



Best Kept Village in Bucks

NEWSLETTER

*Easter
2005*

A Little Less Secure

What happened to winter? Some of you will remember long months of icy blast, snowdrifts on the ground until Easter. Magpie Lane Coleshill regularly used to fill up to the top with snow, and in Amersham people were trapped in their houses for days at a time.

Not any more, the climate is so much warmer; our kids don't really know what serious snow in England is like. Out cycling before Christmas, I noticed buds on so many trees, in the New Year the ducks were attempting to mate three weeks early, and the Rectory daffs were out by the 19th of January, beating for once those on the roadside as you drive out of Little Chalfont, which I have often been tempted to go and dig up.

The spiritual climate is changing too. Despite what the papers say, in local churches after years of decline, pews are filling up with young people, eager to find some spiritual meaning to life. St Mary's is better attended now than it has been these past hundred years, and we are not alone! Why is this?

Maybe the Tsunami in South East Asia on Boxing Day reminds us all that life is fragile. Our daily existence seems so solid, yet as so many found it all can change in an instant. If that were to happen to you would you have any spiritual foundations left?

A life that is built on the rock of Jesus Christ can never be finally swept away. As Jesus said, *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."* (Matthew 7:24)

God bless you all at Easter time.

Tim Harper

You can find out more about All Saints' Coleshill by going direct to our page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/all_saints_church.htm



News from All Saints'

Charitable Giving at Christmas

The Christingle Service in December was well attended and once again avoided the need for the Fire Service. The Children's Society benefited by the record collection of £268. Many thanks to all those who helped make the Christingles, as well as to those who organised and took part in the Service. The Carol Service collection of £213 was donated to 'Way In' of Chesham.

Christmas was followed all too closely by the Tsunami disaster. Collections were made at both St Mary's and All Saints' and resulted in a total of £1640 being sent to the Disaster Relief Appeal.

In addition to these special collections, All Saints' gives money to charitable causes from its own funds, whenever the annual budget allows. This month it was possible to give £250 to each of four Charities. These were: The Chilterns Samaritans, the Child Bereavement Trust, Douglas House Children's Hospice and Rushmead Day Hospice.

Bishop of Buckingham

Dr Alan Wilson made a visit to the two parishes on January 16th. A combined service at St Mary's packed the church and gave everyone a chance to see and hear our new Bishop. The refreshments afterwards gave many an opportunity to talk with him.

Lent Groups.

Lent will have begun by the time this is in print. Lent Groups are being held in the village this year, with five weekly meetings. The theme is 'Relationships'.

All Saints' Charity

The All Saints' Charity held an Auction of Promises in the Village Hall on 4th February. It was well attended by over 100 people who enjoyed the meal and were exceptionally generous during the auction. Nigel Briggs of Frost & Co. managed to raise £5,000 on the 80 items for sale, and the profit on the whole evening was just over £8,000. This will enable the Rosanna Hospital to buy a much needed ultrasound machine.

Chris Wege

In Memoriam

Pat McNeil – 27th November 2004

Joan Allan – 31st December 2004

Pat McNeil (1927- 2004)

Pat and her husband George moved to Coleshill from Northwood in 1985. She embraced village life with enthusiasm taking part in many local voluntary activities such as looking after the animals at Woodrow High House and acting as one of the helpers at Chenies Manor.

For many years she acted as Verger at All Saints', opening and closing the church very punctually each day. She enjoyed officiating at baptisms, weddings and funerals, especially the weddings being a romantic at heart. Each year she held a coffee morning in aid of the Church Flower Fund and organised the tea tent at the village fete, both being very popular.

Pat was very artistic and creative, making a sunken garden at Woodrow, restoring antiques and doing beautiful needlework. Always keen on a bargain, she enjoyed going to auctions and antique fairs. She was full of energy and enthusiasm and was a great talker, often sharing a laugh or a joke and with a surprisingly modern outlook on life. Even more than humans she loved animals and would take endless trouble to look after a sick bird or search for a missing cat.

She regarded her illness as a challenge and coped with all her treatment with great courage and humour and very little fuss. It is difficult to realise she is no longer here and one keeps expecting to see her by the pond feeding the ducks or deep in conversation with a passing neighbour.

To Friends & Neighbours

After Pat died last November I received a multitude of expressions of sympathy. I am truly grateful for all the kind and thoughtful words which were of great comfort to me and the family during the sad time.

Please accept my sincere thanks; your words were much appreciated

George McNeil



Global Village - Pakistan

It is Basant, no not another religious festival, but the kite festival in Lahore. Islamabad is deserted as everyone flocks to see the teams, displays and competitions. Every hotel room is booked, no seats on flights and every tower block roof is being used for corporate entertaining. Today we read that at least seven have died following their kites across rail lines to be hit by trains, stepping off roof tops or by their kites becoming ensnarled with electric pylons .

It is raining, and has been since Friday and will continue through to Wednesday. In fact this morning it is pouring and we are seriously considering not taking Fergus for a walk. We have enjoyed beautiful sunny days of late and are told that rain is unheard of in February! The newspapers record daily the amount of rain and snow, mainly because the level of supplies is critical during the hot months. We had a poor monsoon 2004 and had been declared in the midst of a draught. No more, Murree is closed by snow, rivers have water and the supplies are almost above critical level. We are told that by the end of February it starts to warm up and then we shall long for the rain and chilly nights.

An internal disaster this weekend. We entertained new arrivals to coffee yesterday morning, took them to KC's for lunch since Klass was closed, presumably because of Basant (Mum and Hilary were lucky enough to eat at Klass twice but it has always been closed when Derek has tried). We introduced them to one of the shopping areas and then returned home to tea. Fergus met us, a portent of doom, since he remains in the large airy kitchen if we are out and about. He had managed to push open the door between the kitchen and dining room gaining access to the whole house. The half kilo of home made ginger biscuits, so beautifully arranged for our guests and left on a coffee table were all gone bar one, as was a bowl of pot pourri - he must have got sick of the taste by that stage. The stains from the coffee cups pulled onto the floor might go eventually, but I doubt it, and the broken saucers are in the bin. Derek checked the house for deposits and found he had been very careful and used two different bathrooms; understandably he did not eat his dinner with quite the same enthusiasm as usual.

Oh my the rain is getting heavier and we are feeling gloomy. We were awoken by the dog at 0655, not normal at weekends, and to my horror, since I was in my nightie I discovered a Commission driver outside, only 12 hours early for his assignment. Eventually back to bed, followed by dog who decided it was play time. So I've been up for hours and tonight we are off to an official dinner with our MP Cheryl Gillan and local counsellors from Chesham, arriving here for a Commonwealth Conference - do hope they have brought their raincoats. Love and blessings

Alex & Derek Pond *FCO Pakistan*

Red Lion

Chris and I have had quite a start to the year. Elected Best Community Pub of the Year in London and the Home Counties by the Morning Advertiser, our trade paper, we were winned and dined at the Hilton Hotel in Park Lane in early February. We failed to win the National Title, but were in the last five, the sector being won by a pub in Rochdale.

Rabbie Burns was given a miss this year, and instead we are to celebrate St Patrick's Day on Thursday 17th March 2005 and St Georges's Day on Saturday 23rd April 2005 with traditional fayre! Already we are quite booked up for the former, so do contact us soon if you would like to celebrate in true Irish style (hopefully green Guinness will be on offer!) Shakespeare's birthday was also on 23rd April and villagers are invited to attend dinner in Shakespearian costume of your choice - again contact us soon if you want to come.

Onto May Day, and again Grand Union Morris will be with us at 5.20 am on Sunday 1st May 2005. A weekend so no excuses not to attend and join us for breakfast - attendees only welcome!

Our teams are having a pretty successful year. With four matches left our Darts



team and Quiz B teams, and the crib and dominoes are all top of their leagues, and the other sides are all in the latter stages of cup competitions. We will have to buy extra shelving for the trophies (hopefully)

Finally a number of new families have moved into the village since the last Newsletter and so another reminder that if

you run short of milk, eggs, bread, bacon etc we do carry extra stocks which can be provided from about 9.00 am to 11.00 pm. (We are usually closed during the week from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm)

John Ullman
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You can find out more about the Red Lion by going direct to our web page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/red_lion.htm

Parish Council

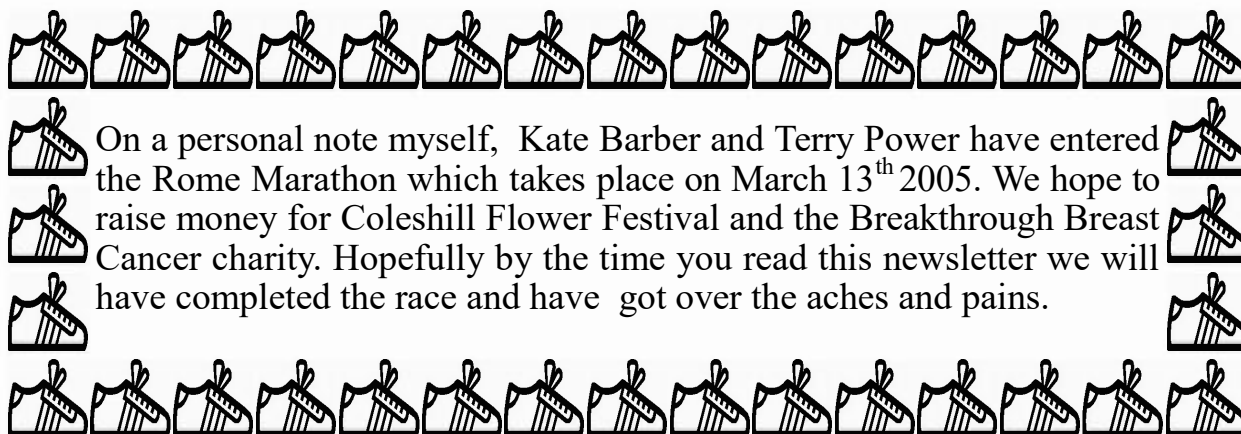
Coleshill Parish Councillors look forward to the conclusion of the negotiations with Bucks County Council concerning the proposed new speed restrictions that will come into force in the village of Coleshill this year. The Councillors have sometimes had an uphill battle on their hands to get the speed limits that the villagers want. It can be a very dangerous experience for parents walking their children to school, dog walkers and the many ramblers that visit Coleshill daily, when so many cars and vans speed through the village. The 30mph limit that is to be introduced should make walking around the village less hazardous.

Last year Coleshill celebrated winning the Morris Cup, The Sword of Excellence and the Leofwine Shield in The Best Kept Village competition. We also received a Merit Award for Community Life in the Eastern England and Home Counties section of the Village of the Year competition. All these accolades are wonderful and have given us all a great sense of achievement, but and there's always a but, this years entry forms for The Best Kept Village competition have arrived. So all the hard work starts again to look after the verges and try to keep the roads litter free. It would be fantastic if we won again.

The next Parish Council meeting takes place on the 15th March 2005 in the small hall of the Village Hall. The meeting starts at 8.15pm; members of the public are welcome and if you have anything you wish to raise or ask the Councillors you can do this during the democratic ¼ hour which takes place at the beginning of the meeting. We do hope to see you there.

Susan Smith

Clerk to Coleshill Parish Council



Coleshill Common

Spring Planting on the Common



During our Spring work parties we have planted several trees and shrubs to fill up areas we have recently cleared of invading willow or have declined due to ageing.

So, you will see areas of rather unsightly tree guards that contain our new plantings, though we may try less obtrusive wire netting. It can't be helped as the Common is mobbed by rabbits and there are muntjac too that have nipped off the tops of a few plants we planted

before Christmas!

The main addition that we hope will be appreciated in years to come is a trio of small leaved lime at the south end of the grassland where Jamie Dyer removed a big splitting oak -a couple of years ago. They are indigenous to the Chilterns but have become rather rare, They are lovely trees that produce a great deal of nectar. I returned from a trip to Bulgaria with a large jar of Lime Flower honey which was the most subtly delicious honey I've ever tasted.

For dessert; with apricots, walnuts and Greek yoghurt - sorry, I'm getting distracted. Anyway, they are therefore also of high value for wildlife.

We have also planted some alders to add a bit of variety to the wet areas or 'flushes' that are only exploited by willows.

The spinney at the bottom of Wheatsheaf path has had the willow 'controlled' and the crowded oaks thinned. We have replanted it with some silver birch and hazel and we will be looking out for oak seedlings in that area from last years acorns. So the complete list is as follows:-

20 Hawthorn, 20 Hazel, 5 Holly, 5 Field Maple, 5 Silver Birch and 3 Small - Leaved Lime - all obtained for us by Pete Whipp of Ridgeway Woodlands from Nicholson's Nurseries.

Chris Wege



Coleshill Bowls Club

We are nearly at the end of another season of league games and competitions. With only two fixtures left to play, we are top of the league, but only by one point! Fingers crossed for good wins in the next two.

The National Qualifiers have been played at Raans Road and we have done exceptionally well. Steven McAllister, our new star player, is county champion in all four events. Along with Paul Megson, Harley & Marlene Neems, and Kevin Goodman, these will represent Bucks at the National Finals in April. We wish them good luck.

The club continues to thrive after 13 years - where does the time go? It would still be nice to see some new faces from the village at the club; it is very sociable and beats television hands down, but then so do most things.

John Holland
729357

A new class has started at Fit Quick on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm. Jo takes

Fit Quick

a Step class which is suitable for beginners and experienced steppers.

The cardiovascular programme provides a high energy workout set to inspirational music. Using simple moves you will shape and tone your entire lower body whilst burning calories at an amazing rate.

At 8.00pm a Fitness Yoga class begins, this combines controlled breathing with a careful series of controlled stretches.

Sunday	9.00 am	Body Pump	with Paul
Sunday	10.00 am	Spinning	with Paul
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Body Pump	with Paul
Tuesday	8.00 pm	Spinning	with Paul
Thursday	7.00 pm	Step	with Jo
Thursday	8.00 pm	Fitness Yoga	with Jo

Classes are £6.00 each or 10 for £50.00 and all classes are suitable for men and women.

To book telephone **07768 694526**



Coleshill Speed Limits

The Parish Council made its formal response to the County Council's proposals in January 2004, since when there have been a considerable amount of further negotiations.

In December 2004, the Panel of the County Council which is considering all the proposals and Parish Council responses in Area 4, made its decisions which will now form the basis of further public consultation that will start this month.

Basically, the Parish Council has succeeded in persuading officers and members to accept the majority of the representations that were set out in our letter of 16 January 2004. It is hoped that the County's modified proposals will be welcome to all concerned although it is recognised that the treatment of the bottom half of Magpie Lane may not be ideal for everyone.

New Road

Originally this was to be 40mph right up to the first house. The 30mph signs will now be positioned just below the bends (assuming sufficient highway land which is likely) together with a new village sign.

Magpie Lane and Chalk Hill

Again these were to be 40mph right the way through. Under the new proposals the 30mph signs will now be positioned around Crosspath Cottages in one direction and under the power lines in Sampsons Hill, in the other.

An informal plan of the County's revised proposals is shown on the next page.

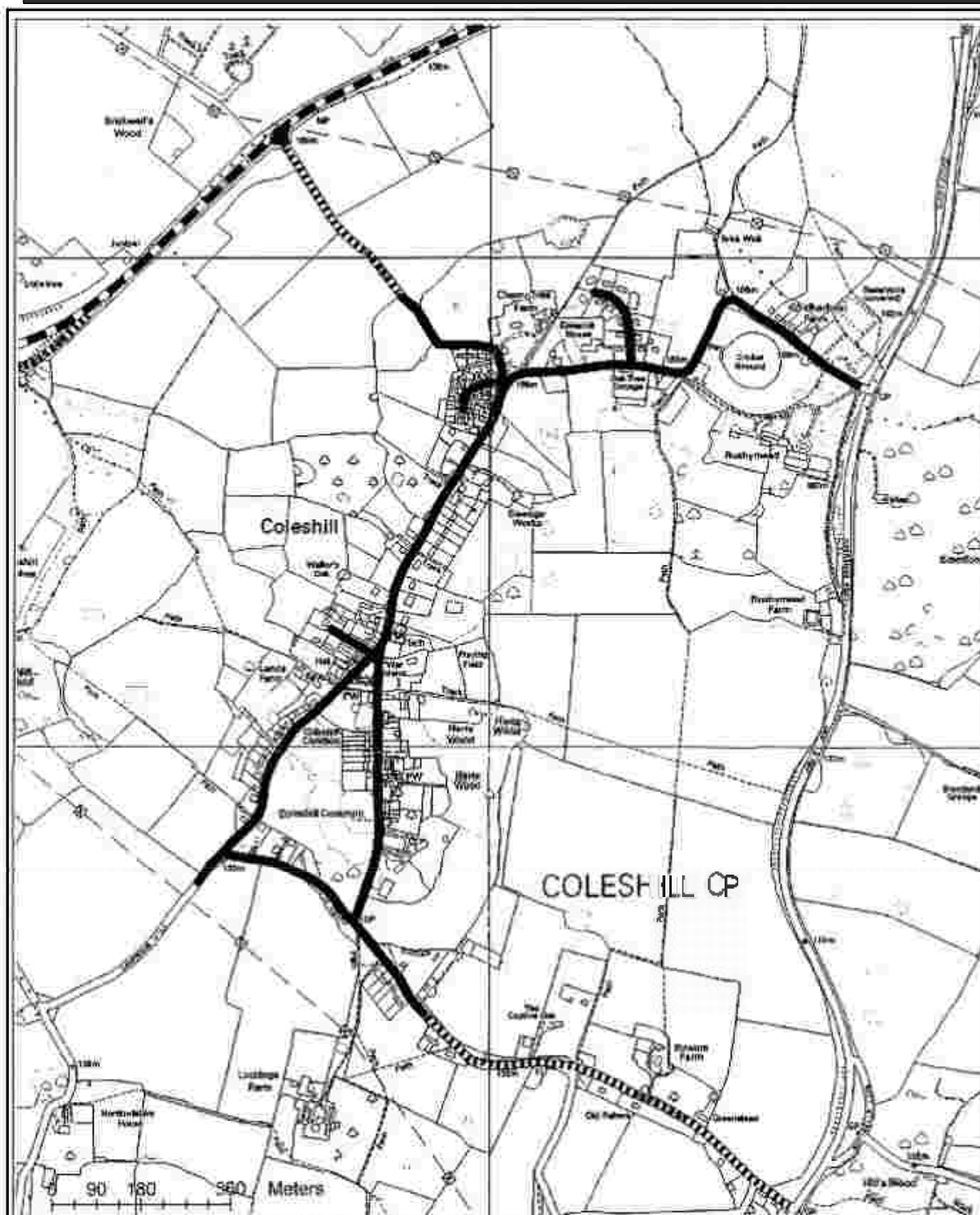
The formal plans will be on display at public libraries from 11th February 2005, and appeared in the Bucks Advertiser on 10th February 2005. Representations may be made by any member of the public - the closing date is 11th March 2005.

The County still hopes to undertake the work later in the year.

Richard Valentine



Coleshill Speed Limits



Area 4 Speed Limit Review
Public Consultation
Proposals

COLESHILL



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SPEED LIMITS:-

— 30 mph
- - - 40 mph
... 50 mph



Colour in Easter Card

Happy Easter



Horticultural Society

I'd firstly like to remind everyone that all residents of Coleshill are *automatically* members of the society, and we welcome your participation in all our events.

The Committee is delighted to be able to confirm our programme of activities for this year - the first two items have been timed to coincide with the Flower Festival to make a weekend of flowers and plants:

Friday April 29th Spring Meeting 'Plants, Borders and Gardens'

7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall.

Our speaker will be Timothy Walker, Director of the Oxford Botanic Garden who comes highly recommended as a very popular and entertaining speaker. His talk begins by looking at some plants that deserve to be more widely grown in our gardens, followed by a look at some ways of putting plants together to create borders and gardens. Topics covered during the talk include the use of light and colour, natural versus contrived and what makes a good garden good. Tickets @ £6 per head to include a complimentary drink are available from Susan Smith (724490) and myself (431036).

Saturday April 30th & Sunday May 1st Bring and Swap Plant Exchange

10am - 4pm outside the Village Hall.

Many of you who completed questionnaires at the Village Show last year indicated that you would like to have this – so please participate by bringing along any spare or divided plants or surplus seedlings that others might appreciate (clearly labelled!). You will be welcome even if you have nothing to bring, but are interested in acquiring something new - with a small donation to the Flower Festival charities.

Thursday May 19th AGM

This will be held in the Small Hall at 8pm.

If you are interested in hearing how the society works – or might like to join the committee – please do come along.

Despite being an AGM, we try to make it as informal as possible.



Village Show

Saturday 3rd September 2005

We have made a thorough review of all the classes and introduced some changes to try and make the Show as relevant as we can to a wide range of interests and ages.

The full schedule will be distributed with the Summer newsletter in late June, but the details have been posted on the village website and copies of the new and deleted categories are available in the leaflet rack by the Village Hall.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to a few of the new classes that you might like to start working on now:

- * A selection of 4 or more salad vegetables
- * A fuchsia in a pot (carryable by one person)
- * The largest sunflower head
- * A pot herb
- * A miniature alpine garden (for the Joseph Cup)
- * A jar of pickle
- * A jar of preserved fruits
- * Photos of: animals; a seascape; one of the seasons; and, for those aged 16 and under: 'My best friend'
- * A painting (any medium) of plants/flowers/fruit

And we will continue to have the popular classes such as home-made drinks and hand-made crafts.

It adds to the fun of the event if we all have a go, so please have a think about what you might do.

Here's hoping for less extreme weather this spring and summer.

Heather Auton
Chairman



All Saints' Church Flowers

The Flower Fund Coffee Morning was a great success thanks to the hard work and kindness of Mary and Chris Wege in opening their home and providing the party atmosphere, the generosity of those who came and spent their money, those who didn't come but sent their money and everyone who donated gifts for the Raffle and Bring and Buy stall. It raised the staggering sum of £373.00. Many, many thanks to all who helped us reach that total.

Easter is fast approaching and after Lent when the church is bare it will look beautiful again decorated with Easter lilies as well as spring flowers. A reminder that if anyone in the village wishes to give a lily in remembrance of a loved they just have to let me know by March 15th so that I can order them. The cost is £2.50 each and a list of those in whom they are in memory is put up in the church porch.

The manger was the focal point of the Christmas service this year and some of us held our breath as Carolynn encouraged the children to gather round as it is literally on its last legs! We are in desperate need of a new one so are there any carpenters/thatchers out there who would like a little summer project?

Our next big event is, of course, is

The Flower Festival



To be held on the May Bank Holiday
Saturday 30th April, Sunday 1st May
and Monday 2nd May.

This will be a spectacular event. We hope to raise money, not only for the Church but also for Rushymead Hospice and Macmillan Cancercare and are hoping for a great response.

Please see insert with this Newsletter

It should be a lovely weekend - do not miss it!

Catherine Green
724922

Tennis Club

The Winter months have naturally proved to be a quiet time at the courts. Sunday Club Play continues of course, weather permitting.

The Club's Newsletter which as normal will include information on all of the events for the year, will be sent to you all shortly.

The first event is the annual FUN DAY which is on the 24th of April, a day of fun tennis for all members of every level. The Club's Coach Alan Lowe will be organising the event again. More details of course in the Newsletter.

I am sure that most of you are aware by now that there is electricity in the Clubhouse and also hot water is 'on tap'.

A request please that after play, would you leave the tennis nets at the level you find them i.e. at the correct height. It was felt that constantly lowering and then tightening the nets gave the opportunity for the nets to stretch. Thank you.

Enjoy your tennis and let's hope for a warm, calm Spring.

Angela Perry

School Outing?



Thanks to Penny Ware for this picture of a what seems to be a Village School outing around Coleshill. Does anyone know when this was or recognise anyone - maybe themselves in the picture? Do let me know.

Frank Auton



After 29 years in Coleshill, Nick and Mary Sadler have moved to Devon, albeit a temporary address.

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We will always remember the many happy years we have spent in the village and the friends we have made there. We very much look forward to keeping in touch.

Nick & Mary Sadler

Village Hall

The Village Hall has weekly bookings which are:-

Monday	BOWLS CLUB	7.30 pm
Tuesday	TRISHA'S FITNESS WORKSHOP	9.30 am
	BRIDGE CLUB	
	FIT QUICK	7.00 pm
Wednesday	WAY TO GO FITNESS	9.45 am
	(The Small Hall is used as a Crèche)	
	TAE KWON-DO	7.30 pm
Thursday	FIT QUICK	7.00 pm
Sunday	FIT QUICK	9.00 am

Contact details are in Village Hall or telephone 433421

The rest of the week, except for Monday, is free for hiring.

All residents of the Village are very welcome to come to the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee on Thursday 28th April in the Small Hall at 8.00 pm.

Ann Lawrence

You can find out more about Coleshill Village Hall by going direct to our web page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/village-hall.htm

Neighbourhood Watch

Operation Gabriel proves a success. Police and partners across Chiltern Vale have hailed the success of a two-month burglary operation across the region. Operation Gabriel kicked off on 1st December targeting burglars and their associates, the handlers of stolen goods. During the two months there have been 239 arrests, nearly four arrests a day which is a fantastic achievement by the people involved.

From 1 December 2003 to 31 January 2004 there were 355 burglaries compared to 309 for the same period just gone. A reduction of 13 per cent. Detective Inspector Paul Miller, who led the operation, said: 'There have been a lot of long hours and hard work put into Gabriel by officers across the area. I am very pleased with the results. If you have any information that you feel could help the police, or if you have been offered items for sale that you think could be stolen, call us as soon as possible. If you don't want to speak to police or you don't want to leave your name you can always call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.'

Thankfully, we seem to be continuing in our low incident season. When we read reports about robberies and muggings, problems through drug abuse, knifings, ASBOs, rapes etc, it must, surely, make us even more pleased that we live in such a little haven, up here on our hill.

We still cannot allow ourselves to be complacent, though. One of our larger homes has a large staff, who were all in, or around, the premises one day when someone still had the cheek to take a chance and walk in through an open door. They quickly found a quantity of cash, which they walked out with and nobody noticed a thing.

This has happened before. Someone was in her kitchen when someone just walked in. He must have seen the two cars parked in the front but, with a large house he obviously felt that the odds someone would be in the room he chose to invade, made it worth a chance. This particular felon was caught and convicted. So, despite the weather being, well, seasonal, and not so many doors likely to be left open, it is still wise to lock doors once you are in.

To lock doors you need keys. A regular cricket club dog walker found some in the meadow recently and dropped them into us. We still have them. Someone else in the village lost a large bunch near the school and would love to get them back. If you would like further information about either set, call 01494 722589.

Jack & Lindsey Haubner



Coleshill Infants School

As a school, we are committed to providing a rich, broad curriculum for all the children, so at the beginning of the term the whole school visited the National Gallery in London. It was a great day out for everyone, children and adults alike. The education department at the gallery is extremely good and our guides were able to make the paintings come alive with their knowledge and enthusiasm. We particularly enjoyed seeing Degas' 'Beach Scene', which everyone had been studying in the Autumn term. The coach driver did a special detour for us on the way home, so we had an exciting mini-tour of the sights in London.

We had several visitors in school during 'National Story-telling Week' who told a variety of stories to the children. During literacy hours, the children listened to traditional stories and some wrote different versions or endings to them. In February, the children participated in an annual music morning held at Jordans Infant School. All the children took part in a South American music workshop led by Johnny Rodriguez, which again was enjoyed by all who took part. Everyone was able to have a try at playing some of the different South American instruments.

As part of our 'Healthy School' initiative, we have been lucky enough to have the 'Brazilian Soccer Schools' coaches teaching all the children football skills in six weekly training sessions. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as well as learning how to keep fit and healthy. Also, the school is taking part in a pilot 'Fruit and Vegetable at School' scheme, promoted by the government, so every child now receives a free piece of fruit daily.

The Parents' and Friends' group has been very busy organising events and fund-raising for the school as ever. The Christmas bazaar was very successful and raised over £1,800. Thank you to everyone in the village who supported the event. Our May Fayre this year will take place on Saturday, May 14th in the school garden. Do come along if you are free that morning. The group has purchased many new items for the school, including a new CD player, maths equipment, books and storage furniture.

Our end of term service takes place at All Saints Church, Coleshill at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23rd. You are cordially invited to attend if you are able.

A very Happy Easter to everyone.

Jenny Earp



Cricket Club

Another year and another season, with the unlikely return of Sujith it is going to be a tough season!

As the hibernation period comes to a close the heart warming image of the returning cricketers is about to happen with the indoor nets commencing in early March. Anyone interested in witnessing this spectacle should contact John in the Lion for details of where and when.

It is a particularly tough time of year for the cricketer with the Xmas frivolities still hanging around the waistline and the usual nagging thoughts of retirement bouncing around the head. You have to concentrate very hard to remember those wonderful summer afternoons running around in white.

The main priorities for the club this year are to gain promotion for the Saturday sides and bring some juniors through. The new nets are on the horizon which will improve facilities considerably and our financial thoughts will turn to mowers and ground equipment later in the season.

More details of the season ahead in the next issue.

Graham Flack

Future Editions

We now publish four editions of the newsletter - Easter, Summer, Christmas and Christmas. I would welcome contributions from anyone in the village about anything they think would be of general interest to the residents of Coleshill.

If you would like to submit an article, either e-mail or drop it in. I can work with anything from word processed documents to hand written entries. Photos are especially welcome and I can work in any format from digital to Polaroids! The Newsletter is in black & white but I can convert colour pictures very easily.

The deadline dates for future editions are as follows

EDITION	DEADLINE
Summer 2005	Friday 3rd June 2005
Autumn 2005	Friday 2nd September 2005
Christmas 2005	Friday 11th November 2005

Coleshill W.I.

Despite the gently falling snow outside there are definite signs of Spring with the daffodils coming into bloom and hence our thoughts in committee are on future planning and the year ahead. It's going to be a busy year. We have already had two excellent speakers on Stage Sets (painting to deceive) and Memories of a Bucks Bobby. At our meeting on March 10th you can "Meet Elizabeth Garrett Anderson", which promises to be an interesting talk.

We are proud to announce that the five ladies, who came as visitors in January this year, decided to join us and are now new members! A warm welcome awaits any other ladies who would like to come along and see what goes on.

Coleshill W.I. will be providing the refreshments at the Flower Festival, which we were delighted to hear is all on a W.I. theme. As this is the 90th year for the National Federation and the 85th year for our Buckinghamshire Federation, we feel this is quite the nicest way to celebrate and look forward to seeing everyone there. Join us for coffee, tea, homemade cakes and ploughman's lunches. (You may be interested to know that Coleshill W.I. has been here for 56 years!)

We have two trips organised. The former is to Leonardslee, a beautiful garden near to Horsham, on Thursday 19th May when the azaleas should be spectacular. We hope to fill a large coach and friends, families, and even men are welcome to join us. The latter is to the Dorneywood Gardens and is limited to members only due to security restrictions. We are also going to Denman College, the W.I. residential college set in a beautiful Georgian house and grounds near Oxford, for a huge celebratory picnic.

Recently we have had outings to Milestones, a museum in Hampshire, and the London Museum and made two visits to the ballet at Wycombe Swan, both traditional and contemporary.

We are members of the Chesswood Group of W.I.s and have the pleasure of hosting the Spring Group Meeting. So you can see why I started by saying we have a busy year ahead. Lots of fun with good friends as well as opportunities to learn - and we serve a good tea too! Why not come along?

Eileen Gershon

You can find out more about Coleshill WI by going direct to our web page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/the_wi.htm

Diary Dates

Thursday 10th March	WI Meeting
Friday 11th March	Closing date for speed limit comments
Sunday 13th March	Rome marathon
Tuesday 15th March	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 15th March	Deadline for Church Lilies
Thursday 17th March	St Patrick's Day @ The Red Lion
Wednesday 23rd March	School End of Term Service
Saturday 23rd April	St George's Day @ The Red Lion
Sunday 24th April	Tennis Club Fun Day
Thursday 28th April	Village Hall AGM
Friday 29th April	Horticultural Society Spring Meeting
Saturday 30th April - Mon. 2nd May	Flower Festival at All Saints'
Saturday 30th April - Mon. 2nd May	Horticultural Society Bring & Swap
Sunday 1st May (May Day)	Grand Union Morris @ The Red Lion
Saturday 14th May	School May Fayre
Thursday 19th May	WI Outing
Thursday 19th May	Horticultural Society AGM
Tuesday 24th May	School Parents Evening
Friday 3rd June	Deadline for Summer Newsletter
Friday 2nd September	Deadline for Autumn Newsletter
Saturday 3rd September	Village Show



Contact Numbers

Reverend Tim Harper - Rector	724426
Dorothy Potter - Parish Secretary	729380
Dumpy Swerling - All Saints' Pro-Warden	873931
Patsy Wright-Warren - All Saints' Pro-Warden	433356
John Brumwell - Parish Treasurer	724704
Chris Wege - Hon Secretary All Saints'	724152
Catherine Green - Church Flowers	724922
Ruth Murphy - Organist & Choirmaster All Saints'	433539
Frank & Heather Auton - Newsletter	431036
Susan Smith - Clerk Parish Council	724490
Ann Lawrence - Village Hall Bookings	433421
Marianne Holt - Magpie Club & Parish Youth Worker	723793
Jenny Earp - Head teacher Village School	727206
Jack & Lindsey Haubner - Neighbourhood Watch	722589
Eileen Gershon - President Coleshill W.I.	727868
Amanda McCallum - Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	725083
David Smith - Coleshill Horticultural Society	724490
Angela Perry - Secretary Coleshill Tennis Club	724456
Terry Power - Secretary Coleshill Cricket Club	431186
John Holland - Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	729357
John & Chris Ullman - The Red Lion	727020
Chris Wege - Common Management Committee	724152

Parish Councillors

David Hall	Chairman of Parish Council	725231
Richard Valentine	Vice-Chairman of Council	725794
Jan Atkinson	Member of Parish Council	434830
Frank Auton	Member of Parish Council	431036
Tony Barber	Member of Parish Council	722143
John Jefford	Member of Parish Council	433230
Mike Smith	Member of Parish Council	tba

Easter Services

Mothering Sunday	March 6 th	10 am	Family Service
Lent, Holy Week and Easter			
Palm Sunday	March 20 th	10 am	Holy Communion with distribution of palms
	March 21 st	8 pm	Holy Week Compline in St Mary's
	March 23 rd	8 pm	Holy Week Compline in St Mary's
Maundy Thursday	March 24 th	8 pm	Paschal supper and Holy Communion in St Mary's
Good Friday	March 25 th	11 am	Service of music, prayer and meditation
Easter Day	March 27 th	9 am	Holy Communion

Services in the Parish

St Mary's	8.00 am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	9.00 am	Holy Communion (except 2 nd Sunday)
All Saints' (2 nd Sunday)	10.00 am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	10.15 am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.45 am	Matins
All Saints'	6.00 pm	Evensong (1 st Sunday of every month)
St Mary's	6.00 pm	Evensong (except 1 st Sunday of month)

