



*Christmas
2009*

Bonkers Or What?

Not so long ago a visitor from another country came to see me who was entirely convinced that his landlord was putting magic mushrooms in his food. He was also under the impression that this was a traditional English way of making visitors feel unwelcome and dropping the gentle hint that it was time to move on. Could I please confirm that this was indeed the case? The things I see and hear in this job. You couldn't make it up! Bonkers or what?

Joseph thought that Mary was bonkers, trying to palm him off with a story about her baby being the Son of God. Later, when this miracle-working charismatic young Rabbi started claiming the same thing for himself, Jesus' brothers and sisters came to restrain him and take him home to be cared for in a darkened room. When Mary and her friend met Jesus risen from the dead and ran to tell St Peter and the others, they laughed in her face. Bonkers or what?

On the face of it, the Christian faith does seem pretty far-fetched. Fancy believing that God became a human being all those years ago in the back end of nowhere, a little place called Nazareth. Fancy believing that this Jesus lived life as it should be lived and taught his followers to do the same. Fancy believing that he rose from the dead and as High Priest of all humanity lives forever to intercede with God on our behalf taking away the need to fear death. Bonkers or what?

Well probably the latter. The 'Incarnation' as we call it, this business of God becoming a man is the foundation truth of Christianity. If it is true then all the rest is true, "God is with us" which is what the name Emmanuel means. That is why in his famous carol 'Hark the herald angels sing' Charles Wesley could write:

*Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king.*

Bonkers or what? You decide.

Tim Harper
Rector of Amersham with Coleshill



News from All Saints'

Harvest Festival

The church was beautifully decorated by Catherine Green and her team, with flowers and produce giving all the autumn colours. They served to remind us all that, whether we acknowledge it or not, we are all dependant on God's creation. The day was also the Wedding Anniversary of Mary Wege, who managed to attend the service in her wheel chair.

Harvest Supper

There was a full house at the Supper to enjoy an excellent meal, provided this year by a new team under the lead of Gillian Sach. Many thanks to her and her helpers for their hard work in organising everything. The mouth-watering choice of desserts was irresistible as always. There were a number of new faces to be seen – I hope they will there again next year.

All Saints' Patronal Festival

Another day – another meal. This time on a smaller scale but just as successful. The small hall was filled after the service, for a croissant and coffee breakfast and a chance to chat. As usual on All Saints' Day there was also a Choral Evensong at the six o'clock service.

Autumn Clear-up

No fewer than fifteen people turned out to help spruce up the churchyard for the winter, and also make sure that the whole village could be satisfied with its condition for Remembrance Day. A great raking of leaves was accomplished and some aching muscles acquired!

Chris Wege

Holy Baptism

Aston Harry Shepherd - Sunday 13th September 2009

In Memoriam

Mary Wege - Saturday 10th October 2009

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

Mary Wege 1936 - 2009

Mary was born in Tyler's Green and after primary school went to Challoners Grammar School. Mary joined a country dancing club and went every Friday evening. There she met a boy who was also a beginner and was rather shy. After a few weeks he escorted her home. Mary invited him to take her to the pictures, a quick kiss at the gate afterwards and Chris was hooked. The rest as they say is history!

Nursing was an important part of Mary's life and via the Red Cross she became part of the voluntary nursing team at Amersham Hospital. In 1958 Mary and Chris were married. The arrival of Philip, then Rachel followed by David kept Mary busy. Once David was at school, Mary became involved with the School Dental Service as a nurse and with the Red Cross at their Day Centre for the elderly and disabled. Mary was also a volunteer helper with the Red Cross for many years, visiting the disabled in their homes.

At age 43 she began training as an SEN and won the Student of the Year award in 1979. She began work at Amersham Hospital, which she felt was the most fulfilling period of her life.

Looking after her mother, Doris, took Mary away from full time nursing but she was still involved as part time matron at a girls school and Amersham College. Later she enrolled with a Nursing Agency tackling all kinds of nursing jobs.

Mary then joined the Rushmead Day Hospice and worked with them until she was 70 years old.

Her life revolved around her family, as a wife to Chris, a mum to Philip, Rachel and David and grandmother to seven grandchildren. Mary had a strong faith and she was a regular member of the congregation at All Saints.

Mary had a very individual personality which was respected in both her professional and private life, very much a people person with a sense of humour, with the gift of being able to get on with anyone.

Derrick Carr
Derrick Carr

Mary Wege

Mary had so many friends in the village that I am not able to write individually to each of you. I want to thank you so much for the messages of sympathy and support that have helped me and my family through a very sad time.

Chris Wege



All Saints' Church Flowers

Harvest Festival this year meant that the church was a blaze of colour – both from the wonderful foliage and flowers from the gardens of our Flower Team, and the magnificent dahlias provided by Ginny and Geoff Jordan. The school, of course, had their usual dazzling display in the porch of their sunflower collage, intriguing little 'bun' animals and their own school-grown vegetables. Well done to all the children and many thanks to Catherine Watts for all her work and encouragement of them.



We were all greatly saddened by the loss of our lovely, brave Mary Wege, one of our loyal Flower Team members, and were glad that we were able to fill the church with her favourite flowers for her funeral service. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Chris.

After the Patronal service, when the flowers are all white for All Saints, came the Remembrance service with its poppies. The church will be filled with Christmas foliage and candles for the Christingle service on Sunday 13th December followed by the fully decorated church for Christmas.

After Christmas comes our very important Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy which this year Richard and Rosemary Valentine are very kindly hosting for us on Wednesday 27th January 2010. This is your opportunity to shed all those Christmas presents which don't quite hit the button, and find someone else's that absolutely do!



All Saints' Church Flowers



It is a very sociable, fun morning to catch up after Christmas and is vital to support the Flower Fund. Donations to the Flower Fund are always welcome!

Many thanks to all who support us so well and particularly to our Flower Team who are always so willing, able and free with their time and their talents.

If anyone would like to join us we are a very friendly bunch!

Catherine Green
724922

Neighbourhood Action

The changes to the local NAG group are still being implemented and will make the process of information gathering and communicating to the neighbourhoods concerned, a far more effective and constructive process.

Your local NAG group covers: Coleshill, Winchmore Hill, Penn & Penn Street, Seer Green, Knotty Green & Chalfont St Giles.

Bucks County Council has established Local Area Forums (LAF). These groups cover County, District and Parish Council decision making on areas as diverse as policing, roads & verges, vandalism, traffic control and waste & litter. They are attended by councillors from all levels and senior personnel covering service providers within the county. It is therefore more important than ever that small villages have their voices heard.

The Chairman of the local NAG will attend the LAF meetings so as to establish a line of communication, allowing local NAG groups to take on information, complaints and concerns from their local areas and direct these concerns to the appropriate people.

As your local NAG representative as well as a Parish Councillor, if you have any issues or concerns, please let me know and I can raise these with the appropriate departments.

David Smith

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Sunday Service held in All Saints' Church on 8th November was attended by a large congregation. The service was followed by the Act of



Remembrance at the War Memorial to honour and remember those from the parish who gave their lives in two world wars in the service of their country. Wreaths were laid at the memorial on behalf of Coleshill Parish Council, the Royal British Legion and Bucks County Council.

Leslie Croydon

All Saints' Charity



Two years ago we picked the darkest time of the year - early February - to cheer up the village with a pantomime. It was hugely popular. On Saturday 6th February 2010 - we are planning a Magic and Comedy Show by Ian Keable. When he went to Aylesford in Kent, they described it as 'fabulous'. Nearer to home, in Berkshire, they describe it as a 'good fun comedy magic show - not only excellent magic, but extremely funny.' In Coleshill, you will not only get the comedy and magic, but also our usual delicious supper. Altogether an unmissable evening. Ian also does a special show for children which we could put on in the afternoon if there is enough support.

Do let me know if you are interested. Tickets, price £15.00 (Concessions for

children's show) will be available from Christmastime.

Patsy Wright Warren

Parish Council

The Village Pond Appeal has raised £2,500 so far, which is fantastic, but we still have a long way to go. Estimates that have already been sourced from 'muck away' companies are between £15,000 and £18,000 plus VAT. This sounds incredibly large for dredging and clearing the pond. But as we progress along life's red-tape we learn that we have to have permits for doing the work, certification from the Soil Environment Agency on the toxicity of the silt, certification of the toxicity of the land where we can dispose of silt, fish husbandry reports and so on. It was agreed in past Parish Council meetings that the work on the pond would be carried out as the pond is an integral and important part of our village and receives many daily visitors. Any donations would and will be gratefully received; please make cheques payable to Coleshill Parish Council c/o 2 Manor Way, Coleshill.

This coming winter New Road will be gritted as it is now on a bus route. As you know residents have lobbied BCC on numerous occasions for this to be done.

With this in mind, remember that bad weather reports are sent to me from the Met Office and these are passed onto residents who have signed up for email alerts. If you have not already done so please email me so that I can then add you to the list. The alerts also include Thames Valley Police alerts about crime in the area and this has proved very welcome in the past.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 7th January 2010, all members of the public are welcome so please come along and join the discussion in the democratic ½ hour which is a the beginning of the meeting.

Susan Smith

Clerk to the Parish Council

susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk

Harvest Festival Supper

Firstly, we would like to thank all the volunteers who sold tickets, donated desserts, hosted tables, decorated tables and generally helped at the above. We could not have done it without you and we hope we can/will call upon your services next year. A special thanks to Graham Swerling who donated all the dairy products. Finally, thanks to everyone who kindly donated raffle prizes. We are unable to name everyone but you know who you are and you did a sterling job.

We are absolutely delighted to report the Harvest Festival Supper raised in excess of £600 profit. Four donations of £50 each will be given to groups in Coleshill; with monies going towards helping with the cost of the teas after the Carol Service, work needed on the village pond, flowers for the church and Coleshill Village School.

Judi Herbert

Amersham Parking



There is extreme concern about the Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) new parking proposals for Old Amersham. We are therefore launching our "No to Parking Plans" Campaign to stop these proposals.

- The plans offer no real benefit to residents, businesses or visitors except that we will all be charged – there will no longer be free parking anywhere in Old Amersham.

- The proposals are clearly a money-making exercise to redress a budget deficit at Chiltern District Council - and do not address key issues such as the hospital staff parking.

- The visual impact of 22 new parking machines, additional signage and yellow lines will ruin this beautiful market town.

- In the current economic climate, a proposal of this magnitude will devastate the local businesses and potentially the longer term prosperity of the town.

- This should be a democratic process, clearly 435 letters of opposition (the largest they have ever received for such a proposal) are not enough!

Feedback from the general public is required by Saturday November 21st 2009, at the exhibition days at St Mary's Church Rooms.

It was not made clear that objections and feedback to the new plans are required on the day of the exhibition. Any feedback received after 21st November will not be included to shape the draft Traffic Regulation Order. Once this order is submitted it will be extremely difficult to make major changes to the proposals. Given the timescales imposed by BCC we are launching the 'No to Parking Plans' Campaign.

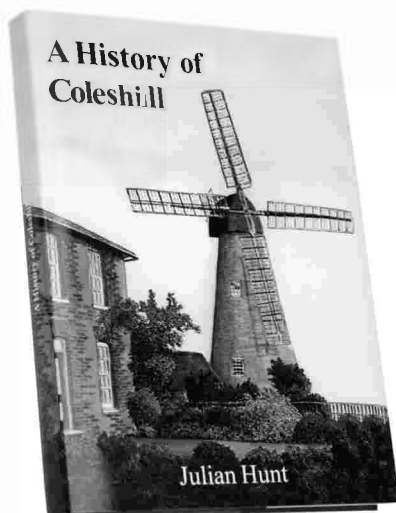
'No to Parking Plans' Campaign – we need your help now

This is the last chance to stop these proposals moving ahead. We need as many people as possible to turn up to the exhibition days and fill in feedback forms. We need as many letters and emails of objection, to deliver to BCC on the 21st November 2009. Please send your objection to 18, Whielden Street, Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP7 0HT and emails to notoparkingplans@hotmail.co.uk

Sarah-Jane Axelby - Resident Amersham Old Town - 07825 575200
Alan Carmody - Old Amersham Business Association - 07770 988890



Coleshill History Project



Julian Hunt's book 'A History of Coleshill' was formally launched by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher Bt JP, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire in Coleshill Village Hall on Saturday 7th November. A substantial number of people gathered to witness the ceremony, to view the exhibits, and to collect their copies of the book. There was

plenty of opportunity to socialise with a glass of wine and

canapés and many historical reminiscences must have been exchanged.

Anyone who was unable to collect their book or wishes to buy further books can do so from Peter Lawrence (see overleaf)

As anticipated, the publication of the book brings to a close the Coleshill History Project after two and a half years of activity. However, interest in the history of the Village remains and it is intended that a lower key Coleshill Historical Society will be formed under the leadership of Chris Wege. An initial meeting is planned at 8.00 pm in Coleshill Village Hall on Tuesday 16th February 2010 when the details will be discussed. Any one interested in joining is invited to attend.

Peter Lawrence email: tispml@tiscali.co.uk



Coleshill History Project



A History of Coleshill

Coleshill History Book Order Form

Please complete the form below and send to P.M. Lawrence,
Hampton House, Chase Close, Coleshill, Amersham Bucks, HP7 0LX
Please make cheques payable to Coleshill History Project

- ☐ I want my copy(ies) posted to the address below (please add P & P)
Please Print

Name		Qty	Book	£
Address			£15.00	
		P & P	£3.20	
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Thank you for your Order

Coleshill W.I.

Since I last wrote we have been having a busy and enjoyable time at Coleshill W.I. I have just returned from our A.G.M. and I am pleased to report that we had enough willing volunteers to form a new committee with a change of officers and Joan Domin as a very popular choice for our new President. We have to thank all the members who are standing down for their hard work, especially Lindsey. Let's face it we couldn't keep going without that generous and unstinting input from all those who willingly take on the organisational roles. Also one of our members has said that she will take over the job of Group Convenor from me, for which I am very grateful. Several ladies from the village accepted the invitation to join us for tea on this occasion. We were delighted to see them and at least one of them has expressed an interest in becoming a member. Of course, we hope there will be more, for fresh faces bring new ideas and keep the W.I. vibrant. Mary Wege was conspicuous by her absence and will be sadly missed.

The talk at the September meeting was on Hidden London and made us all realise there is still much to learn about our wonderful capital city. I missed the October meeting (because I was busy with a certain wedding) but the reports I heard of the excellent speaker talking about the history of the Queen's Flight made me wish I had been there. Before we know it we shall be tucking into our Christmas lunch and another successful year in the W.I. will be behind us.

The Chesswoods Group, which consists of seven local W.I.s getting together, had a very entertaining Autumn Meeting with a champion lady fire-eater/magician showing us her theatrical costumes which are made by a gentleman called Bunny, whose work was often seen worn by Danny La Rue. These outfits were every bit as amazing and for an hour we were transported from our everyday lives to a world of over the top glamour, a real tonic! At the moment I am busy organising the Group's Craft Day when we shall be learning the art of making paper flowers to enhance our Christmas decorations.

Did you know that Coleshill W.I. has a Film Group now? This provides a chance to see current films with friends. Recently this little sub-group have enjoyed watching 'The Duchess' and 'Julie and Julia' with time for discussion afterwards.

Visitors are welcome at all our meetings, and are assured of a delicious tea and lots of friendly chatter. From the above description you can see that there is a lot of variety in our activities and we hope you may feel inspired to make a New Year's Resolution to come and meet us! Why not?

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

Horticultural Society

The Horticultural Society is holding an open evening in January 2010 in the small hall of Coleshill village hall (final date tba); every resident is welcome to come along and discuss the timetable for the coming year's meetings and events. We welcome all ideas for new and interesting categories in the Village Show, plus any topics you would like to be highlighted and discussed at the Spring Talk Evening.

To give the photographers advance notice, we are planning these categories for next year's show: Patterns in Nature; The Human Face; Somewhere to Sit.

Following this year's show we are pleased that over £500 was passed on to the Pond Appeal – including a large amount raised by raffling Paul Windsor's lovely photo.

With the winter months looming please spare a thought for the birds in your garden and make sure they have access to fresh water and food. Also it's at this time of year that you may be thinking of taking cuttings from your plants in readiness for next year. If you should have too many, give or swap them by putting a notice on the village website www.coleshill.org

Every resident of Coleshill automatically becomes a member of the Horticultural Society on moving into the Village so come along to our meeting in January 2010 and have a chat and a cup of coffee with us.

Susan Smith

President of Coleshill Horticultural Committee

Village Hall

Since the last edition of the Village Newsletter the Village Hall has been used by the Village for a Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, Harvest Festival Supper, Church coffee on All Saints' Day, the launch of the Coleshill book, the Tennis Club Talent show and the School Christmas Bazaar. Coleshill W.I. and the Simmons Bridge Club will be having their Christmas festivities and there will be 'Church Tea' after the Carol Service.

So 'the Village' has made good use of the facility we have here and maybe some newcomers to the Village have had a chance to see the Hall. To book the Hall please contact me on 433421. Residents have reduced hiring charges for personal use.

Anne 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

Jan & David Atkinson

Kate, Tony & Pauline Barber

Nigel & Sue Bilderbeck

Peter & Jennifer Brock

Peter & Petrina Clackett

Nancy Collier

Penny, Ken & Edward Crossley

Marigold Curling

Pat, John & Fiona Dawson

Jonathon & Lindsey Eardley

Tom & Sandra Ellison

Kerry Ferguson

Janice & Stephen Foster-Jones

Frances Garnham

Catherine & Howard Green

Chris George

Heather & Derek Hollamby

Jon, Judi, James & Jenna Herbert

The Hodgson Family

Geoff & Ginny Jordan

Heather & Frank Auton

Rita & John Bennett

The Bowers Family

Julie Burton

The Codling Family

John & Barbara Conway

Jean & Leslie Croydon

Andrew & Joan Domín

Peter & Barbara Dodds

Robin Ferguson & Dorothy Gajadharsingh

Pat & Jack Emblow

Paul & Sam Fisher

The Gajadharsingh Family

Peter & Eileen Gershon

Denis Hall

David & Sharon Hall & Family

The Heimann Family

Joyce How

John & Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter

and Happy New Year Village from



John & Pantip Jefford

Marina Knapfield & Brian Hester

Florence & Ben Krebs

Patrick & Carolyn Leventon

David & Ineke McCammon & Family

Hilary, Owain, Ella & Oliver McGuire

Val, Kim, Tara & William MacGreedy

Lee, Sarah & Emily Parker

Jill & John Peiser

Terence & Stephanie Prideaux

Micky Prothero

James, Deborah, Katy & Harry Roxburgh

John Savory

Jane & June Stefanovic

Graham & Dumpy Swerling & Family

The Spencer Family

Audrey & Len Tridgell

Richard & Rosemary Valentine

Hilary & Tony Wayland

The Wolfendale Family

Patsy Wright-Warren

Betty Josphe

Chris King

Peter & Ann Lawrence

Karen, Alan & Sam Lowe

Henry Maynard & Barbara Tempest

George McNeil

Ron & Ruth Murphy

Rosalind Pearce

Terry & Bernice Pethica

Jean & John Powell

Kim, Joe, Tanya & Taylor Richardson

Colin, Gillian, Clare & Fiona Sach

Rosie Searles & Family

Susan & David Smith

Jane & John Swindin

Chris & Hazel Thomas

The Ullman Family

Penny & Dick Ware

Mark & Elaine West

Judy Wright

Tor, Simon, Hannah & Georgia Williams

Red Lion

It does not seem possible that yet another year has nearly passed and in the next few days the school will have held their Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall.

Again, as in previous years, we will be open for drinks on Christmas Day from 11.00 am to 3.00pm, which for us is one of the most enjoyable sessions of the year (no food!).

Many have been asking about the tee-off time for golf at Pool's Patch on Boxing Day. As usual we will put people into groups of six, starting at 10.30am. If you arrive after midday, you will probably find the tee has closed.

On the evenings of both Christmas and Boxing Days, we will be closed.

On New Year's Eve, we will have music and a free buffet on offer. We try to keep the evening informal, but if you are coming in a large group (6 or over) do let us know in advance and we will keep a table for you if possible. We will have a glass of bubbly available at midnight also.



None of our teams in the darts, quiz and crib and dominoes leagues are shining at present. Most are in mid-table, hopefully playing a waiting game! I will report further in the New Year.

**John Ullman
727020**

John is too modest to mention that he and Chris were invited this summer to Buckingham Palace for the Queens Garden Party. I am sure they had a splendid day!

As John & Chris mentioned in the last Newsletter they are now the official owners of the Red Lion, after many years of trying and many months of hectic negotiation. So please do support them in their 'new' venture as pub owners as well as landlords!

Coleshill Tennis Club

Being the beginning of the winter and after the extensive CTC report in the last newsletter there is very little tennis to report, except a 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 am until 12 noon on Wednesdays.

The social event and fundraiser was a 'Coleshill's Got Talent' evening. The success of the evening relied on members of the Tennis Club and Villagers putting themselves forward to perform on the night. Eventually enough acts came forward and there was plenty of entertainment. The evening was a sell out, and those who attended were not disappointed. What a fantastic evening it was!

The acts included: dancing girls, poetry recital, children singing duets, children singing and dancing, comedy duos, a Full Monty, piano recital, trumpet playing, an operatic aria, and dance routines. A superb supper and wine was served with our younger members serving and clearing plates.

Finally, the judges decided on three acts for the final vote by the audience. This was extremely tough, but they chose Rachael Nolan who performed an operatic aria from the Marriage of Figaro, Jessica Gajadharsingh who played 'River Flows in You' on the piano – the judges were amazed that she was self taught and had never had a piano lesson - and finally Maddie Murray and Chris George with their 'We're a Couple of Swells' act from the musical Easter Parade, accompanied on the piano by Ruth Murphy. The audience then voted for their favourite act and the eventual winner, by one vote, was Jessica who was then presented with her trophy by Lindsey Haubner and played her piece again.

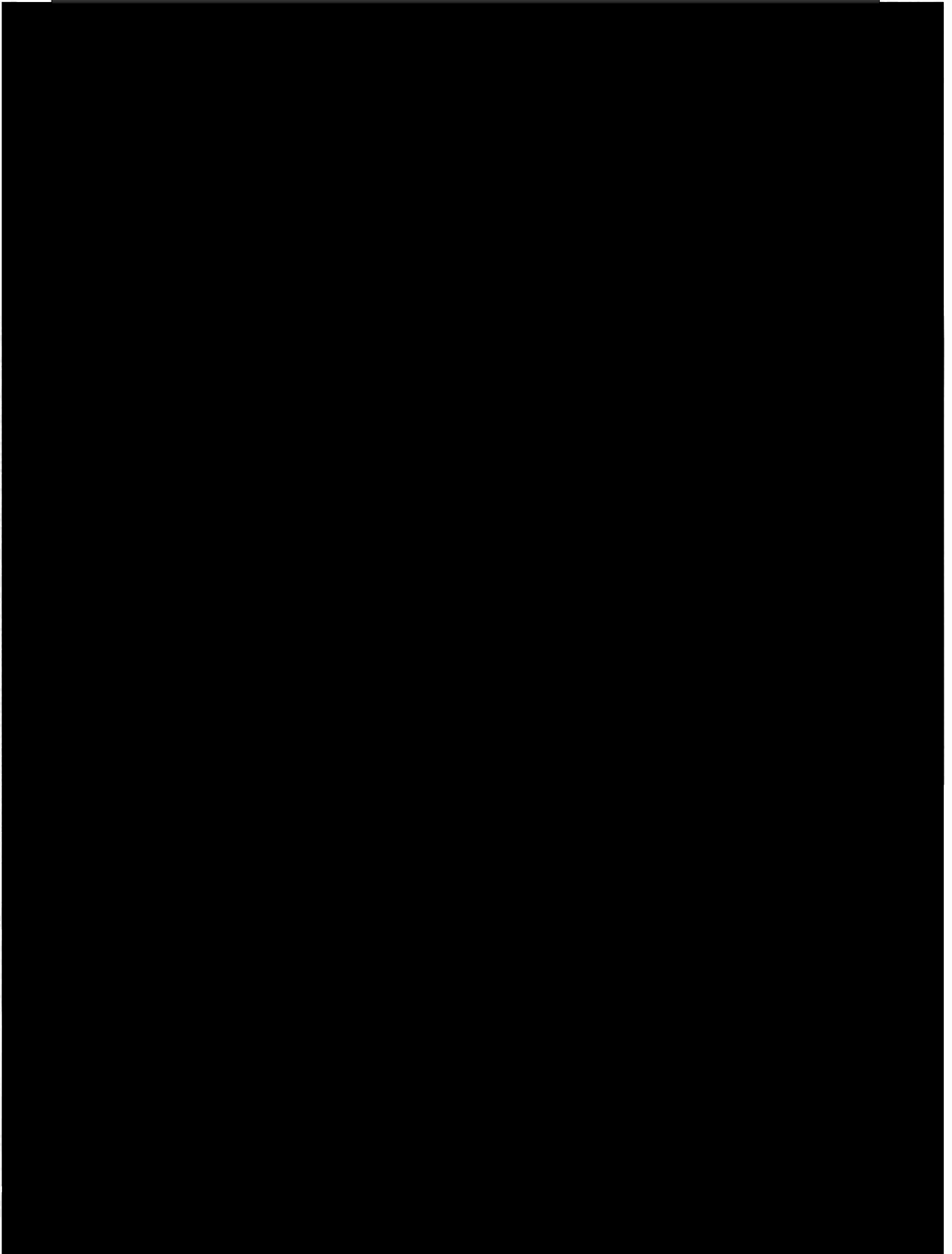
There are many thanks to the many people who made the evening a success. Our judges - Lindsey Haubner, Jenny Earp and Peter Dodds. What a difficult task they were set but they coped admirably. Our compere - John Ullman who ensured that the evening kept moving on time! Peter Clackett - who spent hours putting up and operating the lights - they definitely added a professional touch to the evening. Steve - our 'video man'. Hopefully, this will be put on a DVD and may well be on the Village Website and You Tube. Ruth Murphy who kindly accompanied several acts on the piano. Kerry Ferguson and Tanya Richardson who both ensured that glasses were topped up. All the committee members and junior members for their help behind the scenes. And of course all the contestants – without you the evening would not have been possible – you all proved that there really is a lot of talent in Coleshill.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

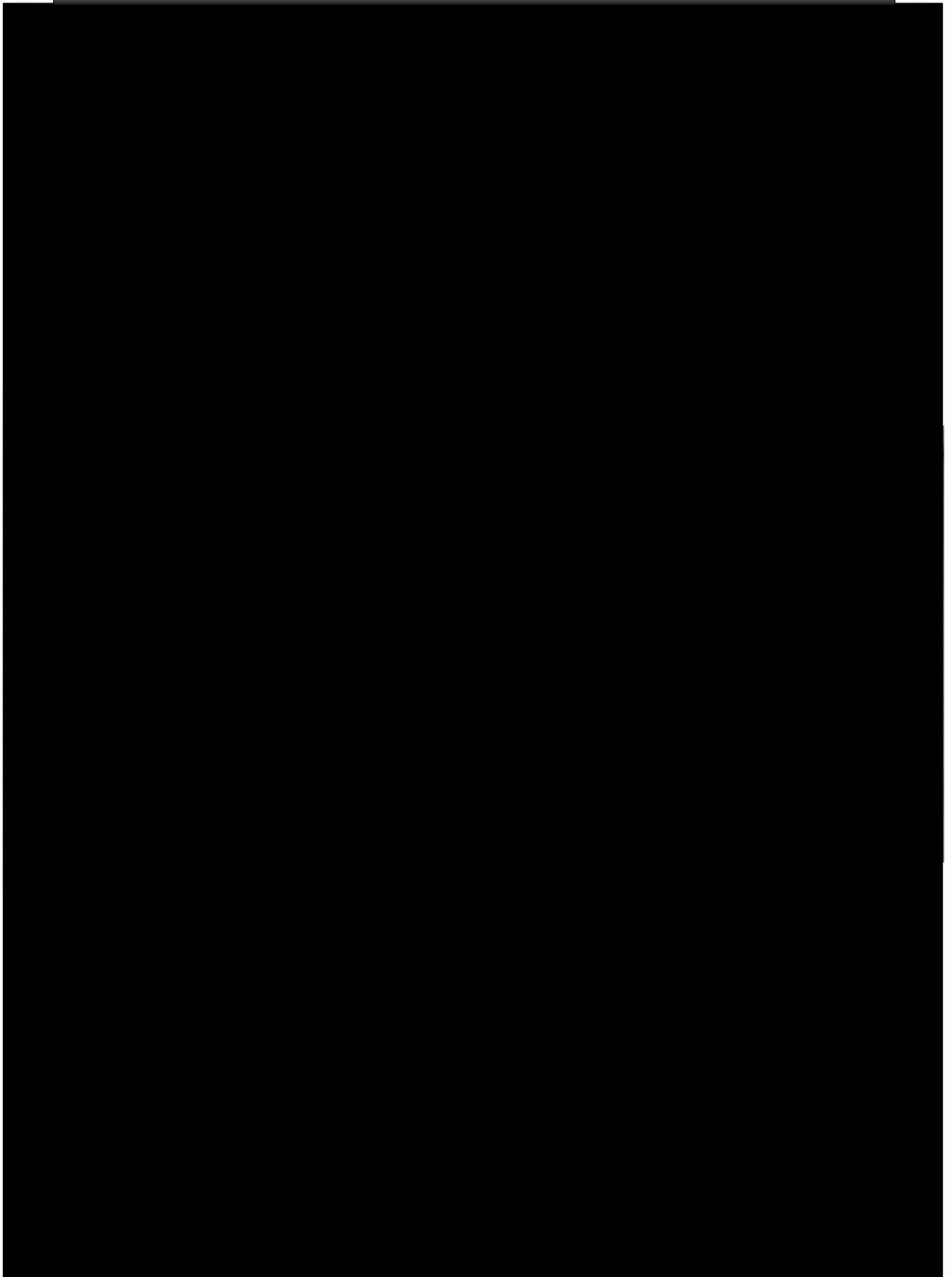
Susie Gajadharsingh
Club Secretary



Coleshill's Got Talent



Coleshill's Got Talent



Cricket Club



As 2009 draws towards its end, it is a time for reflection, and for the Cricket Club it is year that is filled with Happy Memories.

The season started as in previous years with more hope than anticipation for both the 1st and 2nd XI. The 2nd XI made the more promising start to the season with a couple of early wins. They then went on to experience a frustrating year with some terrific results mixed in with some disappointing performances. They eventually ended up in mid-table but with promise for the 2010 season.

The 1st XI had a disappointing start and after five games was plum bottom of the table but the tide was to turn at the end of May when the first game was won at Englefield Green. The team then went on to win eight of the next ten games with only one loss, meaning that, going in to the last game a win would see them promoted. The win was duly delivered with a superb bowling and batting performance against Amersham Hill and promotion was secured.

The next day news began to filter through that due to other results Coleshill were in fact Champions - a stunning end to the season for a team who the previous season had finished second to bottom of the table.

Hopes are high for next season but we do need to recruit a couple of quality Cricketers so should you know of anyone who is interested please go to our

Cricket Club

website coleshillcc.org or get them to call me on the number below.

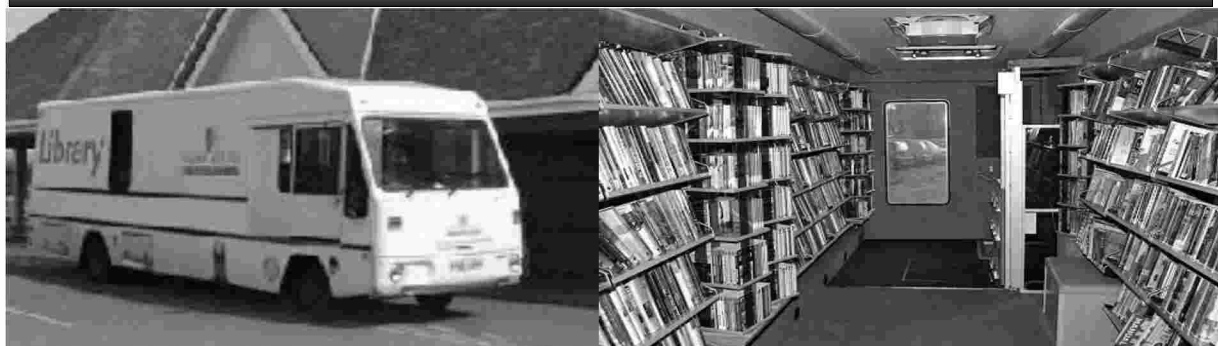
Following the AGM the Chairmanship of the cricket club has passed to Henry Amar, this is following a three year stint by Graham Flack who has achieved a massive amount, but who felt it was time for him to stand down. The Cricket club would like thank Graham for all his efforts and achievements.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year from all at Coleshill Cricket Club

Chris Bruin
Hon Secretary
07804 872324



Coleshill Mobile Library



The mobile library visits Coleshill every other Friday. It stops beside the pond and is there from 2.20 to 2.35pm. It's only a short window of time but is well worth a visit. It's stocked with a wide range of books, including large print, and has a special children's section with little seats. There are videos, DVDs, talking books and the librarian can even sell you stamps!

The mobile library is due on Friday 27th November and December 11th 2009

Coleshill Common

Work on the common has continued across the autumn with grass cutting, planting and clearing areas of scrub. The mushroom tree has recently been pruned back to shape. There are several natural pond areas below the main pond which fill up when there is rain and provide a valuable natural habitat to complement the main pond. Many people do not know there is more than one pond in Coleshill. Have a look when you are next on the common.



Pictured here is a new bench constructed by Chris Wege and the common work party. It is made from old telegraph poles as legs and a nice piece of natural timber for the seat.

This bench offers the best view of the common and is a perfect place to spend a few minutes marvelling at its natural beauty.



Coleshill Infants School

At the beginning of term all the children at the school took part in art week, learning about the life and work of local artist, Sir Stanley Spencer. Year 2 children had an enjoyable visit to the Stanley Spencer art gallery in Cookham and everyone contributed to a display depicting some of his paintings, including 'Scarecrow at Cookham' and 'Swan Upping at Cookham'.

This year the school is undertaking several international cross-curricular projects to promote global awareness, enabling our children to learn about different cultures and countries around the world. As a church school we feel it is important for our children to learn about charitable-giving and recognise that they have hugely privileged lives compared with other children elsewhere. The school is supporting our link school in Zambia, as well as Wateraid, for which we are collecting buckets of pennies for their 'buckets of water' appeal, and also old cartridges and mobile phones for 'Seeds for Africa'. The older children have organised a sale of second hand books and toys for our charities and are also planning a sponsored sports event later in the term. We would welcome any contributions for our charity collections.

The school is also taking part in two other international initiatives this year. The first one is UNICEF's 'Rights Respecting Schools' Award in which the children learn about the needs and rights of children (such as the rights to clean water, protection, education, healthcare and food etc). Through the scheme, the children also learn about their responsibilities and how their values and choices help to shape them, hopefully to become good citizens. Secondly, we are participating in the British Council's 'International Schools Award' for which we have to undertake seven international projects. One is a 'Connecting Classrooms' project, where we ask children in other countries to send photos from their classroom windows in order for us to learn about their country. Also we are asking children around the world to send us postcards of where they live. If you are travelling abroad this year to Europe or more exotic parts, we would love to receive a postcard from you.

Thank you to everyone who gave generously and helped support our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 7th November, as well as supporting us throughout the year.

Our Christmas play this year is a musical by Sheila Wilson, entitled 'The Star Attraction'. We always appreciate an audience for our dress rehearsal, so if you are able to come you will be warmly welcomed on Monday, December 7th at 11.00 a.m. Our end of term service will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Friday, December 18th at All Saints' Church, to which you are also very welcome to attend.

Jenny Earp Headteacher



Pond Appeal 2009



We have now received over £2,500 towards the cost of the renovation of the Village pond, but we still need more funds to enable the work to commence. The cost of the work will come to over £15,000 which is way beyond the Parish's available resources.

Thank you for your support

Coleshill Village Pond Appeal

I would like to contribute to the Coleshill Village Pond Appeal

From:.....(please print)

I/we enclose donation of £.....(cheques payable to the Parish Council)

**Please complete and return in an envelope to Susan Smith - Parish Clerk
2, Manor Way, Coleshill, Bucks, HP7 0LJ**

Please indicate if you wish your donation to be anonymous



Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning

We would like to thank everyone who made our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support so successful. The final total raised was £1,155.40 - well above our wildest expectations, and will be even more once Gift Aid is included. 'Thank you' to all our servers, cake bakers, stallholders and donors for helping us achieve such a splendid result - we were very touched by your generosity.

Karen Lowe & Heather Auton

Samaritan Volunteers Wanted



Everyone has it in them to be a... **Sam** ... You've got it in you too.

Registered charity No. 219432

Vodafone UK Foundation Supported by The Vodafone UK Foundation

SAMARITANS 08705 62 72 82 (UK)

Fiona Sach - Baby Sitting

I am returning from University on Friday 11th December 2009 and will be available to baby sit over the Christmas holidays until 11th January 2010 when I am returning to veterinary school.

I have been babysitting in Coleshill and the surrounding area throughout my gap year last year.

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2010 Newsletters

	Deadline	Distribution
Spring Edition	Friday 26 th February	Saturday 13 th March
Summer Edition	Friday 4 th June	Saturday 19 th June
Autumn Edition	Friday 3 rd September	Saturday 18 th September
Christmas Edition	Friday 12 th November	Saturday 27 th November

Diary Dates

Saturday 21 st November 2009	Common Work Party
Friday 27 th November 2009	Mobile Library
Monday 7 th December 2009	Chilterns Commons Forum
Monday 7 th December 2009	Village School Musical Play rehearsal
Friday 11 th December 2009	Baby Sitting Service available
Friday 11 th December 2009	Mobile Library
Sunday 13 th December 2009	All Saints' Christingle Service
Sunday 20 th December 2009	All Saints' Carol Service
Thursday 24 th December 2009	All Saints' Crib Service
Friday 25 th December 2009	All Saints' Christmas Communion
Friday 25 th December 2009	Red Lion open until 3.00 pm
Saturday 26 th December 2009	Red Lion Boxing Day Golf Challenge
Thursday 31 st December 2009	Red Lion open for New Years Eve
Thursday 7 th January 2010	Coleshill Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 27 th January 2010	All Saints' Flowers Bring & Buy Sale
Friday 29 th January 2010	Coleshill Horticultural Society meeting
Saturday 6 th February 2010	All Saints' Charity - Comedy & Magic
Tuesday 16 th February 2010	Coleshill Historical Society meeting
Friday 26 th February 2010	Spring Newsletter Deadline

Parish Councillors

Colin Lambert	Chairman (<i>On Sabbatical</i>)	722314
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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



Christingle Service

Sunday 13th December at 5.00 pm

Carol Service

Sunday 20th December at 4.00 pm
Followed by tea in the Village Hall

Crib Service

Thursday 24th December at 5.00 pm

Christmas Day Communion

Friday 25th December at 9.00 am

