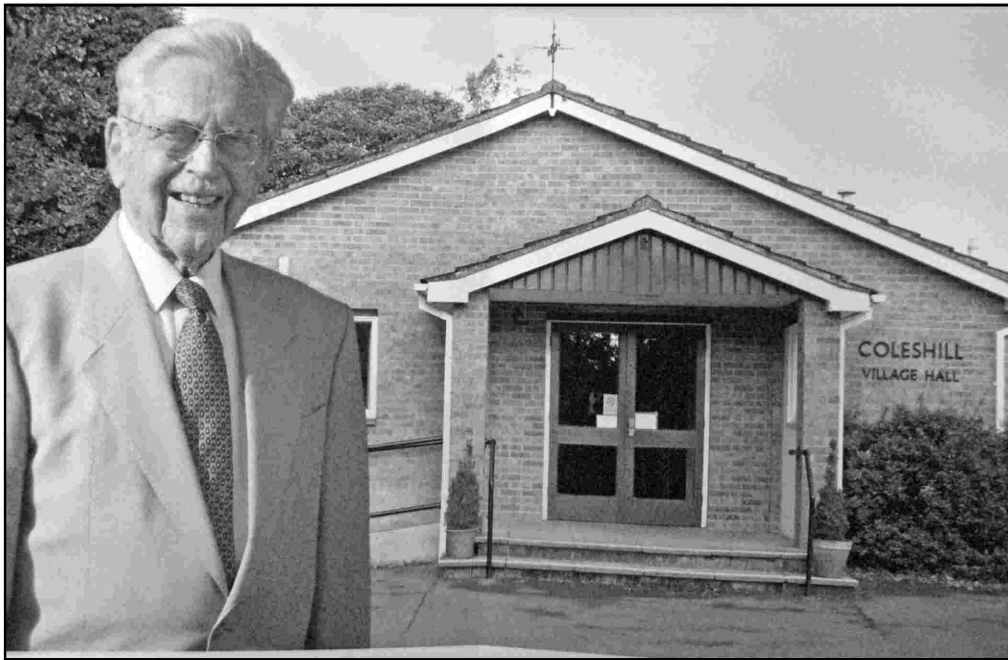
more members complete the histories of their and their neighbours' houses, these details will also be entered on to the database.

If you live in a house built any time within the last century, and have not yet become involved in our project, you may be curious about your own home and who lived in it. If so we have some notes on how to trace the history of your house, which could set you on a path to satisfy your curiosity. Please contact Peter Lawrence for any questions or queries about the project at Hampton House Chase Close or tispml@tiscali.co.uk or 727207

Peter Lawrence



Denis Hall and the Village Hall



A couple of years ago I realised that when I reached ninety the new Village Hall would have been open for twenty five years. So I immediately booked the hall for a party to thank all those concerned with the planning, preparation and building of the hall. Unfortunately many of those who did such excellent work are no longer with us so I extended invitations to those who have supported and used the hall over the last twenty five years. My memory is not as good as it was and I hope no-one felt left out. It is pleasing to see that the hall, now, is in as good a state, if not better, than it was when first opened.

Denis Hall



Horticultural Society

It's a busy time in the garden, raking up the fallen leaves and getting everything tidy for winter. 2007 has been a hard year with the adverse weather conditions; vegetables were not easy to grow and this fact was reflected by the number of entrants in fruit and vegetable section in the Village Show. Whilst the overall entrants were up it is thought that perhaps we need new ideas for different sections to be included in the Show. If you should have any ideas of what may make an interesting addition to the classes in the Village Show, please let us know. We are always open to new ideas whether you think iced cakes, knitted garments made by men, sculptures in wood or stone - we would be happy to hear of the ideas.

The date of the 'Spring Talk' and its subject will be confirmed early next year, this is always a good evening and we hope to see many of you there.

David and Susan Smith

Joint Presidents

davidsmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk

Carole McCulloch

Secretary

caroleanddan@btinternet.com

Village Hall

The present Village Hall is now 25 years old. The event was remembered by the President of the Village Hall, Denis Hall, when he celebrated his 90th Birthday on 21st October 2007.

This is a busy time at the Hall when our regular users have their Christmas Parties and our Church and School use the Hall for their celebrations.

In the New Year the Hall will be the venue for the Village Pantomime. Rehearsals are taking place each week so we look forward to seeing the production.

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



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Christmas Greetings to all Friends in the

Heather & Frank Auton

Kate, Tony & Pauline Barber

Rita & John Bennett

Nigel & Sue Bilderbeck

Peter & Jennifer Brock

Julie Burton

Nancy Collier

Peter & Petrina Clackett

Jean & Leslie Croydon

Penny & Ken Crossley

Simon & Rosie Chilton & Families Marigold Curling

Pat, John & Fiona Dawson

Barbara & Peter Dodds

Andrew & Joan Domín

Jonathan & Lindsey Eardley

Pat & Jack Embrow

Tom & Sandra Ellison

Janice & Stephen Foster-Jones

Peter & Eileen Gershon

Catherine & Howard Green

Robin Ferguson & Dorothy Gajadharsingh

The Gajadharsingh Family

Andrew, Catherine, John & Simon Harvey

Chris George

David & Sharon Hall & Family

Denis Hall

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

The Heilmann Family

John & Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter

Joyce How

Heather & Derek Hollamby

John & Pantip Jefford

Geoff & Ginny Jordan

Salisbury 2007
*and Happy New Year
Village from*



Florence Krebs & Ben

Peter & Ann Lawrence

Colin Lambert & Heather Dean

The McCallum Family

Hilary, Owain, Ella & Oliver McGuire Mary Machin

Henry Maynard & Barbara Tempest

Karen, Alan & Sam Lowe

Rosalind Pearce

Ron & Ruth Murphy

Terry & Bernice Pethica & Family

Jean & John Powell

Alex & Derek Pond

Sarah, Lee & Emily Parker

Micky Prothero

Stella & Tony Platzer

*Terence, Stephanie, Thomas & Henry
Prideaux*

Colin, Gillian, Clare & Fiona Sach

Kim, Joe, Tanya & Taylor Richardson John Savory

Jane & June Stefanovic

Susan & David Smith

The Swerling Family

Audrey & Len Tridgell

The Spencer Family

Penny & Dick Ware

Chris & Hazel Thomas

Richard & Rosemary Valentine

Chris & Mary Wege

Sue & Paul Windsor

Patsy Wright-Warren

Judith Wright

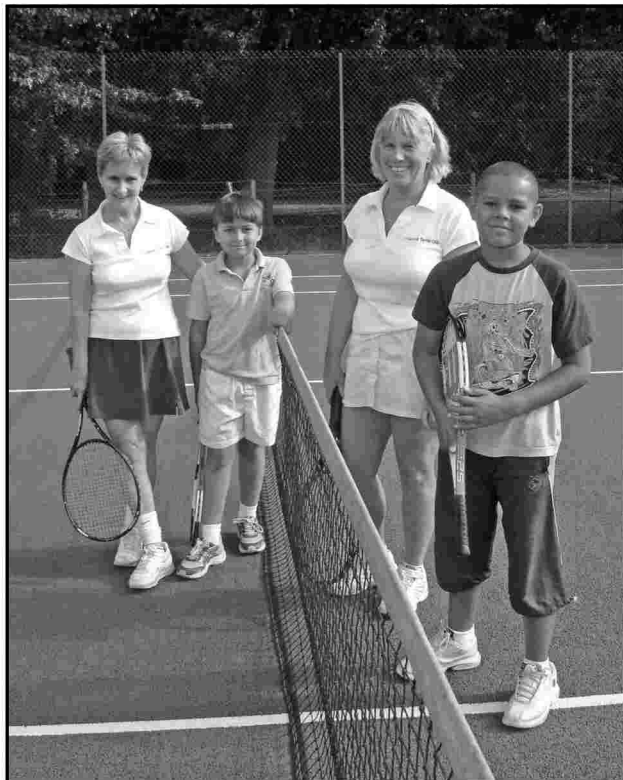
Phyllis Wright

The Ullman Family

Tennis Club

Autumn is here, the leaves have fallen onto the court, kind souls have removed them and play continues at the club. During the summer many competitive league matches took place, and fun, social tournaments were held. The last of these was the Generation Tournament. This was a new event for 2007 aimed at giving the U13 years of age juniors the opportunity to play competitive matches with an adult. Fourteen junior members entered ranging in age from 7 to 13. Each junior played with a different adult for each of their matches. There were some great games and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In the semi finals Taylor Richardson won the match against Jessica Gajadharsingh. In the second semi finals, Max Gajadharsingh beat Laurie Bishop. In the final Taylor played with Chris George and won against Max with Madeleine Murray with a final score of four games to three.

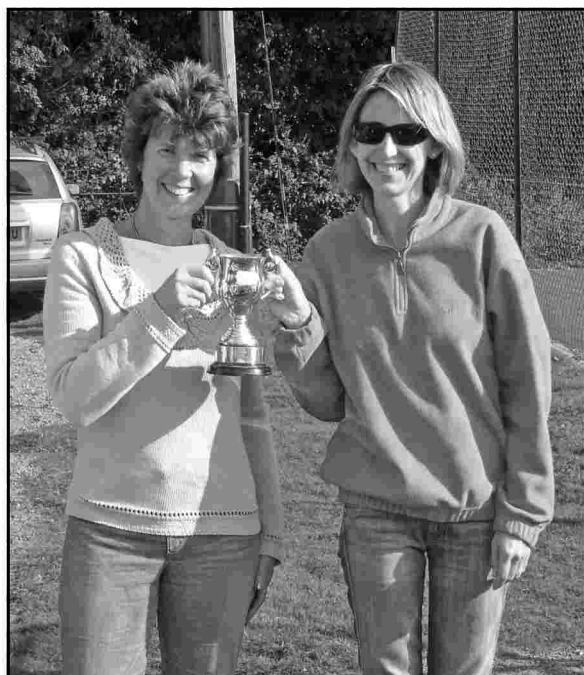


I would like to thank all the juniors for participating, but particularly all the adults for giving up their precious Sunday to enable the tournament to take place. I know the children really appreciated it.

Report on Finals Day 2007

The Ladies Doubles was won by Sharon Hall and Karen Lowe 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 against Madeleine Murray and Margaret Butler, defending their title.

In the men's singles, Neville White defended his title against Nick Hallchurch and won 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. In the men's doubles it was Nick again with Nigel Wolfendale defending their title against Gerry Gajadharsingh and Neville White with



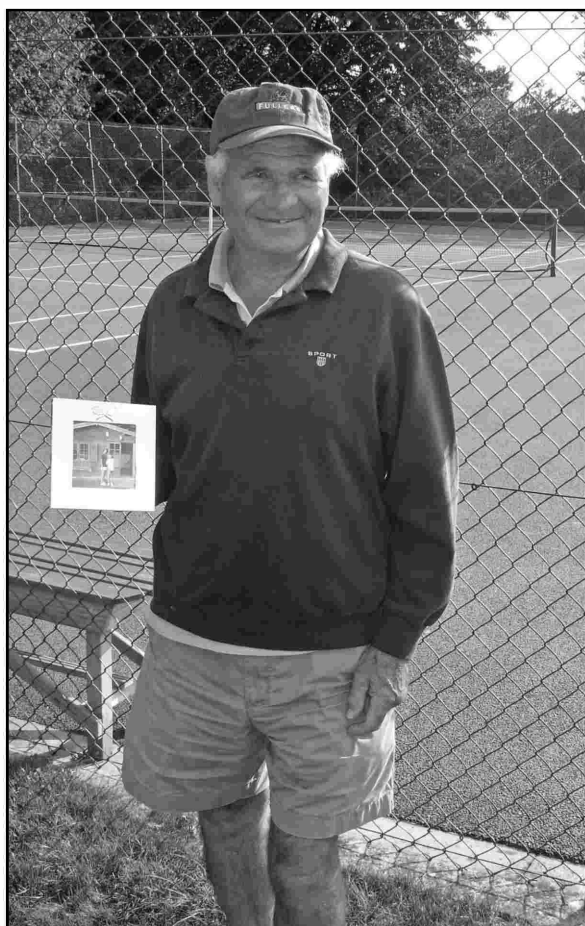
Gerry & Neville eventually winning 7-5, 5-3, 6-4.

Helen Spencer won 6-1, 6-2 against Madeleine Murray in the ladies singles.

In the mixed doubles Helen Spencer and Mike Wellington played against Gerry and Susie Gajadharsingh. There were some exciting rallies and great team play but despite the opposition's best attempts at keeping the ball away from Gerry at the net, Gerry and Susie finally won.

Chris George presented Robin Ferguson with a silver photo frame and a picture of his grandchildren, Tanya and Taylor, as a token of the club's appreciation for all the hard work he undertook to complete the clubhouse extension.

With thanks to all those who took part, Chris Teal for organising the day, members who came and supported the players on the day, and the umpires for overseeing all those dodgy line calls and keeping play in order!



The Winter League matches are well underway and to date all teams have either won or drawn their matches, let us hope this continues.

A final reminder that Sunday Club play continues throughout the winter months from 10.30 am to which all members are welcome.

To other villagers who are not members of the Tennis Club, under the Rules and Regulations of the Club you are entitled to use one of the Club courts from 8.00 am until 12 noon on Wednesdays.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Susie Gajadharsingh
Club Secretary

Christmas Pantomime

**ALL SAINTS CHARITY
PRESENT A PANTOMIME
THE BABES IN
HODGEMOOR WOODS**

**in Coleshill Village Hall on
Friday February 1st at 7.30pm
Saturday February 2nd at 2.30pm and 7.30pm**

Tickets: Adults: £8

Children (3 - 12 years): £5

Available from:

Patsy Wright-Warren (433356)

Carol Hallchurch (729707)

**Proceeds to Rosanna Hospital in
Kurdistan**

Neighbourhood Policing



I am PC 1701 Gavin McVeigh, I am the neighbourhood officer for the parish council areas of Coleshill, Seer Green and Penn. One of my responsibilities is to engage with the local communities I police. Due to this there is a police survey form enclosed in this newsletter. This survey allows the local residents to inform the local police of issues/problems that are affecting the area.

There is also a version on the website which can be completed and e-mailed to my e-mail address or you may wish to fax the form to me.

These forms are voluntary, but I will not be able to deal with issues if the problems are not known to the local police. The forms will be confidential and will be used to look at areas where problems exist. Even if the problem is not a police matter I can contact the relevant agency and pass on the information. Local councils etc, local officers also work closely with the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Please do complete the enclosed survey form, and take it to the following locations for collection: either in the box below the parish information board, outside the Village Hall or the Village School.

I will collect the forms from these locations on Wednesday 5th December 2007. Thank you!

Gavin McVeigh

Email Gavin.McVeigh@Thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Fax. 01753884253

Tel. 07800703188

or 08458505505

House wanted in Coleshill

We are a family of four who have been resident in Coleshill village for two years, previously having lived in Penn Street and Winchmore Hill in excess of ten years, so we like to class ourselves as locals. We are renting in anticipation of the right property becoming available to purchase in Coleshill. We are ideally seeking a 4+ bedroom detached house with character and land. We don't mind if it requires a little tlc or even major renovation, please feel free to email us on Deeford3@aol.com or telephone 726623 if you may be thinking of selling in the near future.

Dee Ford



Coleshill Infants School

The Village School continues to thrive and we were heavily over-subscribed this September. Our new intake has settled in very well and everyone is enjoying our busy autumn term curriculum.

At the beginning of term, all the children took part in Art Week, learning about the life and work of the Scottish designer, Charles Rennie Mackintosh. The children made a large picture of his famous 'Tobacco Flower' design, as well as individual paintings of the 'Glasgow Rose'. The work, currently displayed in our entrance hall, is very bright and colourful.

The 'Astronomy Roadshow' visited the school in September and the children were able to sit in an air-conditioned inflatable planetarium. They were fascinated by the enclosed space, which seemed to make the stars and planets come to life. The presenter, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, was extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic and it was a very interesting morning for everyone.

Harvest festival took place in October 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 Moorings Farm in Zambia to buy equipment and pay fees to enable local children to attend school.

Our Christmas Bazaar took place in the village hall on November 17th. This year we have school Christmas cards and mouse mats for sale, using the children's artwork, which will also be available after the Bazaar at the school office.

Our Christmas play this year is entitled 'The Very Disgruntled Snowman'. We always appreciate an audience for our dress rehearsal, so if you are able to come, you will be warmly welcomed on Monday, December 10th at 11.00 a.m. Our end of term service will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, 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.

I returned from a trip to Israel, an amazing place and well worth visiting if you get the opportunity, to discover that the shops are full of Christmas goodies and it is time for me to write our bit for the newsletter!

At our September meeting we traditionally make our own entertainment. The business part of the meeting always takes rather longer than usual as we don't meet formally in August and so there is a lot of ground to cover. Then it is tempting to go straight to the tea table and catch up on the gossip, but we were very good and tackled the difficult subject of 'Writing your Will' first. The discussion was lead by our Treasurer, Joan Domin, wearing her solicitor's hat, and giving us useful tips whilst sorting facts from assumptions. She emphasised the pitfalls of not leaving a valid will, with some amusing anecdotes. In October, a delightful gentleman called Edwin Rye kept his audience's attention with a detailed description of his experience as BBC Gardener of the Year, and invited us to visit his garden which he bought, after the event, and moved back to his home near Wendover. We shall consider following this up, maybe for part of an outing next year.

Yesterday we had our November meeting which is always our A.G.M. This year we followed the necessary reports and elections with a little light relief in the form of flower arranging. Catherine Green demonstrated some simple Christmas table centres and then we could all have a go! So now we are all in the mood for our Christmas lunch to finish the year.

Recently some of us attended the last County meeting in Aylesbury (the Civic Centre is to be pulled down and finding a new venue that is big enough, with sufficient car parking, is proving to be a big problem). It is sad to see there are less and less people on the platform as women return to paid employment, and/or do not wish to commit their time to organizational matters. This fact prompted our President, Lindsey Haubner, to put her name forward to help the W.I. at County level and, of course, she takes our best wishes with her. That very same week we joined the Chesswoods Group for a meeting in Little Kingshill. Gabriela Leonowicz, a lively, chatty lady from Poland but with a Black country accent, had us laughing almost continuously for a good hour - a real tonic, and she accompanied the singing of Jerusalem with her ukulele!

After all that activity we should be ready for a break over Christmas. I nearly wrote 'a rest' but that would be wishful thinking on my part! If anyone would like to come and join us in January they will be made most welcome. It would be a wonderful way to make good friends and have fun in 2008.

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

Friday 30 th November 2007	Mobile Library
Saturday 1 st December 2007	Common Working Party
Wed 5 th December 2007	Community Police Survey Deadline
Monday 10 th December 2007	School Christmas Play - Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 11 th December 2007	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Friday 14 th December 2007	Mobile Library
Thursday 20 th December 2007	School End of Term Service
Wednesday 26 th December 2008	Boxing Day Golf Challenge
Friday 28 th December 2007	Mobile Library
Thursday 10 th January 2008	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 18 th January 2008	Flower Fund Coffee Morning
Tuesday 22 nd January 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Friday 1 st February 2008	Pantomime - All Saints' Charity
Saturday 2 nd February 2008	Pantomime - All Saints' Charity
Tuesday 19 th February 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Tuesday 11 th March 2008	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 18 th March 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Tuesday 15 th April 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Tuesday 13 th May 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Tuesday 17 th June 2008	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class

Coleshill Common



Regular users of the Common will notice the recent work that has been carried out. The bank of the pond has been cut back and graded to make a 'beach' area. It is hoped that this will encourage some marginal plants and also make it more suitable for birds to reach the water. The area looks a bit like a bomb site at present as there is further landscaping to be done.

In the woodland area a couple of sycamore trees have been felled and two others topped, while on Windmill Hill a dangerous tree was removed next to the road. There is a lot of timber that anyone is at liberty to take for logs for burning.

Chris Wege
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Reverend Tim Harper - Rector	724426
Dorothy Potter - Parish Secretary	729380
Dumpy Swerling - All Saints' Warden	873931
Helen Spencer - All Saints' Warden	725857
Dick Ware - Parish Treasurer	722486
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
Lindsey Haubner - President Coleshill W.I.	722589
Amanda McCallum - Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	725083
David & Susan Smith - Coleshill Horticultural Society	724490
Susie Gajadharsingh - Secretary Coleshill Tennis Club	726603
Chris Bruin - 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
Frank Auton	Vice-Chairman of Council	431036
Peter Clackett	Member of Parish Council	433044
Kim Richardson	Member of Parish Council	434304
Dick Ware	Member of Parish Council	722486
David Smith	Member of Parish Council	724490
Colin Lambert	Member of Parish Council	722314

Neighbourhood Action Group

Thank you to all residents who came to the two NAG public consultation meetings held in October in Coleshill and Chalfont St. Giles! The meetings were an opportunity to update residents on current NAG initiatives, canvas opinions and prioritise issues of concern.

As a result of voting at the meetings, the three issues that NAG will be working on in the next year will be speeding, fly-tipping/rubbish and road conditions in the area.

Speeding remains the biggest concern for the community, particularly as the nights lengthen and winter conditions make driving safely more challenging. If there are any particular locations or times of day that speeding/inappropriate use of speed is apparent, please let NAG know. We will liaise with the local police team so that they can best allocate their resources to address the problem. This goes for places susceptible to fly-tipping and poor road conditions (lighting, pot-holes, uneven surfaces etc). Clear identification of locations will be very helpful.

Villagers can lead by example when it comes to driving safely on our village roads. Previous speed awareness/enforcement days in the area showed that 70%

of drivers stopped were local residents! Remember also that users of rural roads are at higher risk of road accidents and that the appropriate speed may well be considerably lower than the 60 mph speed limit. Make the commitment to try to drive at an appropriate speed within the speed limit at all times.

See www.buckscc.gov.uk/mtc for details of Bucks County Council's Make the Commitment campaign.

If anyone would like to join NAG, has any queries or concerns, or would be happy to volunteer on speed awareness days next year, please get in touch with

Ian McCallum, David Smith or Sarah Parker.



Tennis Club Games Night



The final social event for the Club in 2007 was a fundraiser.

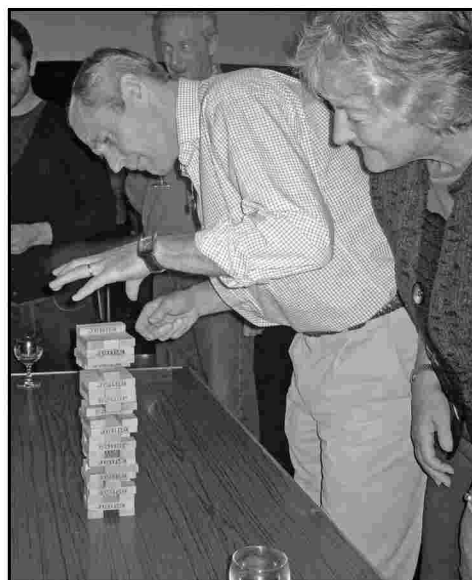
This year Chris George and her team, organised a fantastic Pub Games and Quiz Evening.

It was one of the best and most enjoyable fundraising events I have been to. We all enjoyed a fish and chip supper – which meant no washing up for those helping in the kitchen.

Over £1000 should be raised from the evening which will go towards the next project at the Club – yet to be decided.

On behalf of all those who attended the evening, a huge thank you to Chris and your team of helpers, including your son and his mates who helped on each of the games.

Susie Gajadharsingh



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)
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All Saints' Christmas Services



Sunday 16 th December	5.00 pm	Christingle
Sunday 23 rd December	4.00 pm	Carol Service Followed by tea in the Village Hall
Monday 24 th December	4.00 pm	Blessing of the Crib Service
Tuesday 25 th December	9.00 am	Christmas Day Communion

