



NEWSLETTER

***Easter
2007***

Easter Hope: It makes all the difference

A little while ago, Rosie and I took the opportunity of a £20 return flight with Ryanair to Marrakech for a few days. Our hotel or Riad, one of these square Arab houses round a courtyard was set in the northern part of the Medina, the old town, above the Souk. As we walked through the maze of narrow alleys to reach it, the grim reality of life in the third world became all too apparent. Rotting rubbish was piled everywhere, beggars sat at every corner, the old shuffled past with all kinds of untreated disabilities. The stench of decay, both human and vegetable was everywhere. The Riad itself was very nice, and yet it made me uncomfortable to think that just a few feet away were those to whom this lifestyle was nothing but a dream.

But to compensate for this, Marrakech is full of ancient and beautiful Mosques. Each has a tower (looking just like the Giralda in Seville) from which the Islamic call to prayer is made at various times of day and night. Like many westerners the Muezzin's voice I found irritating yet powerful. And like the others in the narrow streets, as an individual and a Christian I was quite helpless. And yet I prayed! Not to Allah as instructed by the Muezzin, but to God in the words of the Orthodox Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner."

The big distinctive about the Christian faith is that we believe Jesus was not just a great man or a prophet, as do many other religions, but that he is Son of God. More, on the first Good Friday he died and then rose again three days later at Easter, and offers the hope of similar resurrection one day to all who put their trust in him.

So where do you stand, is this Easter hope for you?

Tim Harper
Rector of Amersham with Coleshill

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'

The new Bishop of Buckingham

The newly appointed Bishop, Dr Alan Wilson, will be leading a service of celebration at St Mary's on Tuesday 17th April 2007 at 7.30 pm. The event is for all the Parishes in the Amersham Deanery, and all are welcome.

Ten Years On

Reverend Tim Harper has completed ten years as Rector in our Parish. The event is to be marked with an informal drink of fizz after Evensong on Sunday 4th March 2007.

Chris Wege

Baptism

William Horsbrugh-Porter - 10th December 2006

Oliver James Murphy - 24th December 2006

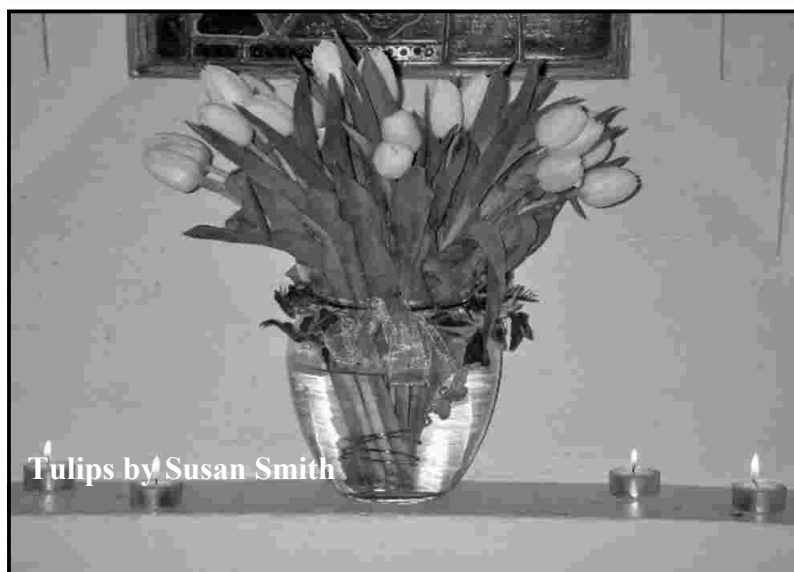
Holy Matrimony

Elena Reva and Christopher Pool - 20th January 2007



All Saints' Church Flowers

After the somewhat unexpected but very colourful Flower Festival for the Organ's Centenary in November, the Flower Team moved seamlessly into action for the Christmas season with candle lit arrangements from the Christingle service onwards over the Christmas period. Then in January it was candles again, but this time little tea lights on the windowsills complementing the beautifully simple vases of white tulips Susan Smith had arranged for the lovely wedding of Chris Pool and his Russian bride.



Tulips by Susan Smith

Our annual Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy was yet again very well supported and we were delighted to find that we had again broken the record and raised £538.00. Thank you so much to all who came and to everyone who generously donated gifts for the Raffle and the Bring and Buy and also to those who were unable to come but kindly sent donations. And, of course, a big thank you to all the stalwart helpers on the day! It is so good to be able

to keep up our high standard of floral decorations in the church and we greatly appreciate everyone's support.

There are no flowers in church during Lent but of course the church will be fully decorated at Easter. We shall again be providing 'Lilies in Remembrance' as in previous years. These will remain at their usual price of £2.50 each and the list of those in whose memory they are, will be displayed in the church porch. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please let me know by Thursday March 29th 2007.

Thank you.

Catherine Green



Micky Prothero & Barbara Plumridge at the Bring & Buy

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Village Voice

I've been writing the Village Voice and Community Voice columns in the local paper for nearly twenty years, now, so it came as quite a shock to receive a phone call from Julie Voyce, the editor, telling me that the section was to be dropped. There have been many emails whizzing between my fellow columnists, saying how many of their readers will stop buying the paper and, I am happy to say, that I have had more complimentary comments about my own column than the other sort - although I admit, I have slipped up a few times over the years. It has been suggested that I continue writing a column which could appear on our village website instead but I am not going to take that up. The discipline of a deadline each Friday morning has gone now and some weeks it was a real struggle to find something to write about - they were usually the weeks I 'waffled on' about nature or history in the village! The website is there for everyone to use but it is rare to find an article advertising a coming event or asking a question which fellow villagers may be able to answer. The local paper is setting up a website for the public to send in their pieces directly onto and this seems to be the way local news is going now but we have a website already set up, so I urge you to use it. Frank does a great job and, if you can email him something, all he has to do is forward it to the website. Job done! So let's all take advantage of him - if you see what I mean!

Lindsey Haubner



Red Lion

There is a well recorded story about the village entitled 'Five, five, five' concerning a house bordering the common burning to the ground with two fatalities. The Red Lion was used for the ensuing inquest. Another similar story nearly occurred on the 16th February 2007 when a well meaning member of staff came armed with some twigs from his garden. They must have contained gunpowder, for the resulting blaze when they were thrown on the fire caused the chimney to catch fire. I take some blame for this as I did not have the chimney swept last autumn as usual. The fire brigade responded to the call for help very promptly and the only damage was to the electric fan in the chimney pot. A new fan has been ordered! In passing, Chris and I would like to pay tribute not only to the efficiency of the firemen, but also to the clean way in which they performed their duties. When they had left, one would not have known they had been here.

Now to the future. First the usual reminder about May Day. Grand Union Morris will be returning at 05.20am for the 12th successive year on Tuesday 1st May 2007. Breakfast will be served from 06.00am with a licence this year!

Neither of the darts and quiz teams have had an auspicious season, but the crib and dominoes team have a four point lead at the top of Division 1 in their league, and if they can avoid a major disaster, they should win the title for the second time in three years.

Finally, a happy and sad report. Sad because Dickon Ware will be leaving us after his latest stint of 2^{1/2} years. In fact he first worked for us some twelve years ago. Happy, because at last he has found his own pub to run in Oxford. I am sure all who know him will join Chris and I in wishing him well in his new venture. We are away from 9th - 16th March and Dickon will be holding the fort for us before leaving. During that week the regulars will have the opportunity to pop in and see him.

We have a number of newcomers since the last production of the Newsletter. For those who have not yet visited, my usual reminder that if you run short of milk, butter, eggs, bread etc. we do carry extra supplies.

John Ullman
01494-727020



Coleshill Wildlife



If you are in the habit of strolling around the many footpaths that encircle Coleshill you may well have come across a new species of wildlife not normally native the Chilterns. These strange but appealing creatures are of course Alpacas.

Alpacas are a domesticated species of South American camelid developed from the wild vicuña. They resemble sheep in appearance, but are larger and have long erect necks. Alpacas are kept in herds that graze on the level heights of the Andes of southern Peru, northern Bolivia, and northern Chile at an altitude of 3500 to 5000 metres above sea-level, throughout the year. Alpacas are considerably smaller than llamas and unlike them are not used as beasts of burden but are valued only for their wool, used for making blankets, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves, a wide variety of textiles and ponchos in South America, and sweaters, blankets, socks and coats in other parts of the world.

While not as high as the Andes the Alpacas seem very happy in their new Chiltern hilltop abode.



Parish Council

There are Council elections this year on the 3rd May 2007, if you should wish to enter the election race for a place on the Parish Council please contact me, by either telephone 01494-724490 or send me an email to susansmith@coleshillvillagevillage.wanadoo.co.uk and I will give you details of what you should do. The Parish Council has seven positions to fill, the responsibilities of the CPC include planning, open-spaces, play-area and a place on the board of governors at All Saints School. It is not an onerous task to be on the Parish Council, there are six meetings a year that are held in the Village Hall. These meetings normally take up to 1½ hours to complete and depending on the position held on the CPC most councillors find that they can fulfil the requirements of their post in a couple of hours per week. Unfortunately, and there are always the exceptions, planning and being on the Board of Governors at All Saints' School, as well as the Chairmanship of the Parish Council, do require a lot more time. But if you think that you have something to give and would like to bring new ideas to the CPC, consider putting yourself forward for election.

One of the many items that get repeated in the democratic period of the CPC meetings is members of the public asking what can be done to stop the destruction of the grass verges throughout the village. Builders offloading heavy materials, cars parking, and lorries churning up the edges of the verges all contribute to destruction of them. Perhaps asking the builders who do work on your property to take care when delivering goods and putting a clause in the work schedule for the verge to be re-instated when work has finished would alleviate one problem. Parking can be a nuisance, when there is not enough space on the road outside a property. Lorries churning up the edges is always going to be a problem, but hopefully if we make drivers aware that we would like to keep Coleshill the picturesque village that it is, more care will be taken by all.

If you have any questions you would like to ask the Parish Council please come along to the Council meetings as there is democratic period at the beginning when the public have chance to speak. Unfortunately, even though it can be very frustrating, members of the public are not allowed to speak during the full Parish Council meeting. Hopefully we will see you at the meetings.

Susan Smith

Clerk to Coleshill Parish Council



Coleshill Common

The severe gale on February 22nd 2007 brought about some changes on the Common. Several trees were blown over, some caught up on their neighbours. The Volunteers have been working since to fell and clear some of this damage, where it might affect people walking in the area. Most of the fallen trees are dead cherries, it being noticeable that many of the cherries on the Common are dying. This may be part of the natural cycle from scrub to mature oak forest. The spaces left give opportunity for either natural regeneration or the planting of young trees.

Recently Jamie Dyer used his expertise to fell some of the dead elm trees that were opposite the Windmill. These had been growing close to overhead wires, and in time might have fallen into the road.

Remember that anyone in the village would be welcome to join the Volunteers in maintaining the Common.

Chris Wege (724152)

Coleshill Village Hall

The Village Hall has weekly bookings which are

Monday:

WAY to GO FITNESS at 9.45am with Crèche
BOWLS CLUB at 7.30pm

Tuesday:

WAY TO GO FITNESS at 9.45am
BRIDGE CLUB at 1.00 pm
FIT QUICK at 7.00 pm

Wednesday:

WAY TO GO FITNESS at 9.45am with Crèche

Thursday:

WI 2nd afternoon in the month.

Friday:

GONE TO PIECES Quilting Group 2nd Friday

Sunday:

FIT QUICK at 9.00am

Please contact Ann Lawrence on 01494 433421 for more details.

All residents of the Village are very welcome to come to the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee on Thursday 26th April at 8pm.

Ann Lawrence



Neighbourhood Action Group

Neighbourhood Policing and Management is designed to improve our quality of life. To achieve this, the authorities felt that it would benefit from wider participation from the community working in concert with the County and District Council along with Thames Valley Police. The concept of Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAG) developed.

Many of you will be aware that for Coleshill, NAG commenced with a community meeting in Coleshill Village Hall last September. The Community represented at the time was Coleshill, Winchmore Hill and Penn. A fortnight later others in our neighbourhood being Chalfont St Giles and Seer Green met also. All these communities now comprise our “neighbourhood.”

All attendees were asked to put forward those issues that were of greatest concern to them both individually and for the community. The conclusions from these initial neighbourhood meetings were that the three most important points to the community were:

- Speeding
- Rubbish and Fly Tipping
- Vandalism

Furthermore volunteers were asked to furnish their name to take part in NAG going forward. Against overwhelming competition, those invited to represent Coleshill were Sarah Parker, Dave Smith and Ian McCallum.

The first initiatives are well under way for speeding, utilising speed indicator devices (SIDS) and the next exercise takes place between 23rd and 28th March 2007. These exercises are as much designed to increase awareness as to penalise. A Speed Enforcement Day will also take place shortly. Unfortunately, the date for this will only be available retrospectively! The third and final initiative is to run a Safer Speed Schools Poster Competition for years 5 and 6 to be judged by Sharon Osbourne. Despite the fact that the Village School does not fall into the same age category, we hope that we can run our own poster campaign for speed awareness with the Village School. Thames Valley Police are also happy to come and talk to the school about the problem. These are only one part of looking at a wide range of options that can be considered to confront the problem.

Anybody interested in volunteering to come along for a part of the SID exercise later in March should contact any of the three concerned. Meetings take place every six weeks and our next meeting will see us have our first review of problem solving for litter and fly tipping.

NAG is now flagged on our village web site and full details of the initiative can also be found on www.chiltern.gov.uk/neighbourhood.

Ian McCallum

Global Village - Pakistan

Dear All,

The PTCL decided to dig up our street and as a consequence we have been without telephone or computer for two weeks. The car has been resting at Sigma Motors for 3 months now, awaiting a spare part which they had forgotten to order, was on its way, stuck in Karachi docks or the wrong part. In reality nothing had been ordered and only the intervention of the Chief of Police has finally got things moving. Derek's bank cards were eaten by Standard Chartered and the TV went down when the workers digging a tunnel beneath 7th Avenue managed to chew up half the Islamabad cable connections.

November was a dreary month, with overcast skies and rain. Prime Minister Blair breezed in, looking in better shape than his wife who visited earlier in the year. He was followed by the Chinese Prime Minister, clearly held in much higher respect by this Government because the nation went to town with their welcome. Bus loads of children cheering and flag waving at every opportunity and the parliamentary area ablaze with lights, reminiscent of a massive fairy grotto. Further frustrations whenever any of the delegation were on the move as whole areas were cleared of traffic and roads closed. You couldn't get near the Marriott which when you have an appointment for a pedicure to keep is deeply annoying!

Last month Fergus and I managed to climb the 3 ridges of the Margallas to the Chicken Shack, earlier today we were less adventurous. On reaching the bench (where I was when the earthquake struck) the snow on the second ridge of the Margallas was very evident. We are being warned of a severe winter and current temperatures confirm this. The trees are in their autumnal hues, the air is sharp and clear with early mist lodged in pockets until mid morning. From my perch on the Margallas I could see all of Islamabad and surrounding area this morning.

Derek is searching for Christmas trees, I queued at the German Embassy to be certain of purchasing a holly decoration for the table and door and the Christmas ornaments dusted. We are seriously hoping that the lamb Fergus savaged last year is recoverable but Derek has his doubts.

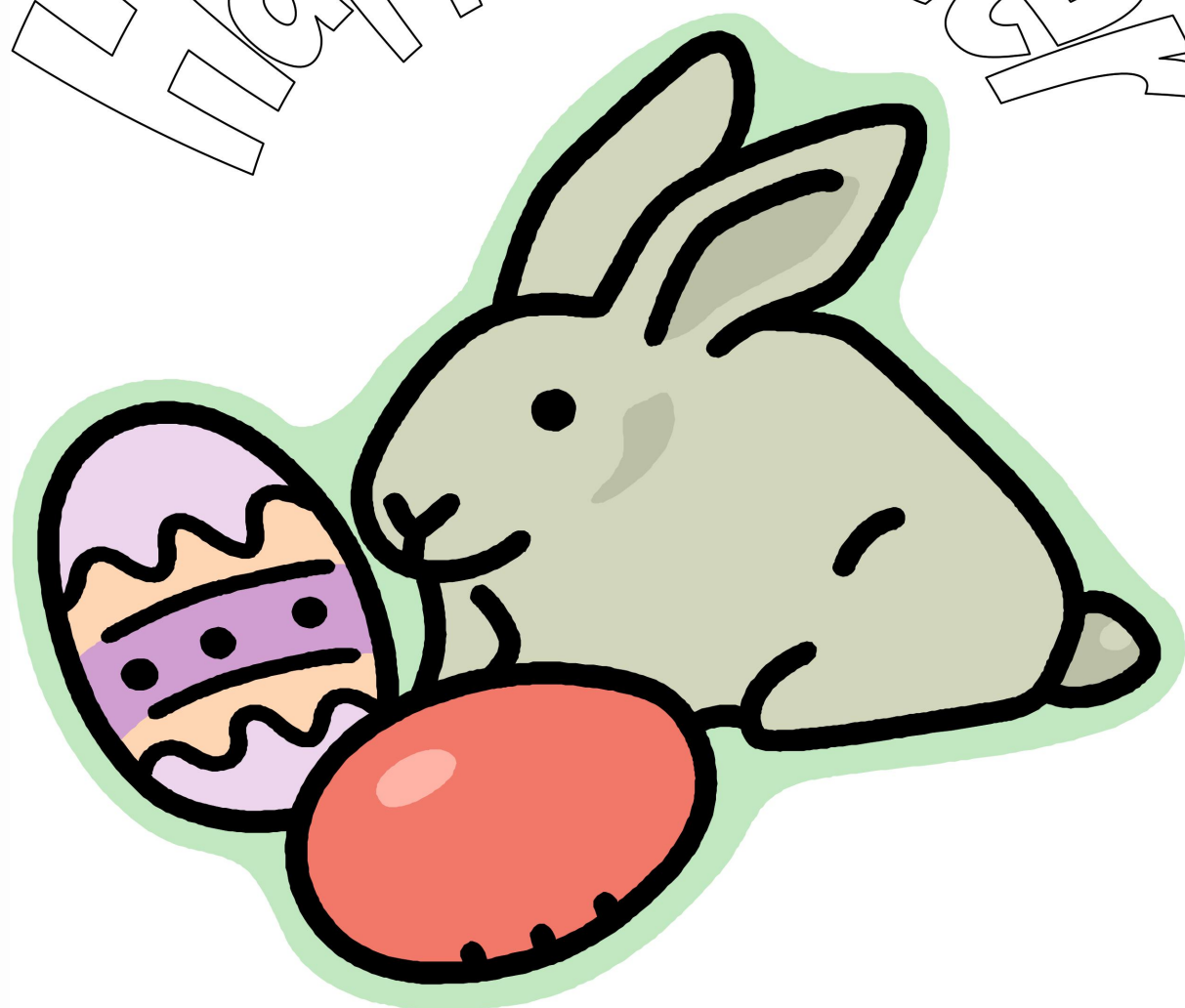
Best wishes to you all - love and blessings

Alex & Derek Pond
FCO Pakistan



Colour in Easter Card

Happy Easter



My Dad

Arthur Alfred Eric Carter 10/10/1925 - 21/11/2006

Born at number 2 Manor Way in October 1925 my dad grew up in Coleshill. He used the name Eric as my granddad was also called Arthur and it caused too much confusion and he did not like the name Alfred. So that is how everyone knew my dad, Eric Carter or the 'Aerial Man'. As a child his family moved to 'Bottle Cottage', now 'Coleshill Cottage' then four homes with outside toilets at the bottom of the garden and no electricity! He went with his sister Mary to the Village School. His sister went on to help in the village and ran Brownies for many years. My dad played in both the Coleshill cricket and football teams and my mum Joan often helped with the cricket teas.

After they married they moved to Little Chalfont and then Hyde Heath. I can



remember many Saturday and Sunday evenings spent in the Red Lion car park with a juice and a packet of crisps while my dad had 'a quick one' with his team mates. This made for interesting reading every Monday in my news at school - 'I went to the pub!'

My dad's uncle Albert pruned the 'umbrella tree' which can still be seen at the bottom of the common.

I now live in Manor Way next door to the house where my dad was born, my children went to the Village School and I now teach there. My dad's ashes are in All Saints' cemetery so hopefully the Eric Carter spirit will remain in Coleshill, as he always said, - a very special place.

Lynn Woodgate



Horticultural Society

We have three dates for your diary this year:

Friday April 27th 2007 is the date for our Spring Talk in the Village Hall. For the third year running we have invited Timothy Walker, Director of the Oxford Botanic Garden to talk to us. Many of you will have heard him in previous years, and probably more of you will have heard of his reputation as an interesting but also highly entertaining speaker. His topic will be: A Blaze of Glory; helping us to plan how to have plenty of colour in our gardens right through to the autumn.

The evening starts with refreshments at 7.30pm, and he will begin his talk at 8pm. Tickets are £6, to include a complimentary drink, available from me (431036) or David Smith (724490). I hope to see as many of you as possible there.

On Thursday May 17th 2007, we will be holding our AGM in the Small Hall. Anyone is welcome to join us to find out more about the Society – of which everyone resident in Coleshill is automatically a member.

Finally, this year's Village Show will be on Saturday 1st September 2007. It is never too early to start planning which fruit, vegetables or flowers you may want to enter!

Heather Auton
Chairman

Kidney Research UK

On behalf of Kidney Research UK I again thank all the residents of Magpie Lane who so generously donated to the House to House Collection which amounted to the sum of one hundred & ten pounds. I have received a letter of grateful thanks from the organisation for such a marvellous help for this life saving work

Thank you again.

Pat Emblow



Farewell to Farmers Market

Unfortunately, despite significantly increasing the range of suppliers and the regular posters and mail shots, the monthly Mini-Farmers Market in the Coleshill Small Village Hall has now had to end due to lack of local support.

Sinn will still offer her excellent range of savoury and sweet pies and also local catering - If interested, please contact Cynthia 'Sinn' Proctor on 01494-724149 or email sinnlou01@onetel.com for information or enquiries.



Parish Council Elections

Why not apply to join your parish council this year and do something positive for your community?

The elections will be on Thursday 3rd May 2007. If you are 18, are on the electoral register (or live within 3 miles) you could be eligible.

Your council meets six times a year in the evening in the small hall of Coleshill Village Hall.

Simply watch out for more information in the local press or, (from mid-March onwards), contact the Elections Officer on 01494 729000 or Coleshill Parish Council parish clerk on telephone 01494 724490 or email susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk for a nomination form.

If you want information about the duties of a councillor, contact BALC on 01296 383154 or balc@buckscc.gov.uk



Tool Theatre - Samaritans

A big thank you to everyone who turned out to support Samaritans at the Coleshill Village Hall and to see 'All The World's A Stage' put on by the Time of Our Lives Theatre Company. I think everyone will agree they put on a splendid show which was enjoyed by everyone. Dympna, the leader of the theatre company, said we were a marvellous audience and commented 'It doesn't take much to get them all singing!'

It was great to see a live show again in the Village Hall - it has been too long!

In total over £500 was raised to help Chiltern Samaritans based in Amersham and from the volume of the singing I assume you all had a good time!

Frank Auton

Neighbourhood Watch

The winter is nearly over and the days are getting lighter so we should all be feeling a little safer, both on the roads and in our homes.

Fortunately, our burglary record still continues to be good, with no break-ins reported, although we still get regular ringmaster messages from the police that houses in the area, generally, are getting targeted for distraction burglaries. None have occurred in Coleshill.



There have been some minor car thefts, though. Cars have been broken into in the Red Lion car park and also in Hill Meadow – both after dark.

All the garden tools, which we put away for the winter, will be coming out again soon and our past records show that tools left near the road can be whipped away in the time it takes to answer a phone or a call of nature.

So keep up the good work. I love it when I have to sit here thinking of something to write rather than listing a whole load of crimes in the village. Whatever we are doing at present seems to be working and, also, the police have done well to get some perpetrators behind bars, so well done to them.

PC 1701 Gavin McVeigh is the Beat Officer for Coleshill. He is supported by PCSO 9714 John Webb.

If you have any non urgent issues they can be contacted by phone on 08458 505 505 or you can email them at gavin.mcveigh@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or john.webb@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. In an emergency call 999 – not us.

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

Tennis Club

Despite the wet and windy weather, play has continued at the club, both socially and competitively. To date the first team and the Men's Veterans are on a winning streak. The second team has been battling valiantly with mixed results. However, whatever the score, much enjoyment is had when playing other clubs.

Firstly, a thank you to all of you who supported the Quiz Night. It was a most enjoyable event and raised over £1000 for the club.

You may have noticed that work has begun on the 'extension'. However, despite the extremely dry summer, the water table is so high the workmen were unable to sink the septic tank and soak away. This has now been put on hold until the spring.

Various coaching sessions are always well attended. If you are interested there is a Ladies morning on Thursdays from 8.50 am – 9.50 am with assistant coach, Paul Mason. Junior coaching starts on Sunday 25th February 2007 at 9.00 am for under 8's and beginners and 9.45 am for those who are able to control the ball and have a rally.

Sunday morning Club Play continues throughout the year from 10.30 am during the winter and from 10.45am whilst the Junior coaching is run. Weekly club play has now moved to a Thursday night instead of Tuesdays. Play will resume on Thursday 19th April 2007 from 6.00 pm.

Dates for your diaries

Sunday 22nd April 2007 - Fun day. Open to all members of the Club.

Sunday 20th May 2007 -One Day Tournament. Open to all members, fun competition organised around short sets.

Sunday 10th June 2007 Village Open Tournament. Hosted by owners of courts around the village with the semi finals and finals being held at the Club.

Sunday 24th June 2007 Adult/Junior Tournament. A NEW event giving children the opportunity to experience 'match' play with an adult.

Sunday 15th July 2007 Junior Tournament. A popular event, loved by the children eager to win a trophy!

Further details of the above events will be posted on the notice board in the Club.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the tennis club then please contact Susie Gajadharsingh at susiegaj@btinternet.com

Happy Tennis!

Susie Gajadharsingh



Cricket Club

As the evenings begin to lighten the mind starts to turn to all matters Cricket. Coleshill Cricket club will begin their yearly campaign to win the Morrants Chilterns League on 5th May 2007. Having avoided relegation from Division one last season on the final day of the season, and on a count back system having finished level on points with Binfield, we go into the season more with hope than expectation.

The same as most clubs in the local area, membership has been dwindling over the past few years and we are actively seeking new members. So if you happen to be hiding a fast bowler or opening batsmen in your garden shed then please let us know as we would be very interested in meeting them. We can be contacted by emailing coleshill.cricket@hotmail.co.uk.

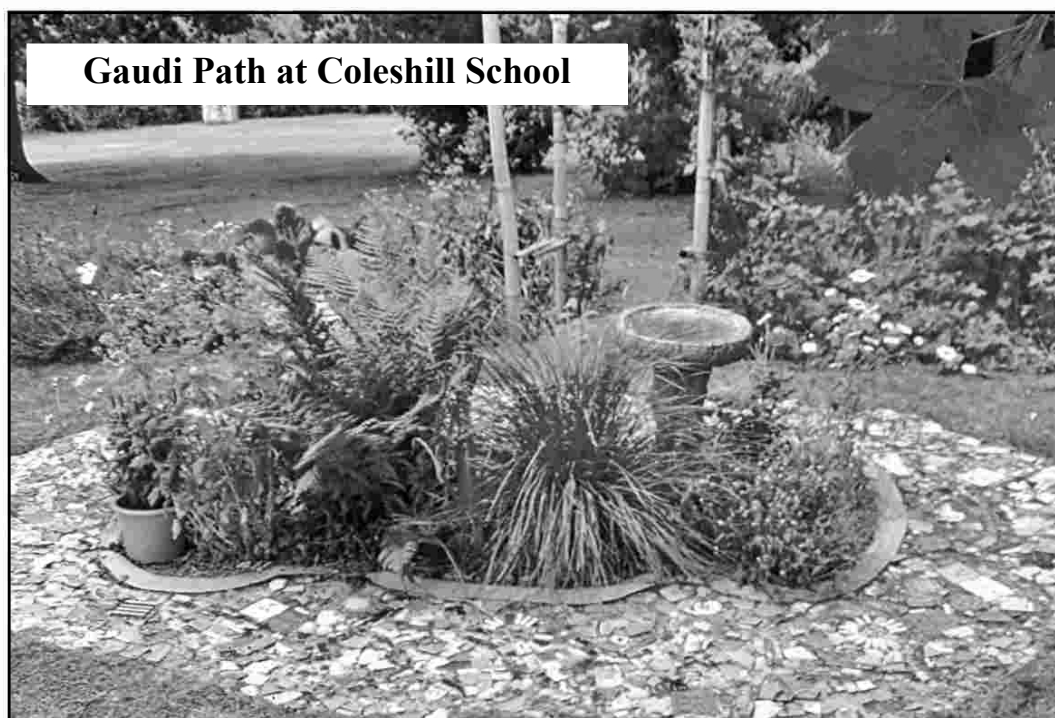
The ground will soon be a hive of activity as we start to prepare the playing surface and the clubhouse ready for the new season.

Following on from last years enjoyable Band evening held at the ground we shall be holding a similar event again this year. The date has been set for 16th June 2007; details will appear around the village shortly.

All that remains is to say that we would love to see you at the club during the coming season and your continued support is much valued by the members of the club.

Here's to a long hot summer and success on the Cricket Pitch.

Chris Bruin
Hon Secretary



Coleshill Infants School

The school is up to capacity this term and we are heavily over-subscribed for September, which is good for us, but unfortunate for those who wish to have a place, but will be unable to obtain one. This term, the school has achieved 'National Healthy Schools Status', which means we have met all the necessary criteria to show that we promote the health and well-being of our pupils and staff. We have been working towards this award for over three years, having introduced many new initiatives to encourage the children to adopt healthy lifestyles. For instance, we provide free fruit for all the children, encourage healthy eating at school, promote good manners and behaviour and take part in a county school sports partnership to enable the children to have healthy exercise. In addition to our usual PE lessons this term, Aylesbury football team coaches are also providing an after-school football club.

In February, the musicians from the Buckinghamshire Music Service performed a guitar recital for us and all the children learned a lively 'Junkanoo' song called 'All Tim V', which they also performed for the parents during our Open Assembly. In March, the 'Lego Young Town Planners' are returning to work with all the children for half a day, producing a Lego town in the hall. Although it is an exciting morning for the children, there is also an educational benefit. The skills developed include; 'logic, mathematics, manual dexterity, practical design, teamwork and basic house-building logistics, such as placing eaves inside a roofing structure' –Who says you can't have fun learning?!

The Parents' and Friends' Group has been very busy organising events and fund-raising for the school as always. The Christmas Bazaar was very successful and over £1,700 was raised, which went towards the purchase of new books and paid for many extra-curricular activities, such as a professional theatre group and the Christmas party entertainer. Our '100' club is going strong, but we are looking for new members to join. Last year £5,100 was given out in prize money, so please contact the school for an application form if you would like to have a chance to win. Looking ahead, our May Fayre will take place, weather permitting, in the school garden on Saturday, May 19th. Please come along and join us if you can.

The children will be singing and helping to give out flower posies in church on Mothering Sunday as usual on March 18th at 9.00 a.m. Our end of term service takes place at All Saints' Church, Coleshill at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 30th. 2007. You are cordially invited to attend.

A Happy Easter to everyone.

Jenny Earp
Headteacher



Global Warming?

Now that the spring flowers are just starting to come through this picture may not seem remarkable. However, many thanks to Peter Lawrence for venturing out in his garden in December 2006 and taking this picture of a daffodil out in bloom. Is this a record?



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 2007	Friday 8th June
Autumn 2007	Friday 31st August
Christmas 2006	Friday 9th November

Coleshill W.I.

There is nothing like a snowy day to keep you indoors and ensure there is time for writing the newsletter report! Of course there should have been a W.I. meeting this afternoon but it was decided that it was safest, in these treacherous conditions, to cancel it. In the eight years I have been a member this is the first meeting we have had to call off and I feel disappointed as I was looking forward to seeing everyone.

Last time I wrote was just before our A.G.M. when Lindsey was voted in as our new President. It was wonderful that we had enough volunteers to form a new committee and allow all those who needed a break to stand down. Some W.I.s are having to close because of lack of willing workers but that can't be said of Coleshill! I am the Chesswoods Group's new Convenor and so still very much involved, if at a different level.

After the A.G.M. we had a lot of fun decorating crackers to adorn the hall curtains and give that vital Christmassy feel to our December lunchtime meeting. The results were unique and spectacular. We all felt very proud of our efforts and were delighted to pass them on to Little Missenden to decorate their hall for the Christmas Party. There is even a rumour that they are stored safely in someone's cupboard for use again next year in another venue! Recycling in action!

I was away the week of the January meeting and it sounds as if I missed a good one, The speaker, John Chalkley, is an artist. Previously he had given us a talk about his stay on a Polynesian atoll, illustrated by his portraits of the local characters. This time it was one of our members who was centre of attention while he drew her and chatted at the same time. Everyone was delighted with the result, though the time disappeared fast and I gather teatime was a rather hurried affair!

On Thursday 8th March 2007 there will be a talk about Westminster Abbey. The meeting starts at the summer time of 2:30p.m. when visitors are most welcome to join us.

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 29 th March 2007	Last date for Lilies for Remembrance
Friday 30 th March 2007	Village School End of term Service
Tuesday 17 th April 2007	New Bishop of Buckingham service
Thursday 19 th April 2007	Tennis Club evening play commences
Sunday 22 nd April 2007	Tennis Club Fun day
Friday 27 th April 2007	Horticultural Society Spring Talk
Tuesday 1 st May 2007	May Day Grand Union Morris
Saturday 5 th May 2007	Coleshill Cricket Club - first fixture
Thursday 3 rd May 2007	Parish Council elections
Thursday 17 th May 2007	Horticultural Society AGM
Saturday 19 th May 2007	Village School May Fayre
Sunday 20 th May 2007	Tennis Club One Day Tournament
Friday 8 th June 2007	Newsletter Deadline for Summer Edition
Sunday 10 th June 2007	Tennis Club Open Tournament
Saturday 16 th June 2007	Cricket Club Band Night
Sunday 24 th June 2007	Tennis Club Adult/Junior Tournament
Sunday 15 th July 2007	Tennis Club Junior Tournament
Friday 31 st August 2007	Newsletter Deadline for Autumn Edition
Saturday 1 st September 2007	Village Show

Village Fete - 2007

This has been a most enjoyable part of Coleshill Village tradition for very many years and we have only once not had a Fete that I can remember. We have many previous Fete organisers in the Village and many people who are willing to help out, both planning and on the day. So far there has been an



ominous silence on who will organise a Village Fete in 2007. Will last years organiser be persuaded to repeat her winning formulae or does someone else want to have a try? Perhaps someone new to the Village would like to have a go. Please let me know and I will publicise the fact and ask for assistance and support for you in the Newsletter and web site.

Frank Auton

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John & Chris Ullman - The Red Lion	727020
Chris Wege - Common Management Committee	724152

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Parish Councillors

David Hall	Chairman of Parish Council	725231
Frank Auton	Vice-Chairman of Council	431036
Peter Clackett	Member of Parish Council	433034
Kim Richardson	Member of Parish Council	434304
Dick Ware	Member of Parish Council	722486
Lee Parker	Member of Parish Council	432983
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Easter Services

Sunday 18th March	9.00am	Mothering Sunday Family Service
Sunday 1st April	9.00am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion with distribution of palms
Tuesday 3rd April	8.00pm	Compline Evening Prayers for Holy Week
Friday 6th April	11.00 am	Good Friday Service of Music, Prayer & Meditation
Sunday 8th April	9.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion

Services in the Parish

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

