

The Rectory
Church Street
Amersham

December 1991

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PRESENT...

Are you one of those people who have bought and wrapped all their Christmas presents before the end of November? No? Perhaps, then, you are one of those people who would leave all their shopping until the week before Christmas!

And how do you go about it when you do get around to shopping? Do you spend a long time thinking and planning before ever you set out, or do you perhaps go in to a likely looking shop and see what springs to mind?

Many people find choosing the right present for someone extremely difficult. What would they like that they have not already got? Can I afford it anyway? Is it too small? Is it the right colour? Will it fit? All too easily, choosing the presents becomes a chore and yet another source of pre-Christmas pressure!

Yet giving a present ought to be a double delight: a delight for the person receiving the gift and for the person giving it. In fact, if the present is really appropriate and fits the person for whom it is intended exactly, the pleasure for the person doing the giving is likely to be even greater than for the person receiving the gift.

But why give presents at all? Surely, we mostly reserve present giving to times like birthdays? So easily we forget that that is exactly the reason for our Christmas presents. So easily, too, our giving of presents hardly does honour to the One whose birthday it is all about. And what about Him? Do we think to give Him a present on His birthday or give presents to everyone but Him?

When you are choosing the final presents this year and trying to make sure that they are the right ones for the people concerned, do not forget to ask yourself, "What is the right present for me to give Jesus whose birthday it is?" He has given us the best possible present of all - Himself, His love and His life. He wants us to choose to give Him ourselves, our love and our lives. It is what we especially do by worshipping Him.

Choose the right present for Him. Wrap yourself up and come to Church this Christmas. In fact not only on Christmas Day but throughout the year. Make your present last, as He does His to you.

Anthony Puddis.

THANKS FOR SUPPORT

I would just like to thank all the people in the village who have shown such kindness to me *during* the past two years. As most of you know, I lost my beautiful *daughter* Simonne in August 1989 and I have found life so very difficult without her. Many of you have tried to include me in different *activities*, and, although I have not felt able to join in much, I have appreciated your efforts. The Reverends Anthony *Priddis* and John Baker have also been such a support to me.

I would like to wish you all good health for Christmas and want you to know all your kind words have really helped me during this difficult time.

Stephanie Hernandez

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services. Harvest Festival and the Patronal Festival were both services *which we* all enjoyed, and for both the church was beautifully enhanced by the flowers arranged so lovingly.

The Magpie Club 's next Service is on 24th November at 11 am, after the usual 9 am service. Christmas services are as follows:

Christingle Service	5 pm	Sunday, December 15th
Carol Service	3 pm	Sunday, December 22nd
Christmas Day	9 am	Wednesday, December 25th

Church Heating. The necessary permission has been received from the Diocese and twelve overhead quartz heaters are to be installed towards the end of November.

Quinquennial Survey. Both slopes of the Nave roof have been *retiled*, and areas of *defective brick-and-flint* work have been repaired. Internal decoration in the chancel and the vestry have *also* been carried out.

Festival Breakfast for Sue Ryder/Cheshire Charity.

The All Saints ' Harvest Charity is the Church 's-practical expression of its care and concern for people in developing countries. It is heartwarming and encouraging that the people of Coleshill have once again responded so generously and enthusiastically in their support of the tuberculosis services to the very poor people in the hills around Dehra Dun in Northern India which are provided by Raphael, a home run by the Ryder-Cheshire Mission.

This year the Festival Breakfast was held, not at harvest time, but in association with our Patronal Festival at All Saints. Once again Alex Pond and her band of helpers did wonders in providing a splendid meal for a hall full of people. Together with receipts from a *raffle*, a cake stall, the sale of goods made in India and a contribution from Church funds, as well as a number of *donations*, another record amount was collected - £1,281. This was in addition to an anonymous donation of £150 that had been given for Patsy Wright-Warren to take out with her on her recent visit to *Raphael*. While she was there she was able to take more photographs and film which she showed at the breakfast. This showed the difficulties that those with tuberculosis have to overcome to receive their treatment.

The growth in the Coleshill contribution means that we are no longer just providing some extras towards the *service*, but are this year covering nearly 10% of the total UK cost of the service. This is a tremendous effort for a small village and one which is greatly appreciated by those in India giving the service and by Sue Ryder and Leonard *Cheshire*, the Founders. Many thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH (Contd)

Churchyard. The felled tree, which has been lying in the churchyard for many months, is available for anyone who would like to take it for firewood - or any other purpose. It is a conifer (not yew).

A bequest of £500 has been made for the enhancement of the church-yard in the will of *Julie McLean*, who died on 10th July after a long illness. *Judy* was secretary of the All Saints' Church Committee from 1978 to 1982, and worked as secretary to three different bishops. The church was one of her priorities, and we are grateful to her for remembering it in this way.

HOLY BAPTISM

On 6th October 1991, *HEATHER MARY* and *ELIZABETH JANE*, daughters of *Michael* and *Madeleine Murray*.

On 20th October 1991, *PIPPA ROSE*, daughter of *Simon* and *Julie Cullingworth*

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 20th July 1991, *Russell Graham Baldwin* married *Teresa Lorraine Shinn*, both of *Amersham*.

On 19th September 1991, *Nigel Robert McNeil* of *Coleshill* married *Pamela Mary Fitzgerald* of *Brentford*.

IN MEMORIAM

27th August 1991. *Alastir Panton* at *Lympstone House, Lympstone, Devon*.

ALASTIR PANTON. *Alastir* and his family lived at *Waller's Oak* for some 20 years. He and his wife *Pat* will be well remembered for their involvement in so many village activities. *Alastir* was Treasurer of the Church for several years, and, subsequently, one of the Church Wardens. Our sympathy goes to his family, particularly his daughter, *Lyn*, who continues to be a frequent visitor to All Saints.

HARVEST SUPPER

There was the usual strong demand for the tickets for the Harvest Supper, and the 126 available were all taken up a week or so before Friday, 11th October. The introduction of a seating plan was much appreciated, and thanks are due to *Ruth Murphy*, who both suggested and organised this innovation.

The Sherry bar, presided over by *Walter Clayton*, was busy by 7.15 pm, and about 8 pm, *Dumpy Swerling* and her helpers were providing us with a delicious supper of hot chicken pie and vegetables, - and plenty of it! There followed the usual sumptuous selection of sweets and puddings kindly given by ladies in the village.

The much enjoyed evening finished with some hearty community singing.

POPPY APPEAL

We collected a record £370.22 in the village, and the British Legion is very grateful for the generosity of donors and the hard work of the collectors.

A.G.U.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

School Sports, Fete and Barbecue were held in July on a glorious hot sunny day. A profit of £597 was made, £24.50 from the children's stall was subsequently sent to Save the Children, for Romania.

End-of-term Service was conducted in Church by the Revd. John Baker. He presented Bibles to the leavers: Luisa Ferrer, Helen Connolly, Jennifer Green, Marianne Lee, Rachel Taylor and Ellen Tuffney. The Scripture prize was awarded to Luisa Ferrer, who also won the Pat Panton Trophy for kindness and helpfulness, with Marianne Lee, Helen Connolly and Stephen Miles as runners-up.

This term Mrs J Kirchheimer, a local vet, has been to talk to the children about care of pets. The sunflowers (planted by the children in May) which were sponsored for the Church Urban Fund, were measured in September, the tallest was 139 cm., £122.34 was later sent to the Church Urban Fund.

Harvest Open Assembly, conducted by the Revd. Anthony Priddis, was held in school. Sale of produce brought by the children raised £38 for Christian Aid. A group of 12 older children went to the Elgiva Hall, Chesham, to see a play 'The Selfish Shellfish' about environmental pollution. All the children have been to the home of Mrs Payne in Winchmore Hill, to see some 'handicapped' owls which she looks after.

Our CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will begin at 10.30 am on SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER in School, and our end-of-term service will be at 11 am on Friday 20th December in Church. WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO BOTH EVENTS.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS') BROWNIE PACK

The Pack now numbers fourteen very lively Brownies. We have welcomed Eleanor, Hayley and Sam who will all be enrolled by the end of November. The term was late in starting due to the indisposition of Tawny Owl. In spite of this the girls have worked hard and earned their Agility and Athletes badges. At the beginning of term they attended and enjoyed a County Brownie Fun Day at 'Wing'. In October, they, as usual, read the Lesson and Prayers at the Family Service Church Parade.

Half-term saw the return of Brown Owl (for a short stay). During a craft evening the girls made gifts ready for Christmas. They are now practising hard for their busy Christmas events, the Contact Party, the visit to Rushmead and to the Christingle Service. They play games with a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of noise!

Next term the Pack will be run by Tawny Owl and Snowy Owl, as Brown Owl will once more be migrating to Zimbabwe in time for a sunny Christmas there, and will return during the summer term (hopefully to stay). Very many thanks to Kim and Helen and to the Mums who keep the pack running during my absence.

Anne Lake
Brown Owl
18.11.91

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

A good season was had both on and off the field, and we finished with a most enjoyable evening spent at Beaconsfield Golf Club where we held our Annual Dinner Dance.

The Committee and Members would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Kate Barber

MAGPIE CLUB 1991-92

We planned 12 events during the summer holidays. Due to the wonderful weather in August and the efforts of those who organized each event, many more families joined in. We had a great time!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

CAROL SINGING - MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER 1.30 pm. Meet at the Church. Please bring 4 mince-pies in a plastic bag for a gift. (Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult)

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY PARTY - FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY 2.30 - 4.50 pm - in Village Hall. Wear rough clothes and please bring a contribution of food for tea + £1.00 per family towards costs.

LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY at 12.30 pm - for parents and under 5's To be held in Village Hall. Please bring contribution to lunch.

Rosemary 725794

Sue 722068

Madeleine 728561

Eleanor 721610

All Saints ' Magpie Club

We have had another lively term, the last session is December 6th, then we begin again on Friday, January 17th. Thank you very much to all those who have helped us this term.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group, having had an enjoyable visit to the Windsor Theatre to see Noel Coward's 'Private Lives', are now heavily engaged rehearsing their next production - Terence Rattigan's 'Separate Tables'.

We hope as many as possible will turn up to support the Group. There will be a Licensed Bar on the Friday and Saturday, and, by the way, it starts at 8 pm. Come early to get a good seat!!!

"S E P A R A T E T A B L E S"

by Terence Rattigan

THURSDAY 5th; FRIDAY 6th; & SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

Village Hall : 8 pm. Tickets: £3.50

Tickets at the Door or from John at the RED LION

COLESHILL BRANCH OF THE N.S.P.C.C.

Once again may I thank the residents of Colehill for the wonderful support they gave the Society during the year. In October we collected £745.00 from our 'House to House' envelope appeal. We are grateful to Sharon and David Hall who kindly provided the venue for a very cheerful Coffee Morning for the sale of Christmas items, cards etc. This event raised a further £400 for the NSPCC.

CAROL SINGING: We plan to sing Carols - this year down Magpie Lane on THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER. Please lend us your voice - and if you are free to join the group we ask you to be outside the CHURCH PORCH by 7.15pm - warmly clad and with a torch. If the residents in the Lane could remember to put on their outside lights it would be extremely helpful and will add a degree of safety for the Carol singers - "Oh to live in Magpie Lane"!

The Committee are taking a break over Christmas this year and we will therefore NOT be hosting a Tea Party after the Carol service.

G.L.B.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thanks to some great work by committee members and volunteers - specially Jack Haubner and Jean Smith - the village hall was ready for the staging of the Annual Show in good time to receive the exhibitors for the Show day on 7th September. Congratulations go to all the many exhibitors and particularly to the Cup winners:

The Grindley Challenge Cup	-	Mrs P Griffiths
The Jerram Challenge Cup	-	Mrs D Heimann
The Woolacott Vase	-	Mrs L Haubner
The Cotswold Challenge Cup	-	Mrs D Heimann
The Clifton Cup	-	Mrs S Bullough
The Le Mead Cup	-	Mrs S Hall
The Joseph Cup	-	Miss K Sadler
The Wheatsheaf Children's Cup	-	Rachel Clark/Mark George
The MAGPIE CLUB AWARD	-	Jeremy Glover
The Colehill Challenge Cup	-	Mrs C Cossey
The Edmond Waller Challenge Cup	-	Mrs H Savory
The Ovington Rose Bowl	-	Mrs H Glover
The Windmill Bowl	-	Miss P Wright-Warren

There was an increase in the number of visitors to the Show in the afternoon and many complimentary remarks about the high standard of the *entries*, so we judge the Show to have been very successful, but we do hope for more vegetable and fruit entries next year as numbers were slightly reduced in these sections.

The 'Greenfingers' plant Bring & Buy sale in October was held on a DRY morning and produced a good sum for the Society's funds and we thank everyone who stopped by.

In 1992 We are happy now to openly declare the date of the election will be JUNE 3rd - for both officers and committee at the A.G.M. Our policy will be to resist federalism, carrot fly and black spot - negotiate on Brussel sprouts - and doing the will of the people whenever possible!

Even more importantly, we are now working on our 1992 Spring meeting and expect to announce a well known and very entertaining speaker to this meeting in the next issue of the Parish magazine.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Thurs	5)	
Fri	6)	Drama Group Presentation. Village Hall 8 pm
Sat	7)	
Wed	11	Colehill School Concert. 7.00 pm
Sat	14	Christmas Bazaar - School 10.30 am
Sun	15	Christingle Service - Church 5 pm
Thurs	19	Carol Singing - NSPCC - Church 7.15 pm
Fri	20	School end-of-term Service - Church 11 am
Sun	22	CAROL CONCERT - Church 3 pm
Mon	23	Magpie Club Carol Singing - meet at Church 1.30 pm

In July the Institute was saddened by the death of Elizabeth Harvey, who had lived in the village for over 20 years and been a very active and popular member of the community.

During the month a very successful Fund Raising event, the Home Lunches, was held at various venues in the village and Winchmore Hill. Although there was no meeting in August, it was still a busy month, including visits to Gloucester and Docklands. As usual, friends from the Deaf Club at St Saviours in Acton came to lunch and tea, and in October they invited us for a return visit. Those of us who went received a very warm welcome. Lindsey Haubner was at the wheel of the Community Bus lent by Amersham Round Table for the outing.

In September, three visitors were welcomed and hopes expressed that they may decide to join us in 1992. Although there is a very healthy membership, there is plenty of room for new faces, and new ideas are never out of place.

At the Bucks Show we were delighted that our "Rubbish Revived" entry received a Highly Commended certificate. Congratulations go to Ann Trotman's design and workmanship, as well as that of Sue Bullough and Rosemary Saunders. In the second Group Competition "Public Speaking", the Coleshill team of Muriel Jones, Joy Hicks and Lindsey Haubner won the Chess Group section and are now in the finals to be held in Aylesbury. **

The A.G.M. is always held in November, and this year a few changes have been made to the Committee. The President - Rosemary Saunders and Secretary - Muriel Jones will continue in office for 1992, but Sue Bullough will take over as Treasurer. The outgoing Treasurer, Trixie Browne, has certainly earned a rest, as she has held the office since 1958. The warmest thanks go to her for her dedication, and one wonders if she holds the record for such long service. She is staying on the Committee, but Ivy Owen and Evelyn Clayton are retiring (but happily not from the Institute), and Helen Savory and Gloria Zeitlin are taking their places.

For our evening Fund Raising event in November, we had Ralph Hentall giving an interesting talk on Love Spoons, followed by a light supper. There was also a Raffle, Christmas Stall and Bar.

Joy Hicks, as usual, has found a variety of interesting speakers for the monthly meetings, and in July Mr and Mrs Baker fairly took over the hall with their owls, with Mrs Baker keeping everyone enthralled with her accounts of the sad and mad moments experienced at their wild life sanctuary. In September a Home Economist, Kathy Loddy, gave a very interesting talk on the History of Sainsburys.

October brought us P.C. Derek Andrews, a member of the Thames Underwater Search Unit, Marine section. He managed to bring humour to a sometimes grim subject, and amazed his audience with descriptions of searching for, and finding, not only guns and knives, but such small things as ear-rings in the Thames and other murky waters. Sadly, an average of 25 bodies are found annually - many accidental deaths caused by too much alcohol. As he said "Water and drink don't mix".

On a happier note, the next meeting will be the Christmas lunch, which is always a pleasant end to the year, and a good opportunity for meeting friends, without having any business to discuss.

J.P.

** STOP PRESS CONGRATULATIONS TO MURIEL, JOY AND LINDSEY ON THEIR WIN IN THE
----- FINALS OF THE 'PUBLIC SPEAKING' COMPETITION - A GREAT PERFORMANCE

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The First Time Sewerage scheme is happening outside the Hall and we shall be very pleased when all the work is completed. In the meantime the mud is prolific and we are sorry that car parking may be causing congestion. However, when the scheme is finished the Hall will be able to disconnect the septic tank and problems of emptying and possible overflow will be removed for ever.

When the land has settled we have a plan for a permanent ramp for disabled access. Details have been drawn up by the County Architect and meet the normal recommendations with regard to slope and width. The intention is for the ramp to be to the left of the main porch starting on the small Hall side. It will rise gradually to the level inside the covered porch and the left side of the porch will have an opening door. We feel that this is an appropriate time to build a permanent ramp in place of the old wooden one which is in need of repair.

Also when the land has settled we shall be considering having the whole fore-court area resurfaced. The present surfaces were already uneven and we expect them to deteriorate further after the completion of the sewerage scheme.

Fortunately we expect our funds will be adequate to meet these expenses. However we are always conscious that internal and external decorations of the Hall need to be kept to a high standard both to protect the property and for it to be pleasant and clean for users. We shall also need to spend money on decoration in 1992.

P.M.L.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am Holy Communion
	10.15 am Family Service (with Sunday School & Creche)
	11.45 am Matins
	6.00 pm Evensong
2nd Wednesday of each month	10.00 am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER	(Candlelit)	6.00 pm FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & LESSONS
TUESDAY 24th	"	11.30 pm MIDNIGHT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services:	9.00 am Parish Communion
	6.00 pm Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)
Family Service:	9.00 am 2nd Sunday in month

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:
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SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER	5.00 pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER	3.00 pm CAROL SERVICE
CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00 am PARISH COMMUNION

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Brownies	- Monday Evenings: 5.30 - 7.00 pm Village Hall
Guides	- Monday Evenings: 7.00 - 8.15 pm Village Hall
W.I.	- 2nd Thursday of each month (except August) 2.30 pm Village Hall
Mobile Library	This is in Coleshill every Wednesday morning 9.35 - 9.50 am, stopping alternately at Village Hall and Village Way. Details on noticeboard outside Church.

C H R I S T M A S G R E E T I N G S -1991

Jack Adams
Joan Allan
Peter & Jennifer Brock
David & Sue Bullough
John & Julie Burton
John & Ann Chenevix-Trench
Walter & Evelyn Clayton
Kitty Clifton
Ronald & Mary Colles
Nancy Collier
Catherina Cossey & Family
Leslie & Jean Croydon
David & Marigold Curling
Norman & Minnie Darvill
Tony, Pat, John & Fiona Dawson
Christina (Deaky) Deacon
Jim & Alison Dering & Family
Charles & Anna-Marie Desoutter
Kezia de Winne
Alan & Jean Dover & Family
Ted, Ann, James, Robbie & Nicky Downie
Jonathan & Lindsey Eardley & girls
Louie Edwards
Jack & Pat Emblow
Robin & Jacky Ferguson & Family
Janice, Steve & William Foster-Jones
Bernard & Joan Frost
David & Chris George & boys
Peggie Gow
Maisie & Andrew Grant
Lena Grayer
Howard & Catherine Green
Harold Grindley
John Guest
David & Sharon Hall & girls
Denis & Chloe Hall
Jack & Lindsey Haubner & Family
Les & Joy Hicks
John & Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter
Bill & Barbara Houlton & Auntie
Teddy & Betty Joseph
Chris King

Peter & Ann Lawrence & Family
Marjorie Long-Brown
David & Ineke McCammon & Family
George & Pat McNeil
George & Ruby May
Henry & Diana Maynard
Ron, Ruth, Greg & Alex Murphy
Michael & Madeleine Murray & Family
Nita Ovington
Philip & Hazel Pearce
Tony & Stella Platzner
George & Barbara Plumridge
Peg Pomeroy
Derek, Alex, Philip & Susannah Pond
Dora Post
Margaret Price
Micky Prothero
Jessie Pusey
Roger Pusey
Brian & Pam Pusey
Jim & Pleasance Riley
Gillian, Colin, Clare & Fiona Sach
Nick & Mary Sadler & Family
John & Helen Savory
Ewart & Jean Smith & Family
Cecelia Spackman
The Spencer Family
Mollie K. Stone
Pam & Paul Stubbings
All the Swerling Family
Peggy & Ann Trotman
Donald & Anita Urry
Richard & Rosemary Valentine & Family
Norman & Kay Vines
Betty Waite
Dick, Penny, Tessa & Dickon Ware
Sidney & Ann Ware & Family
Chris & Mary Wege & Family
Mercie & Martin Williamson
Spike & Phyllis Wright
Patsy Wright-Warren

The above have advised that they do not propose to send
Christmas Cards locally, but extend to all friends their
best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Bob & Mary Tilson send Christmas Greetings to all friends in Coleshill

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A cheque will be forwarded to the Treasurer of All Saints ' Church for the money
received for the above greetings.