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ALL SAINTS CHURCH
COLESHILL



VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SUMMONED BY BELLS

"Our Voices shall with joyfull Sound Make Hills and Valleys eccho round"

So reads the inscription on the Treble Bell which hangs in the tower of St Mary's Church in the Old Town. There are twelve bigger bells which are hung for full circle ringing. The bell frame was fully restored in the past twenty years, and the peal is regarded as being the best ring for their weight. St Mary's is only the second church in the county and the fourth within the Diocese to possess a peal of twelve bells (the 13th is a sharp 2nd to provide a Light Octave) and it is estimated that there are some 100 rings of twelve bells worldwide, 92 of which are in England. Consequently St Mary's regularly hosts teams of ringers from all over the country.

Several of the old bells were given by members of the Drake family of Shardeloes as is the 11th of the present ring. Another bell was a gift of the people of Coleshill. In past times bells were rung for services, festivals, Royal celebrations and vestry meetings. In 1684 the sexton rang a bell at 8am and 4pm daily through winter. Last century the tenor bell was tolled at funerals; for bell ringers or "any old parishioner", the ringing was muffled.

"Unto the Church I do you call Death to the grave will summons all"

So reads the inscription on the great Tenor bell. It weighs 19cwt 6lbs, and needs a strong frame both to support and ring it.

Bells have voices. As they ring out, men and women hear a variety of messages. Sometimes it is a message of hope, as with a wedding. At other times they resonate with the grief we feel. Many have come to church lured by this resonance for better or worse. In the building they may enjoy an overwhelming sense of God's presence and support through the ups and downs of life. As John Betjeman wrote, we are indeed "Summoned by Bells".

This Easter time, when you next hear the bells of St Mary's Church Old Amersham ringing out on a Sunday or weekday, listen carefully to what they are saying. They will have a message of hope and resurrection through Jesus Christ especially for you.

Tim Harper
Rector of Amersham with Coleshill

(With grateful thanks to Michael Andrews-Reading for the information gleaned from his guide to the Parish Church)

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

Christmas Services

The Christingle and Carol Services as always were well attended, and the retiring collection from the Carol Service and proceeds from the tea together raised £280.00 for the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

Millennium Service

A full congregation was in church for the service at 5pm on 31st December, to mark the beginning of the New Millennium.

Confirmation Service

A confirmation service was held in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 7th March, when the Bishop of Buckingham confirmed eight people; a further six people renewed their baptismal vows.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Full details of services in the parish appear on the final page of this Newsletter. Please note that there is no 11.30am Family Service in April.

Christian Aid

Helen Barnes has again kindly agreed to co-ordinate the house-to-house collection for Christian Aid week which begins on 14th May.

Village Fete

The village fete will be held on Saturday 10th June. This will again take place in the meadow by the pond, by kind permission of Richard and Rosemary Valentine. Proceeds will be for the Lych Gate Fund.

Dedication of the Lych Gate

The Bishop of Buckingham will be coming to Coleshill to dedicate the lych gate on Sunday 18th June. Details will be advised nearer the time.

The Rev'd Rosie Harper

Rosie will be ordained priest on Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am at All Saints Church, High Wycombe.

Harvest Charity

The second harvest charity chosen for 2000 is the Samaritans, Chilterns branch, based in Amersham. The Director, Heather Auton, is a Coleshill resident.

Churchyard Maintenance

Volunteers are always needed to keep the churchyard in the continuous good order which we all appreciate. Whether you may wish to offer occasional help or to join our Adopt-a-Patch scheme (whereby volunteers take personal responsibility for a designated small area of the churchyard), please be in touch with Christopher Wege, telephone 724152, if you would like to be of assistance or require further details.

Ruth Murphy

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Holy Baptism 2000

Stephanie Evans – 13th February
Nicola Murray – 26th March
Christopher Newth-West – 26th March
Emma Newth-West – 26th March
Oliver White – 26th March
Catherine Willoughby – 26th March

In Memoriam 1999

Florence Deacon – 10th December

In Memoriam 2000

Mary Pollock Bagehot – 13th January
Ronald Bohen – 23rd January
Brigid Davis – 1st March
Chloé Hall – 1st March

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OBITUARY

Chloé Hall

2nd December 1919 – 1st March 2000

Chloé came to the village in 1969. She took part in numerous local activities until a series of strokes eventually restricted her involvement. Before spending her last few months in hospitals and nursing homes Chloé enjoyed her Monday visits to Rushymead Hospice. She passed away peacefully on 1st March.

Chloé's funeral, conducted by the Reverend Tim Harper, assisted by the Reverend Liz Norman, took place at All Saints on 15th March. Her family would like to thank all those who attended the service, sent cards and letters of sympathy, and who showed so much kindness during her long illness.

RM

NSPCC

Having had a very busy and successful winter season raising over £2000.00 we are giving ourselves a rest until May. Of course any donations in the meantime would be more than welcome!

A sale of children's nearly new equipment, clothes, toys, books, etc. is to be held on Saturday 20th May from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Village Hall. The cost of a pitch is £5.00, so if you would like to make a few pounds without having to stand out in the cold at a boot sale, please contact Amanda McCallum (725083) or Emily Smith (723046).

In addition if you have any items (toys, books or clothes) which you might like to donate to the NSPCC pitch, we would be most grateful. Do not forget we will be serving coffee & danish, and there will be a delicious cake stall, so pop in and see us if you can. All support would be much appreciated.

If you would like a copy of the answers to our Christmas quiz please contact Amanda McCallum (725083)

Sharon Hall

ALL SAINTS MAGPIE CLUB

This term Magpie Club has been meeting at a new time. We now meet fortnightly at 4.30 at the school on a Tuesday. Although there are some children who have other activities booked for this evening the attendance has been good and we have great fun.

We try to look at the same material as the adults look at in Church on Sunday. This involves listening to a story followed by some activity. We did a dramatic rendition of the Wedding Feast at Cana - drawing lots to determine who was going to play the bride so that justice was seen to be done!

We have made mobiles and pictures and recently plundered the local shoe shops for boxes which we turned into Middle Eastern houses with a hole cut in the roof through which we lowered a paralysed man for Jesus to heal.

There are of course the usual drinks, biscuits and birthdays and a running around game or two is essential at that time of day! If you hear angelic voices as you go past the school it will be the fantastic singing we do towards the end.

The aim is to share fun and friendship, and to get to know a little more of what Jesus did and taught and how that can make a difference to our own lives.

Rosie Harper

Open Garden at CLIVIA, WINDMILL HILL

Reminder – 1st April

Nick & Mary Sadler are throwing open their Garden on Saturday 1st April to raise lots of money for the

Muscular Dystrophy Campaign.

Time 12 noon to 3pm - Tickets £7.00
Cheese & wine – Plants for sale

Everyone welcome

FRIENDS OF RUSHYMEAD HOSPICE

Christmas at the Hospice was much enjoyed by all patients and as usual we funded the presents and celebration lunches on each of the five days; this totalled £718.67. It is always a jolly week and a great opportunity for the patients to celebrate Christmas with old and new friends made at the Hospice with whom they strike up very strong bonds.

Our lunch, held at the Fitzwilliam Centre was very well supported and we had a full house. We were delighted to make £1,326.00. Betty Page, our entertainer, was absolutely brillaint and so we have invited her to come back in October and do some more of her comic monologues.

This time we have decided to have an evening event and give those who are unable to make it during the day a chance to attend. I do think it is also very suitable for mixed company, so please gentlemen, do come too! The date will be 7th October and will be in the Village Hall; supper will be served. If you are interested please telephone me for more details nearer the time.

Our Bridge Afternoon takes place on the 5th April next and we are hoping for a record turnout! We are also hoping to organise an evening at the Hall Barn Shakespeare Event in June, details yet to be finalised, but please look out for the posters.

We are awaiting the delivery of a Parker bath, which will be a wonderful boon to both patients and staff. It is free standing and easily moved and plumbed in. I think the patients will feel very safe and and comfortable in this bath and that it is of paramount importance, it will also be a great deal easier for the nurses as they will be able to approach both sides of the bath. This is costing £7,000.00 of which the Friends are contributing £5,000.00.

The Hospice needs to raise a great deal of money in the near future as there are great plans for expansion. We are going to have to put extra effort into our fund-raising events. If anyone has any ideas for fund-raising please do let us know, we would love some new input.

All your support is very gratefully received and we do hope that you will continue to help us in this expanding project and hope that you will enjoy our events.

Heather Hollamby

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

Another season is with us!

We shall be running the Club Championships again this year. The matches are for all standards, above the ages of fourteen. The tournaments are in the following categories: Mens Singles; Mens Doubles; Ladies Singles; Ladies Doubles; Mixed Doubles. These matches will take place over the summer with the finals taking place on *Sunday 17th September.*

Over the past few months there has been a mixed tennis tournament for charity with the proceeds going to the Heart Foundation. The semis and finals will take place on *Sunday 9th April.*

The VILLAGE TENNIS TOURNAMENT will be on *Sunday 11th June.*

This year we intend to revive the open tournament where the initial rounds are played on both private and the Club courts, with the semis and finals at the Tennis Club. A date has yet to be set.

Our coach Frances Morrison will be starting group coaching in April. There will be sessions for Ladies, Older Juniors[11-14 years], Middle Juniors[8-10 years] and Young Juniors[5-7 years].

The PLAY TENNIS 2000 "Have a Go" session will take place with Frances Morrison on *Saturday 6th May.*

The Tennis Club is joining with the Coleshill Cricket Club in two events this year–

- aHorse Race Night at Coleshill Village Hall on *Friday 19th May.*
- a Cricket & Tennis Fun Day at the two clubs on *Saturday 15th July.*

Lindsey Eardley

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

The new season is nearly upon us, and this year it starts over Easter with a play-off game for the 1st XI against Wraysbury to decide which team remains in Division I of our league. Obviously a very important match for the club, and nets at the Royal Grammar School have been used for the last month.

In the National Village knockout we have been drawn to play Brill, the team who beat us last year; so hopefully revenge will be sweet.

A number of social events have been organised including the Vice-Presidents cheese & wine party at the Club at noon on Sunday 16th April, a Race Night in the Village Hall organised jointly with the Tennis Club on 19th May and a tennis/cricket Fun Day culminating in a Barbecue on 15th July.

Thanks to the generosity of our vice-presidents our extension to the changing rooms was completed last season. This year we have to replace ground equipment. If you would like to become a vice-president please contact Helen Spencer, 5 Chase Close, Coleshill (Tel: 725857). We would be delighted to welcome any villager during the season. Let us hope for a fine, dry Summer!

Graham Flack
Secretary

COLESHILL BOWLS CLUB

Well here we are near the end of another busy season. The club is in its 8th year and remains very active with 25 plus members with new faces appearing from time to time, unfortunately not from the Village, which is a shame.

Sadly, we lost one of our keenest players on Christmas day to cancer and Patrick will be missed by all.

We recently had players involved in a county game against Cambs and although Bucks won more games, we conceded more shots, we lost overall, but a close game keenly fought. John Holland reached the finals of the county playoffs, narrowly losing in the final.

The summer session is about to commence when league matches are finished and there is more free time on the mats, so why not come along, you never know you may enjoy it!

John Holland

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Since starting the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village, crime generally has decreased. This is due considerably to residents taking more precautions themselves regarding burglar alarms, security lighting and even more sophisticated forms.

However, there will always be 'chancers' who see an opportunity and nip in on a whim; this has especially been the case with cars lately. The centre of the village, from the pub car park to the church area have been targeted as well as more outlying properties. We advise you most strongly NOT to leave anything on show in your car.

In recent weeks mobile phones, CD's, golf clubs, clothing and, in one incident, a brief case containing a Filofax with credit cards, addresses, appointments, important business information and a passport required for a trip the next day were stolen, giving the victim weeks of problems to sort out. So please take care.

The Area Beat Officer, PC 586 Colin Bedford, can be reached on 736686. (Fax 736651 or Pager 01893 331508). You may reach an answer-phone but he WILL return your call. Colin can also arrange for a Crime Reduction Officer to call with advice for your home security.

Finally we have a supply of yellow window stickers and incident note books if you would like new ones.

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

COLESHILL MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

Coleshill residents have a wonderful sense of occasion and gave tremendous support for the variety of Millennium celebrations here in the village.

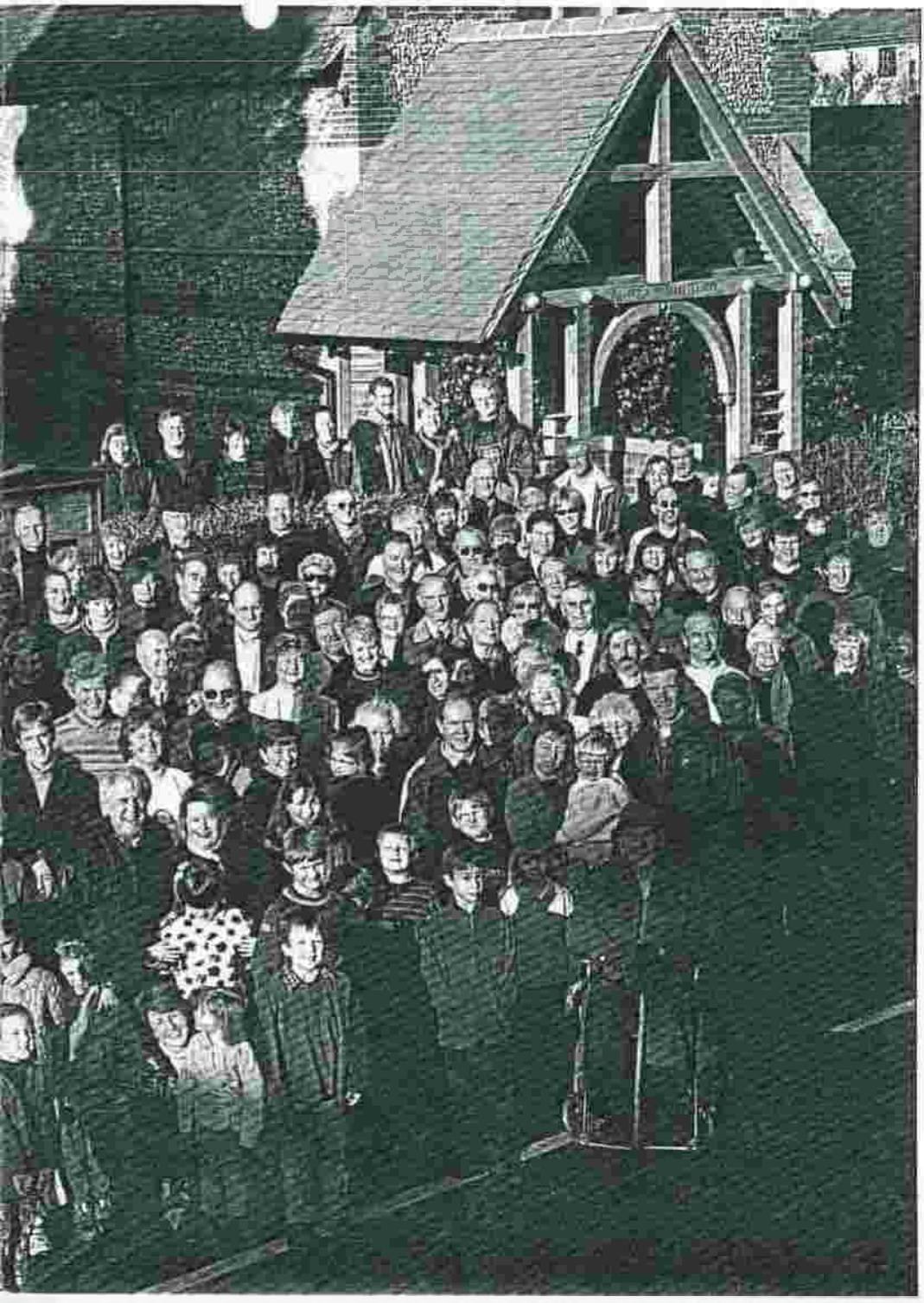
The events started with a most enjoyable and well-attended service in the church. Our thanks to Rosie Harper for leading the service and to the pupils from the Village school for the prayers. Many residents enjoyed the tea in the splendidly festive hall. Our thanks to the many people who baked cakes and helped with the tea. The exhibition in the Village Hall proved a great success. Many thanks to all those residents who entrusted their family photos and memorabilia to the exhibition. The 1939 photograph of the old Village hall showed many photos on the walls – does anyone know their whereabouts?

At the allotted time from the National Beacon Millennium Project, a huge crowd stood at the roadside by Oak Tree paddock to witness the lighting of the Coleshill Beacon. Coleshill was the only village in Buckinghamshire to have a registered beacon and participate in this sequence of beacons from the Scottish islands to the beacon on the Thames lit by Her Majesty the Queen. Our beacon stood 8 foot high on a recycled Railtrack sleeper. The basket was the same one used for the VE Day beacon and was just as successful the second time around. A strong wind fanning the flames ensured a beacon that could be seen for miles. Our beacon featured in photographs taken by the press who visited to report on the spectacle.

Many residents then made their way back to the Village Hall for an evening of entertainment hosted by the Drama Group. The evening kicked of with a picture quiz of celebrities from every decade of the 20th century. We were then entertained by songs and music from the Drama Group and other extroverts.
A delicious bring and share supper was laid on with the bar doing a lively trade throughout the evening. Then followed more entertainment from the Drama Group with a party political broadcast and the first ever "naked" sketch.

As the New Year approached we thought the Millennium bug had hit us as the power went off. This was apparently due to the failure of thenoise abatement override system. However, the piano, community singing and a transistor radio kept us in touch with the chimes from Big Ben as we toasted the new Millennium in bubbly.





Despite a bad break in the weather, huge crowds turned out at the pond to witness the launching of the Millennium raft - its message of Coleshill 2000 picked out in hundreds of lights. Despite many requests the raft will not be available as a permanent advertising site for local businesses!

The Red Lion then became the main base of the Millennium celebrations as the challenge to remain open for the full 36 hours continued. John Ullman maintained sterling service for the whole challenge and many hope the alpine costume will be a regular feature at The Red Lion.

New Year's Day started slowly for many people, but a large group assembled at the Water Tower for the Beating the Bounds Walk around the Colehill parish boundary. The weather was wonderful to enjoy the splendid surroundings of Coleshill village. A fast pace was maintained by Patsy Wright-Warren and Dick Ware as the walk leaders, and many people made it around the full 9 mile walk, bolstered by a midway drink and food at The Magpies. Many thanks to the walk organisers and marshals.

The last took place a week after the main celebrations with the Village Millennium Photograph at the All Saints Lych Gate. Approximately 150 people, 25% of the residents turned up for the photo shoot. Many thanks to our resident photographer John Jefford for staging the mass photo. It is hoped to have a special commemorative framed print in the Village hall.

Coleshill is a very special place with a wonderful sense of community spirit. This was evidenced by the huge number of people who participated in planning, organising and most importantly participating in the many events which helped us to ensure a Coleshill Millennium New Year to remember.

Frank Auton

The Village Millennium Photograph

is now available for collection at a cost of £10.00 each from -

John Jefford, Stoney Path Cottage, Village Road, Coleshill

Telephone (01494) 433230

If you have not already ordered your copy and would like to do so please contact John (or if you would like further copies). NB. The quality of the photographs are far superior to the reproduction overleaf.

PARENTS/NANNIES & TODDLER GROUP

We will be holding a lunch on Wednesday 10th May from 12.30pm to 2.30pm in the Village Hall and we hope as many people as possible will be able to support us. Do bring your friends and children with you.

As usual, there will be no entry charge but a donation towards the cost of renting the hall would be appreciated. The only requirement is that everybody brings a small plate of food. Drinks will be available but you may like to bring your own beakers for the children. We hope to see you there.

Please also take note that the NSPCC are holding a sale of children's equipment, toys etc., on Saturday 20th May. For more details please see the NSPCC article.

Amanda McCallum

HORTICULTRAL SOCIETY

For your delight and interest our next event is "An evening with Dave Watkins" on Tuesday 2nd May at 8pm in the Village Hall. This will be an interesting and entertaining talk on general gardening matters and will be followed by a question and answer session. There will be a small charge for the evening which will include refreshments.

Dave is a professional horticulturist who has been broadcasting for the BBC for the last twenty years. At presents he is working on a weekly gardening programme for BBC Northampton. He is also regional gardening correspondent for the BBC Eastern Counties, and writes articles for Garden News and Garden Answers. Dave's background is in nursery trades and research and development of plant foods and composts.

Please support us and come along for what promises to be an interesting evening. We are looking for a new Secretary for the Society, if anyone would like to join us please ring Howard Green (Telephone 724922).

Judi Herbert

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Life at the village school continues to be busy and eventful We now have 44 children on roll, which includes a thriving Pre-Reception class of 4 year-olds.

The ceiling in the Pre-Reception room was declared unsafe in February, causing great upheaval, as the staff had to empty everything out of the room in the space of 2 days in order for the room to be renovated over half term. We now have a bright, freshly painted classroom, complete with fluorescent lighting, so a great improvement in the accommodation for the little ones. We are now fund-raising in order to replace the old, worn furniture in there, which looks decidedly out of keeping with the lovely walls!

We are very grateful to Stuart Valentine who very kindly created a wonderful web-site for the school. We are now on the world-wide web and you can visit us on *www.coleshill.bucks.sch.uk/*. The children all now have their own e-mail addresses which is exciting for them. We are operating a computer club every lunch-time from 12.30-1.00 p.m. and are appealing for volunteers to help the children read and return their e-mails, as this is proving to be a very time-consuming operation! Please drop in any lunchtime if you could help. Do not worry if you do not have any experience with computers; training will be given!

The Parents and Friends have been very busy as usual. The Christmas Bazaar raised the magnificent sum of £1,150.62. Thank you to everyone in the Village who supported this event. A quiz night was held at the Village Hall on February 12th which was also very successful, with the Red Lion team coming in first place. On April 8th the Friends are organising a new event; an Auction of Promises which I am sure will be another great success!

We are so fortunate to have such dedicated parents and friends supporting our school and I am grateful for all their hard work and fund-raising efforts which benefit the children enormously.

We have had several events this term. In January we held a Maths week to highlight Maths Year 2000. Many maths activities took place in all areas of the curriculum, including assemblies, music, art, P.E. and English. The children were encouraged to see that maths is fun as well as useful.

In February the children visited Jordans School where a joint music festival was held at which the theme was 'Europe'. We had fun singing songs such as 'Tulips from Amsterdam' and 'Wonderful Copenhagan'. The children dressed in national costumes and had an enjoyable time. In March we had a trip to Shortenills, the Environmental Centre in Chalfont St. Giles, where the children studied the animals and spring fauna in the woodlands.

Magpie Club has changed from Fridays to Tuesdays from 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Rosie Harper and Howard Darvill are organising this. It would be lovely to see more children attending Magpie Club, so please phone Rosie for further details (01494-724426).

Our Working Party day this year will be Saturday, May 13th, starting at 9.00 am. We would like as many people as possible to come along for this. We will be doing badly-needed repairs, painting and gardening etc. so if anyone could spare an hour or two that day, please just come along on the day or telephone our Working Party co-ordinator, Duncan Watts on 01484-434344.

I am very grateful to everyone for all the donations we have received this term. The people of Coleshill are so very generous to the school and I cannot say thank you enough for all the donations we receive, whether small or large. Funding is always a problem in small schools, so every little we receive is put to good use.

Our end of term service will be at All Saints Church at 11.00am on April 14th to which you are all cordially invited. I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter.

Jenny Earp

THE MILLENNIUM LYCH GATE

The Millennium Lych Gate had its first moment of glory when it formed the background to the Village Millennium photograph. In previous Village Newsletters, villagers were invited to make a contribution towards the cost and many did.

However, we now need to make a real effort to raise the remaining £12,000 which is still owing and which has kindly been loaned from Church funds pending the raising of the balance. An appeal is on its way to you.

The consecration will take place on June 18th when the Bishop of Buckingham will visit. Plans have not yet been finalised, but it is proposed that it will be at midday and will be followed by a barbecue in the field next door, by kind permission of the Valentines. Hopefully we shall get as many people gathering as we did for the photograph.

P. W-W

THE RED LION

Having stopped the newspaper service at Christmas we are enjoying a minor 'lie-in'. However our doors are open by 9.00am at the latest so that we can continue the supply of groceries etc. should anybody be caught short.

The Millennium Celebrations were a great success with John raising £405.00 thanks to village generosity for Fleur Wogin's trip to India under the Fulcrum Challenge Scheme through pulling pints for 36 hours.

On the events scene, the Golf Challenge on Boxing Day was as enjoyable as ever with 46 entrants, no breakages, and Andrew Codling winning for the second year running.

May Day approaches and Grand Union Morris will be with us again at 5.20am. No excuses for non-attendance this year as May 1st is a Bank Holiday!

Most of the winter leagues are over now. I am afraid we did not win any trophies this year, but enjoyed ourselves just the same. Again I have been asked if I would organise a Summer quiz on Tuesdays for the village. My answer is 'yes' if there is sufficent interest. Organise your teams of 4 and contact Chris or I on 727020 by 1st May. I will need 6 teams to make it worthwhile.

John Ullman

COLESHILL W.I.

Eighteen months ago we moved into the Village and I joined the W.I. thinking it would be a good way of meeting people. I was given a warm welcome and already find myself on the committee and writing the entry for the Village Newsletter!

The last Christmas lunch seems a long time ago but was enjoyed by all especially as we had caterers in and no one needed to do the washing up! Thinking ahead the new committee has planned for an Italian 'Christmas' lunch this year, with hand bellringers for the seasonal atmosphere.

At our January meeting you could have heard a pin drop when Miss Easter told us about her life as a blind person and impressed us all by her ability to read fluently, and with expression, a previously unread piece of poetry, in braille. Since then we have admired wonderful photography of the Islands around Britain and, in contrast, learned about the work of the County Coroner.

We feel very proud that Ann Trotman's wood carving of a Nuthatch has been selected for National W.I. Craft Spectacular at Tatton Park in May, which some of our members plan to visit.

The next few months will be busy with trips to Stratford-upon-Avon, the National Meeting in Wembley, the Wycombe Chair Arch, the Group Meeting and various other talks. Not to mention the on going patchwork groups, poetry reading and rambling.

Visitors are welcome at all our meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 2.30pm and I can thoroughly recommend becoming a member!

There is never a dull moment at Coleshill W.I.!

Eileen Gershon

PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th March, Richard Valentine was again elected as Chairman. Councillors accepted the following special responsibilities:

Vice Chairman - David Hall
Planning - Richard Valentine
Open Spaces - Tony Barber & Richard Valentine
Footpaths - Tony Barber & Nick Sadler
Village Hall - John Jefford
Play Area - Sue Miles
Highways - Nick Sadler
Tennis Club - David Hall
School Governor - Gillian Bungey

Villagers can contact these Councillors or the Clerk on any of these, or any other subjects.

Traffic Calming

As ever, one of the main issues of concern has been traffic calming. The Council commissioned the County Council to carry out another survey. It was done over seven days during February. On this occasion two new sites, in Magpie Lane and Barrack Hill were included. Councillors were reassured to find that the overall volume of traffic in the three sites also surveyed in 1995 was almost exactly the same as five years ago. The speed of the traffic was not measured but will be after the Easter holidays.

Millennium

Reference to the Millennium Lych Gate, sponsored jointly by the Parish Council and All Saints Church Committee, is made elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Best Kept Village Competition

The judging this year will be from 22nd May to 16th June and, if we get to the final round, again in early July. We nearly did very well last year. If we all concentrate on picking up litter and trimming our hedges, we may be able to do even better this year.

Fishing in the Village Pond

Children have fished in our village pond for as long as anyone can remember and it is a good past time for children, but it is not good if they leave litter, especially fishing line around, to interfere with the nesting ducks or present a nuisance to local residents. The Council has therefore been considering how it can control the abuse of the area without spoiling the fun. Some form of control will undoubtedly be needed before the summer holidays when the numbers are at their height.

Coleshill Common

Working parties have again been held on the Common throughout the autumn and winter to maintain the pathways. In addition, Bucks County Council have recently done a great deal of clearance work and hope to come back soon with some more chippings for the paths. The Common Bye Laws will in future be posted at key entrances to the Common so that the public can see what is and is not permitted on the Common.

Future Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 13th at 8.15pm. The remaining meetings are booked for September 12th and December 5th. Members of the public are very welcome and have the opportunity to put their views forward during the Democratic ¼ Hour.

Patsy Wright-Warren,
Clerk

THE VILLAGE HALL

There is nothing of significance to report in this edition. Things appear to be running smoothly!

The Village Hall AGM will take place on Tuesday 25th April at 8.15pm in the large hall. We look forward to welcoming all residents, who are invited to stay on afterwards for a glass of wine.

We are hoping to organise another Dora Post Memorial Evening in October.

Lindsey Eardley

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Ruth Murphy	Hon Secretary, All Saints'	01494 433539
Catherine Green	Church Flowers	01494 724922
Ruth Murphy	Organist & Choirmaster, All Saints'	01494 433539
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Rosie Harper	Magpie Club	01494 724426
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Lindsey Haubner	President, Coleshill WI	01494 722589
Sharon Hall	NSPCC	01494 725231
Howard Green	Coleshill Horticultural Society	01494 724922
Sharon Hall	Secretary, Coleshill Tennis Club	01494 725231
John Holland	Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	01494 729357
John & Chris Ullman	The Red Lion	01494 727020
Graham Flack	Secretary, Coleshill Cricket Club	01494 728562

DIARY DATES

Saturday	1st April	Open Garden, Clivia, Windmill Hill	12 noon/ 3.00pm
Wednesday	5th April	Friends of Rushymead Hospice Bridge Drive, Village Hall	1.30pm for 2.00pm
Saturday	8th April	Auction of Promises, Village School	
Sunday	9th April	Semi-finals/Finals, Coleshill Tennis Club	
Friday	14th April	Village School, End of Term Service, All Saints Church – 11am	
Sunday	16th April	Cricket Club Vice Presidents – Wine & Cheese Party	12 noon
Tuesday	25th April	Village Hall AGM	8.15pm
Monday	1st May	May Day Celebrations, The Red Lion	5.20 am
Tuesday	2nd May	Horticultural Society, Village Hall - 'An Evening with Dave Watkins'	8.00pm
Saturday	6th May	Play Tennis 2000, 'Have a Go' at the Tennis Club	
Wednesday	10th May	Parents/Nannies & Toddlers Group Lunch, Village Hall	12.30pm/2.30pm
Saturday	13th May	Working Party, Village School	9.00am
Thursday	18th May	Friends of Rushymead Hospice, Golf Day at Denham Golf Club	
Friday	19th May	The Cricket & Tennis Club's Horse Race Night, Village Hall	
Saturday	20th May	NSPCC Childrens' Nearly New Sale, Village Hall	10.00am/1.00pm
Saturday	**10th June**	**VILLAGE FETE**	
Sunday	11th June	Village Tennis Tournament	
Tuesday	13th June	Parish Council Meeting	8.15pm
Sunday	18th June	Dedication of the Lych Gate	
Wednesday	12th July	Friends of Rushymead Hospice	Lunch Club
Saturday	15th July	Cricket & Tennis Club's, Fun Day and Barbecue	
Tuesday	12th September	Parish Council Meeting	8.15pm
Sunday	17th September	Tennis Club Finals	
Monday	2nd October	Friends of Rushy mead Hospice	Lunch Club
Saturday	7th October	Friends of Rushymead Hospice, Supper with Entertainment, Village Hall	
Tuesday	5th December	Parish Council Meeting	8.15pm

WI– Meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2.30pm during the summer

SERVICES IN THE PARISH FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday - 16th April

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's
9.00am	Holy Communion with procession (BCP), All Saints
10.15am	Family Communion with procession (ASB), St Mary's
11.45am	Matins (BCP), St Mary's
6.00pm	Choral Evensong (BCP), St Mary's
700pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, St Mary's

Wednesday in Holy Week - 19th April

10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) in St Catherine's Chapel, St Mary's

Maundy Thursday - 20th April

8.00pm	Christian Passover Celebration, flowing into Maundy Thursday Eucharist, stripping of the altars and quiet meditation, St Mary's (If your are intending to come to the Passover celebration please let the Rector know in advance, telephone 724426)

Good Friday - 21st April

11.00am	Readings, Prayers and Music on the Passion story, All Saints
11.15am	Procession of witness in top Amersham (meet at the Free Church) followed by an informal outdoor service by St Michaels
2.00pm	The Good Friday Liturgy, St Mary's

Easter Eve - Saturday 22nd April

8.00pm	Service of Light, St Mary's

Easter Day - 23rd April

6.00am	Sunrise Service on Rucclesfield (above Tesco)
8.00am	Easter Communion (BCP), St Mary's
9.00am	Easter communion (BCP), All Saints
10.15am	Easter Family Communion (Rite A), St Mary's
11.45am	Easter Communion (BCP), St Mary's
6.00pm	Festal Evensong, St Mary's