

AWAY WITH THE MANAGER

*"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? **They** prove **it!**' **the** TVads 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**, Tune: a certain well known Christmas Carol)

In my last Parish in the London Borough of Lewisham, the Christmas decorations, which consisted of meagre strands of orange and silver tinsel twisted round lamp standards, were put up on the first week end 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**."

Rev'd. Tim Harper

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

Rosie Harper

Following extensive consultation with the Parish Wardens, **Pro-Wardens** and PCC, the Bishop of Buckingham has appointed Rosie Harper as Stipendiary Assistant Curate of this Parish with effect from her Ordination at Christ Church Oxford on 4th July 1999. We **offer** Rosie a warm welcome and our heartiest congratulations.

Rachel Quinn's Wedding

The wedding of Rachel and Duncan took place at St **Mary's** Church on Saturday 10th October last, and besides family and friends, the church was filled with parishioners.

The bride entered the church to Pachelbel's Canon in D and the organ accompanied the singing of the first hymn '**From** heaven you came, helpless **babe**'. The readings - from **Pslam 139** and Ephesians 5 - were a departure from those usually heard at a wedding, as were the two songs before the signing of the register. These were '**My** Jesus, my **Saviour**' and '**Purify** my **heart**', accompanied by the One Worship Group, who also played and sang during the signing.

The service ended with a traditional hymn, '**Come** down, O love **divine**' and the bride and groom left the church to George Blackmore's rousing organ voluntary '**Festal Day**', a guard of honour awaited them outside.

Everyone was invited to stay for refreshments at the back of the church, where Rachel and Duncan also cut the cake. A private reception followed.

With the generous donations received, we were able to buy Duncan and Rachel a £100 John Lewis voucher from their wedding list. Their letter of thanks is posted on the church notice board.

New Youth Worker - Howard Darvill

With Rachel having married and departed for Germany, we have been lucky enough to quickly find an appropriate replacement for her in the guise of Howard. An old Challoner's boy, Howard is a graduate in music from Bristol University. He trained at **Beaconsfield** and has been working at St Michael's. We wish him every success with this challenging role.

Family Services

The Family Service is now regularly held on the last Sunday of the month at **11.30am**. This service lasts for no more than half an hour and is a lovely way to introduce you and your young children to the village church.

Carol Service Tea

Following the carol service on 20th December, there will be a tea in the village hall. Tickets at £1.50 or 50p for children under 7yrs are available from Micky Prothero, telephone 724683. All proceeds from this event will go to the Chesham based eating disorder charity, Way **In**.

Contributions of cakes and sandwiches would be gratefully received, but it would be helpful if you could advise Micky what you will be bringing beforehand.

Christmas Lights

New lights have been purchased for the tree this year with the help of various contributions and in particular the generous legacy of Mollie Stone. David Hall continues to manage this rather precarious task for which we are all very grateful.

Churchyard

Chris Wege and various volunteers have battled with the wet and windy weather to keep the churchyard tidy. More volunteers are always needed. Please look out for future dates on the notice boards and in the meantime, our thanks to Chris for keeping the churchyard in such good order

Cleaner Required

After many loyal years Tony Platzer is having to give up his job as church cleaner. If you might be interested **in** taking on this role please contact **Ian McCallum**, telephone 725083. Tony has always kept the church immaculate and we are all very grateful for his efforts and we wish him well.

Christian Aid

We are currently looking for someone or a small team to take on the organisation of Christian Aid Week in early May. This involves the co-ordination of a '**house to house**' collection (collectors already available) and the organisation of a village supper or something similar.

Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper was a great success with a team helping Dumpy Swerling put on a fine spread. The evening was enjoyed by all and was well attended. If anyone would be willing to oversee this event next year, it would be much appreciated.

Harvest Charity 1999

If you would like to nominate the second charity to benefit from the 1999 Harvest Charity appeal, please contact **Amanda McCallum**, telephone **725083**, with full details by the **31st** December 1998

Mother/Nanny & Toddler Lunch

The lunch held at the Cricket Club earlier this year proved very successful and brought together many of the new **families** in the village. We intend to hold another lunch early in the new year and will put notices up on the boards as soon as the details have been finalised. Please look out for this and come along if you can.

Amanda McCallum



Holy Baptism - 1998

2nd August - Claudia Rose **Grimsey**

- Grace Victoria Grimsey

- Joshua **Iain** Mather

- Robin Matthew **Willoughby**

6th September - Georgina May Scott

Holy Matrimony - 1998

1st August - John Alan **Wallington** to Elizabeth Ann Clack

3rd October - Mark Andrew **Wyngaard** to Amanda Louise Rawlings

In Memoriam

David John George 1943 - 1998

OBITUARY

David George

22nd September 1943 - 10th August 1998

It was with great sadness that the village learnt of the sudden death of David in August. Since moving to **Coleshill** in 1983 David endeared himself to all of us through his enthusiasm and energy for any project he took on, his generosity and his warmth. He made time for everybody of all ages.

He will be remembered for the variety of roles in which he excelled: as a sidesman in the church; as a **fund** raiser for Christian Aid; as the chef for many excellent harvest suppers; as an organiser of the churchyard clear-up; and his lasting achievement in being the instigator, fund raiser, driving force and first chairman of the Coleshill Tennis Club.

David involved himself in everything whether as founder of the Village School Barbeque, "between the houses" golf, making rock buns for the Horticultural Society or at home working in his beloved garden.

Above all he will be remembered as a friend to us all. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts go to Chris, Andrew and Mark.

Jonathan Eardley

CHURCH FLOWERS

At All Saints we have an enthusiastic group of flower arrangers who undertake the decoration of the church at Harvest, Christmas and Easter and make sure that during the rest of the year (apart from Advent and Lent) the church always has flowers in the pedestal by the altar.

If you have an interest in flower arranging and would like to be included in the list of helpers, you would receive a very warm welcome. It is not an onerous task and we have a Flower Fund to cover expenses.

The Flower Fund is supported by donations and a Fund Raising Coffee **Morning/Bring & Buy**, usually at the end of January (an ideal opportunity to divest yourself of any unwanted Christmas presents!)

We have the occasional fun event on a flower-related topic as well. If you would like to have a chat about joining us please telephone me on 724922.

Catherine Green

NEW CURATE IN COLESHILL

I have been asked to write a few words about myself. Why? Because since the beginning of October, when I was ordained deacon in Christ Church Cathedral, I have been the part time honorary curate at St Marys with All Saints.

I'm in my fifties - married to Chris and we have two sons, Andy (who is assistant pro. at Harewood Downs Golf Club) and **Myke** (who has just finished his degree course and is the artistic one of the family). We live in **Holmer** Green where we have been for **fifteen** years and I work as a social worker, a career I have followed for thirty years. At the moment that means although I work the equivalent of a full time post, I do my hours through the night or in the evening and at weekends - any time that **isn't 9 - 5!** I am part of the social services emergency duty team which is why the curacy is part time and honorary.

The other unusual thing about my curacy is that I am one of a new scheme called Ordained Local Ministry - or OLM. The "Ordained" is fairly obvious - this year ordained deacon and, if all goes well, next year ordained priest. The "Local" refers to the fact that I was a member of the congregation before starting any training, remained at the church whilst I trained, and will continue to be here for some time hopefully. Part of my training was locally based as well with members of the congregation taking part from time to time. The "Ministry" part of the title is the important word. Ministry is about serving God and serving in the community. It is about having time to spend with people, getting to know how God has been working in lives, encouraging people in faith, praying with those in distress, celebrating with those who are joyful. In Coleshill there are so many folk I have not met yet - **I** wish I was more than just part time - but let me know if you would like me to visit.

And just one more thing - every Friday at 5.30pm in All Saints a few of us meet to pray together. Anyone is welcome to join us - or if you have worries and concerns you would like mentioned then you can write them in the book in church.

The Rev'd Liz Norman

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hopefully by now **I'm** becoming a familiar sight in Coleshill, although possibly bright red in the face and out of breath after cycling up Gore Hill. Thank you all for your wonderful welcome to the Parish. I feel like I belong **already!**

For those of you who may be wondering where I came from, well, I'm a local lad. I grew up in Amersham and Holmer Green, and was a pupil at Dr. Challoner's before going to Bristol University to study music. Since then, I've spent a year working at St. **Michael's** in **Amersham-on-the-Hill** as their full-time voluntary Youth Worker.

My interest in youth work began when I was sixteen, when the Youth Worker in **Beaconsfield** asked me to help out with one of his groups. Since **then**, this work has taken me all over the place, from muddy fields in Northamptonshire to mountain rivers in Wales **via** remote outposts of Kenya. It's also enabled me to work with groups from places as diverse as Hackney, Beaconsfield and Chernobyl.

There lies the key to my work: I simply love it. If I didn't enjoy myself, I'd give it up straight away! The constant variety of people, places and situations make for a thrilling, challenging life, and I pray that this will continue during my time with you. If anyone has any questions or comments about the youth work then please feel free to grab me sometime. I'll be happy to help.

Howard Darvill

RUSHYMEAD HOSPICE

Rushymead Hospice Day Centre, this year celebrated its 5th Anniversary with a service at St. Mary's Church, Amersham.

Since opening in August 1993 for one day per week, the Hospice has expanded its care services to cover five days and now looks after 10 on each day.

In 1999 we hope to develop further by providing extra accommodation including a number of bedrooms for 24 hour respite care. We are also looking into ways of providing a volunteer **'home care befriending service'** which will help carers to take a few well earned hours off.

As space is **short**, it is not possible to detail all our plans but if anyone would like to know more, they are most welcome to visit us to see, first hand, the work we are doing.

May I also take this opportunity to thank everyone in Coleshill for your support during our first five years. Without your help we could not have achieved so much and we are very grateful.

Tony Hulme, Administrator

COLESHILL W.I.

During the summer break there were outings to Ellenborough Church and Taste & Try at Studham where members enjoyed generous helpings of lunch dishes before browsing around their shop selling many delicious items.

The visit of St. Saviours Club for the deaf was highlighted by the presentation to Coleshill of a certificate of Life Membership of the Friends of St. Saviours following many years of happy association with the group.

The September meeting was an open one encouraging members to get to know one another whilst at the same time enjoying demonstrations of spinning and wood carving by two of our talented members.

Our speaker for the October meeting was unfortunately unable to come at the last minute. So we were very grateful to our local photographer, Steve **Hitchen**, for not only filling the gap but also for presenting a great display of slides.

The autumn group meeting, hosted by Little **Missenden**, was held in our own hall. A full house was entertained by a highly humorous talk delivered by **Ian McCaskill**.

At the A.G.M. three committee members resigned after many years of service and we look forward to welcoming their replacements.

The Bucks County Christmas Pantomime this year is Cinderella to be held at Wycombe Abbey School on the 18th & 19th of December. Our President and our Secretary have leading roles and we wish them every success.

As another year draws to a close, we now look forward to our Christmas Lunch on the 10th of December and hope all members will be able to attend.

Jean Powell

N.S.P.C.C.

Thank you to everyone who so kindly contributed to our 'House to House' collection where we raised just over £300.00.

We are still busy on our crackers which we all enjoy doing although they are very time consuming!

This year we shall be carol singing on Thursday, December 17th, along Tower Road, finishing at the Red Lion pub!

Sharon Hall

THE POPPY APPEAL

Last month's Poppy Collection in Coleshill raised a record £691.00

This is a great achievement and the sterling efforts of our volunteer house-to-house **collectors**, who had to contend with atrocious weather, are greatly appreciated. Thank you everybody.

The British Legion would also like to send sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the Church collection on Remembrance Day, and to the boxes at the School, **Rushymead**, The Red Lion and the Magpies.

A successful Poppy Appeal means that the vital work the British Legion does to support former servicemen and women and their dependants can be pursued with renewed vigour and enthusiasm

Leslie Croydon
Honorary Organiser

A POEM FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHO ARE THESE MEN ?

written by Jodie Johnson, aged 12

Who are these men who march so proud;
who quietly weep, eyes closed, heads bowed?
These are the men who once were **boys**,
who missed out on youth and all of its joys.

Who are these men with aged faces,
who silently count the empty spaces?
These are the men who gave their all,
who fought for their country, for freedom for all.

Who are these men with sorrowful look
who can still remember the lives that were took?
These are the men who saw young men die;
the price of peace is always high.

Who are these men who are in the midst of pain,
whispered comfort to those they would not see again?
These are the men whose hands held tomorrow,
who brought back our future with **blood**, tears and sorrow.

Who are these men who promise to keep
Alive in their hearts the ones God holds asleep?
These are the men to whom I promise again
Veterans, my friends,

I will remember them.

(This poem was read during the Remembrance Day service held at All Saints'.)

COLESHILL VILLAGE SCHOOL

I noticed that my last report did not mention the winners of the Scripture Prize awarded by the Church. Tim read through all the work of Years 2 and 3 and the winners were Grace Martin Year 3 and Cassie Chesney-Moore in Year 2.

We lost three valuable members of **staff** in July - Jane **Pearce** and Gill **Smith**, welfare assistants, whom we could not afford to replace and Louise Mason, caretaker. Fortunately, Philip Pond came to the rescue and he cleans the school for 10 hours a week.

Lynn Woodgate joined the teaching staff and she is in charge of the Pre Reception group of 9 children. The school totals 32 this year with 4 more children joining after Christmas. The Pre Reception group is most successful and we have a few more vacancies for next term and the summer term.

We had a very successful Harvest Festival and the £80.00 raised from goods sold was pledged towards the Penn Wood Appeal.

The children visited Jordans School for a puppet show of Sleeping Beauty.

After Christmas we shall be collecting tokens from **Pringles** Crisps and Walkers Crisps. Thank you for the **Tesco** vouchers with which we bought eight computer programmes. A tape measure and a gear construction kit were purchased with the **Sainsbury** points.

If anyone has an overhead projector which is no longer required **and/or** a trolley to put one on, please may we have it. Offices so often dispose of items we could use.

Thank you for your support at the Fashion Show - £528 was raised. It was lovely that Pat McNeill agreed to be a model for us. Also thank you to the Drama Group who put on their Music Hall in aid of the school. Everyone in the village is so supportive of us.

The children will be singing at Rushmead Hospice on Thursday **10th** December as in previous years. If you would like to come to our Christmas Nativity on Monday December 14th (time to be confirmed) please telephone me on 727206 as we shall have some seats available. You are most welcome to join us at the End of Term Service in the Church at **11.00 a.m.** on 18th December.

A Happy Christmas to you all and thank you for all your support.

Louise Stallwood

ALL SAINTS MAGPIE CLUB

The Club was sad to say goodbye to Rachel Quinn who left us in September but happy to welcome her replacement, Howard **Darvill**, who is the new Youth Worker.

Numbers attending have remained at 30 **plus** and we are delighted to have welcomed several new children.

This term our theme has been "The Seasons" and we have studied the importance of each one. Both groups have been busy with art and craft, the younger ones producing an impressive '**seasonal sun**' as well as corn dollies and butterflies. The older children produced a bird feeder and beautiful starry night sky **pictures**. We have also had two Sunday family services, which were both well attended.

The Club would not be able to run without the help of several parents and villagers. A big thank you to all of them. If any other village resident feels they could spare an hour every other Friday afternoon we would be delighted to see you.

We continue to meet at **Coleshill** Village School from **5pm to 6 pm**, the dates for next term are as follows: 8th January, 22nd **January**, 5th February, 26th February, **12th** March, and 26th March.

Children between the ages of 3-10 years are most welcome to attend our fun-filled hour

Glynis Culley

THREE VILLAGES YOUTH CLUB

*For information contact Penny Ware
tel: 01494 722486*

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

An Evening with Peter Seabrook

The First Dora Post **Memorial** Evening held on Saturday 21st November was very well attended. Our guest speaker Peter **Seabrook**, the well known horticulturist, television personality and **writer**, was both amusing and educational. The evening was enjoyed by all participants with food and drink in plentiful supply.

As the evening was so successful, we would like to make this an annual event. We would be very pleased to hear from villagers with interesting suggestions for a Second Dora Post **Memorial** Evening next year.

All the chairs in the large hall have now been replaced and it is hoped they will make future entertainments in your Village Hall much more comfortable!

Lindsey Eardley

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In July we went by **coach** on a trip to Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. Unfortunately the weather was not very warm but we did manage to enjoy the show before the downpour which met us on the way to join the coach for the journey home. There were a few spare seats but everyone who went had a good day out.

Entries were down in the Village Show this year but the standard was as usual exceptionally high, particularly in the Children's section. We are already planning next years Show (September 4th for your 1999 diary) and hope to increase some of the classes in the more popular sections.

The subject for the Photography section is wildlife in Coleshill (including flowers) or architecture in **Coleshill**. Get your cameras out and start clicking away!

By the time this reaches you, we will have enjoyed our final event for 1998. Peter Seabrook presented a lecture and answered questions afterwards, in the Village Hall which was full to capacity for this interesting talk, as reported above.

Society Cup Winners 1998

The Grindley Challenge Cup	GILL PUSEY
The Jerram Challenge Cup	MRS D HEIMANN
The Woolacott Vase	CATHERINE GREEN
The Cotswold Challenge Cup	MRS DHEIMANN
The Orchard Trophy	MRS DHEIMANN
The Premier Cup	MRS DHEIMANN
The Jackie Ferguson Memorial Cup	KIM RICHARDSON
The Ovington Rose Bowl	DENIS HALL
The Cotswold Challenge Cup	STELLA PLATZER
The Edmond Waller Challenge Cup	PENNY WARE
The Windmill Bowl	ANN TROTMAN
The Clifton Cup	MARY SADLER
The Le Mead Cup	HOWARD GREEN
The Joseph Cup	HELEN HITCHEN
The Whitefield Cup	STEPHEN HITCHEN
The Wheatsheaf Childrens Cup	TANYA RICHARDSON
The Magpie Club Award	THOMAS WATTS

Judi Herbert

BOWLS CLUB

Coleshill Short Mat Bowls

The bowls club has had a very good influx of new members during the summer, the membership now stands at around 30 players, to the extent that we have now had to instigate a waiting **list** for any future applicants. This is good news for the club as it gives us a greater pool of players for league matches etc. and we hope will bring success within the league.

However, it is of course not so good for those waiting to join, but don't give up, vacancies do occur from time to time. We still welcome those who would wish to play in the future so call me on 729357 if you would like to go on the waiting list.

John Holland

THE RED LION

Since the summer Newsletter, we seem to have welcomed a number of newcomers into the Village, and so we thought a short resume of what is on offer from '**the Lion**' would not go amiss. After the demise of the village shop in 1992, we agreed to do what we could to provide essentials for villagers, and so we keep extra stocks of bread, butter, eggs, milk, cheese etc. and these can be purchased from 7.30am until closing time at **11.00pm**. Usually we close for a break between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. Also newspapers and magazines can be collected if pre-ordered.

We try to **help** any villagers with a venue for any project or event in which they may be involved. For example during December we are hosting an art exhibition and a book signing, and providing refreshments for the Carol Singers and Morris Dancers after their respective performances on the 17th December. Recently we acted as box office for the Drama Group. If you feel we can be of use to you, do let us know!

During the winter months we have a number of activities on most weekday evenings. Mens Darts on Mondays; Ladies Darts and Quiz evenings on Tuesdays; Crib and Dominoes on Wednesdays; Solo and Hearts on Thursdays; and the occasional Bridge four on Fridays. All these activities start at 8.30pm.

Also on Wednesday evenings a group of locals meet for various games, starting between 9.00pm & 9.30pm; Scrabble, Taboo and Balderdash are known to have been played, and this group provides a good vehicle for newcomers to meet and learn more about village life and what it offers.

As we have said before if we can help you in any way (and it need not involve booze!) do let us know and we will have a go! Our telephone number is 727020.

John & Chris Ullman

DRAMA GROUP

Even with low membership, we have still managed to stage two productions this year.

In the summer, a group that performed at the Edinburgh Festival put on their production of Shakespeare's '**Measure for Measure**', a play that is seldom performed at professional theatres. Summer holidays mean that July is not usually an ideal time for plays, but even so, we still managed an audience of 70 plus, considerably more than they were expecting in Edinburgh!

In November, we had an extremely successful production of '**Old Time Music Hall**' put on by the local Playactors Group. Such was the demand that we were hard pressed to accommodate everybody. Originally I estimated that we would be able to raise about £500.00, but to our great surprise, we are able to donate £960.00 to Coleshill Village School.

I would to thank all those who donated their time and efforts for this worthy cause and I would especially like to thank Sarah Klikis for her Herculean efforts in providing the food.

Meanwhile, we continue to have regular play readings, mainly because they are a good laugh, but also of course, to **find** a play that meets our demanding standards.

Anybody is welcome to join us, acting on stage is not compulsory and it is extremely satisfying to be involved in a production that provides much pleasure and raises money for local causes. Give yourself a break and come to a play reading. Just think what we could achieve with more members.

John Bullard

1ST COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Meetings

Monday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.30pm in Coleshill Village Hall.

Subs: £10.00 **per** term

Guider's and helpers

Guider - Kaye Smith

Helen "Nightingale" Fowler (a retired **guider**)

Sarah Maclean (a really committed parent!)

Emma Maclean - Young Leader in training

The Guides are organised in two patrols - *Kingfishers and Snowdrops*

Tracey Bradley, **Jacqueline Charlton**, Claire Deegan, **Julie** and Katie Maclean,

Stephanie and Amy Miles, Victoria

Enrolments, Badges and Trefoils

- We are working as a company on the Local History badge this term. We are using both **Amersham** Old Town and Coleshill for this. We expect to be tested for this badge at the end of this term.
- The guides are either working on their Yellow or Green Trefoils.
- Victoria and Justine have to prepare for their enrolment in the Winter Term (after **Christmas**).

Activities

Theme of Challenge and Development:

- One of our guides went for a week long camp in July with our sister guide company.
- As we mentioned at Easter we held a recruitment evening for Brownies and other girls to show them what being at guides is like. ***Please note we need support from the village or the Company will close*** - we have 9/10 guides but need to ***"feed" our Company from Coleshill Brownies*** as well as any other girls interested.
- During the summer we have cooked inside as well as out on the common over a **campfire**; we have been ice skating at Slough and been on a guided historical tour of Old Amersham followed by refreshments - thanks to Gerald and Joan - this even included an invitation into one of the old Drake Almhouses. More recently we have done handicrafts (would you believe ornaments and plaques made from raw potato and coloured **paint!**). A great Halloween Party was held too!

Charity Fund Raising/Linkswith the Community

- We plan to donate the proceeds from our Christmas concert to the Stokenchurch Dogs Home
- We will be putting on our annual concert "**The Guide Royal Variety Show**" on Sunday, 6th December at the **Winchmore** Hill Methodist Hall. It will begin at 3.00pm. and finish at about 5.30pm. There will be original entertainment, festive refreshments and a Tombola. We would love to have you there to support us.

We welcome new guides, whether you have been a Brownie or not If you are interested just give me a call!

Kaye Smith

Amersham 433419 or at Work 01932 896035

1ST COLESHILL BROWNIES

At the beginning of September we all went away on pack Holiday for the weekend to Ellesborough Guide Hut near Wendover where we had a wonderful time. The weather was lovely and we were able to do a lot of our activities outside, including flying the homemade kites on top of **Coombe** Hill

We had a very **successful** day out with all the Brownies in the District at the Cotswold Wildlife Park near Burford. Earlier in the term we learnt some new guiding songs for our AGM which was in October. We have done lots of craft items including salt doh mice which we put into corn plant pot arrangements and we have planted snowdrops for the Spring.

The second half of term has been taken up getting ready for Christmas; making presents, invitations to our tea party, organizing the party and carols at **Rushymead** on the **13th** December, and now we are busy making mince pies and peppermint creams for Christmas!

Jane Davies

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

The 1998 season has proved to a very successful one for the Club. Both Saturday **XI's** finished well in the League, with the **1st XI** in sixth place and the 2nd XI runners up. These positions have ensured that the sides will be in the top Divisions of the League when it is split next year. The Sunday XI was **successful** also with cup wins against Penn Street and **Hawridge & Cholesbury**. In the National Village Knockout we met Dinton yet again and just lost in a close game.

Many people have helped the Club over the **season**, and the members would like to thank the following for their efforts: Jack Adams, Anne & Hugh **Jamieson**, Brian Miles, Helen Spencer, Tony & Kate Barber, Lou Edwards, **Vic** Baldwin and Alan Edwards.

The Club would like to thank John Ullman who has kindly agreed to take on the role of Chairman.

Looking forward to the 1999 season our ambitions are high. The players have set themselves targets of top 4 league places and the area final of the National Village Knockout. Our results will be posted in the Red Lion throughout the season so you can monitor our progress.

Finally, the Club is always looking for new **players/members**. Should anyone be interested in either playing cricket or joining as a social member details can be obtained from John Ullman (01494 727020) or Graham Flack (01494 728562).

Graham Flack

SCOPE

I would like to thank everyone in Coleshill who so generously supported my charity bike ride from St. Petersburg to Moscow for SCOPE (the cerebral palsy charity). The trip was challenging but great fun, and I raised a total of around £2,500.00 for SCOPE.

Matthew Searles

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

The Club has had a very sad year with the loss of our Chairman, David George. Our thoughts go to Chris, Andrew and Mark.

Our popular Mens Doubles Tournament will run through the winter again this year and also a Ladies Doubles Tournament will be played over the same period, for the Carol Collins Cup.

The Club Championship proved very successful, culminating in the Finals on Sunday 13th September. The rain held off and we had a fun **barbeque/picnic**. Results as follows:-

Mens Singles	-	Sean Byrnes
Ladies Singles	-	Carol Benton
Mens Doubles	-	Nigel Wolfendale & Sean Byrnes
Ladies Doubles	-	Frances Morrison & Carol Benton
Mixed Doubles	-	Sean Byrnes & Carol Benton

Congratulations to **Sean** and Carol!

At the time of going to press we have played our first three matches in the **Farnham** Common League and won them all!

Since the clocks went back our Adult Club Morning is on Sunday and the Juniors is on Saturday morning.

Our AGM was held on Monday 23rd November, there was a good turnout and we shall be starting on some major fund raising in the New Year. Many thanks to the Cricket Club for allowing us to use their pavilion.

Lindsey Eardley

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The main issue concerning the Council at present is traffic **calming**, which attracted so much interest that, at the last meeting on 8th September, 16 members of the public attended and the democratic 1/4 hour was extended to one hour.

Traffic Calming

From the 219 letters sent out for the village consultation there were an encouraging 68 replies (**31%**). It was clear that many respondents had given a great deal of thought and taken considerable trouble in making their comments and stated their appreciation of having the opportunity to contribute to the debate. However, as indicated in the last Newsletter, the outcome was contradictory and difficult to analyse.

Rumble strips were definitely not supported, 30 being against and only 11 in favour. Views on gateways and road narrowing were more or less even, 26 for and 24 against the former and 20 for and 25 against the latter. There was a majority of 28 to 13 in favour of doing something at the School, but which proposal should be adopted was equally divided.

Several other possibilities not amongst the proposals were raised, notably speed limits and speed humps. Many people were cautious about changing the character of the village through aggressive and excessive signing and too much concrete.

Councillors considered these results, listened to the comments and discussion with the members of the public present and to advice from the officers of Bucks County Council. It emerged that there were two separate problems. One was the safety of children arriving at and leaving the School. The other was the amount and speed of traffic through the village.

It was decided to go ahead with implementing the proposal to put a new footway and parking area along the School frontage and move the centre road marking nearer to Barrack Hill. It was hoped that progress on this could be made quite quickly. There will be some financial support from the County Council and hopefully from the appeal for the School playground, but the major part of the cost will be born by the Parish County Council on the council tax.

Action, if any, on the other matters will be considered at the next Council meeting.

The Common and Pond

The working parties this autumn have been plagued by bad weather. Nevertheless most of the work on clearing the footpaths has been completed. We are trying to get hold of some more bark chipping to distribute. A very successful morning working on the village pond has cleared the growth around and in from the edge and increased the size of the pond noticeably. The water is now beautifully clear and, thanks to all the rain, at a high level.

Millenium

A small Committee will be meeting to consider ideas both for any permanent memorial and for village celebrations at the time. These will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Rather few ideas have so far come from villagers on either aspect, but it is not too late! Please let them come.

Future Meetings

The last meeting of 1998 will be held on Tuesday **1st** December at **8.15pm** in the Small Village Hall. The first meeting of 1999 will be on 23rd February. This will be the last meeting of the present Council before the elections on 6th May. Anyone interested in putting their name forward for the future may wish to talk to one of the present Councillors or the Clerk to find out what **would** be involved.

Patsy Wright-Warren
Clerk

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I am delighted to report that due to the generosity of everyone sending 'Christmas Greetings' this year, a total amount of £195.00 has been received and this will be used to offset the cost of printing the Newsletter in 1999.

Kenneth Crossley

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 1st December	8.15pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 4th December		Friends of Rushmead, Lunch at Fitzwilliam Centre
Friday 4th December	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Saturday 5th December	10.30am	School Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall
Thursday 10th December		W.I. Christmas Lunch
Monday 14th December		Village School Christmas Nativity
Thursday 17th December		NSPCC Carol Singing along Tower Road finishing at the Red Lion - all welcome
18th & 19th December		Bucks County WI Pantomime at Wycombe Abbey School

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Friday 8th January	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Friday 22nd January	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Friday 5th February	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Tuesday 23rd February	8.15pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 26th February	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Friday 12th March	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Friday 26th March	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Thursday 6th May		Council Elections
Saturday 4th September		Village Horticultural Show

CHURCH SERVICES

St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	10.15am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.45am	Matins
All Saints'	11.30am	Family Service (last Sunday of every month)
All Saints'	6.00pm	Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)
St Mary's	6.00pm	Evensong (except 1st of each month)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

All Saints'

Sunday 13th December **Christingle** Service - 5.00pm

Friday 18th December **Coleshill** School Carol Service - 11.00am

Saturday 19th December Parish Trip to Hollybarn Nativity

Sunday 20th December Carol Service - 3.00pm

Thursday 24th December at St Mary's

4.00pm Blessing of Crib & Nativity Play

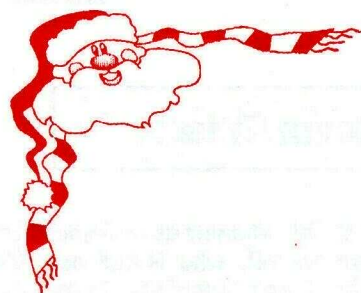
11.30pm Midnight Service of Holy Communion

Christmas Day

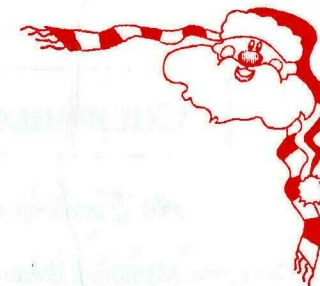
8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's

9.00am Holy Communion & Family Service at All Saints'

11.00am Holy Communion & Family Service at St Mary's



Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year to all friends from -



Jack & Barbara Adams
Bernice, Terry, Simon, Martha & Zoë
Joan Allan
Stephen, Lucie & Max Allen
Kate & Tony Barber
Peter & Jennifer Brock
David & Sue Bullough
Julie Burton
John & Max Chenevix-Trench
Kitty Clifton
Walter Clayton & Daughter
Ronald & Mary Colles
Nancy Collier
C. V. Cossey & Mary
Ken, Penny, Victoria & Edward Crossley
Jean & Leslie Croydon
Marigold Curling
Christopher & Christine Dann
Minnie Darvill
Brigid & David Davis & Family
Pat, John & Fiona Dawson
Christina (Deaky) Deacon
Joan & Andrew Domin
The Dening Family
Peter & Barbara Dodds
Sylvia Dollemore
Jonathan, Lindsey, Liz & Annabel Eardley

Louie Edwards
Pat & Jack Emblow
Robbie Ferguson & Dorothy
Janice, Steve & William Foster-Jones
Bernard & Joan Frost
Gerry, Susie, Chloe & Jessica Gajadharsingh
Joyce Gibbon How
Howard & Catherine Green
David, Sharon, Tara & Natalie Hall
Dennis & Chloe Hall
The Haubner Family
Adam & Tessa Heathcote & Family
Jon & Judi Herbert
Derek & Heather Hollamby
The Horsbrugh-Porter Family
The Houlton Family
Geoff & Ginny Jordan
Teddy & Butty Joseph
Christine King
Peter & Ann Lawrence & Family
Mrs Marjorie Long-Brown
John & Mary Machin
David & Ineke McCammon & Family
Steve & Toni McGuinness & Family
Ian, Amanda & Charlotte McCallum
George & fat McNeil
Ruby May & Family

Henry Maynard
Ron, Ruth, Gregory & Alex Murphy
Philip, Hazel & Rosalind Pearce
Stella & Tony Platzner
George & Barbara Plumridge
Peg Pomeroy
Alex, Derek, Philip & Susannah Pond
Jean & John Powell
Margaret Price
Micky Prothero
Graham & Helen and Family
David, Rosie, Matthew & Laura Searles
Colin, Gillian, Clare & Fiona Sach
Nick & Mary Sadler & Family
Ewart & Jean Smith
The Spencer Family
Graham & Dumpy Swerling
Chris & Hazel Thomas
Hazel & Graham Thorne
Ann Trotman
Donald Urry
Richard & Rosemary Valentine & Family
Dick, Penny, Tessa & Dickon Ware
Sydney & Ann Ware
Chris & Mary Wege & Family
Spike & Phyllis Wright
Patsy Wright-Warren

