



***Easter
2009***

Butterflies Know Best

In church during the winter, when we turn the heating on, after a while the air becomes warm enough, and dozing Red Admirals start to fly around thinking that spring has come and it is time to wake up. They dive bomb the congregation and joyfully loop the loop, much to the delight of the kids. As the building cools down again, they return to their cosy nook behind a monument to wait for the real thing.

Clever things butterflies. As the year draws to a close, they know their span is at an end and it is time to hibernate, confident that this apparent 'death' is not the end, and that a new life awaits after a period of darkness when the sun rises again.

Human beings can learn something here. Our lives have seasons too: the flourish of spring, the warmth of summer, the mellowness (well in some of us) of autumn, followed by the inevitable darkness and winter of death. We all must pass that way, some sooner some later. And yet the Bible teaches and Christians believe that because the Jesus the 'Son' is risen, the warmth of his resurrection will bring new life to those who have had the courage and good sense to 'hide' themselves in Christ.

Do you see what I am trying to say? Those butterflies have much to teach us. By staying close to the Good Lord in church they will rise again. Same for us. So

this Easter, as you see the rising of the sun trigger the miracle of spring engulfing the Chilterns in new life and colour, claim the promise that your spiritual salvation is assured by the rising of Jesus the 'Son' of God, in whose warmth we may stretch our wings and fly on to amazing new things!

Tim Harper: Rector



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'

Christingle Collection

The Christingle Service just before Christmas saw the church well filled. The collection taken was donated to the Church of England Children's Society and amounted to a magnificent £228.56. Thank you to all who attended.

Lent Courses

These will start in the first week of March with the theme 'These three...Faith, Hope and Love', based on I Corinthians 13. The meetings in Coleshill will be on a weekday afternoon – day and venue to be announced. Details will be posted in the Church porch.

Flower Festival

There will be a Flower Festival with music at All Saints' on Saturday 11th July and Sunday 12th July 2009.

Baptism

Sunday 4th January 2009

Rhia Davenport, Benjamin Ricketts and Jasmine Swerling



In Memoriam

Hazel Elizabeth Thorne – Wednesday January 21st 2009



Hazel Thorne

On the 21st of January 2009 our mother Hazel Thorne died peacefully at home. She was born and grew up in High Wycombe, beginning life in a close community when the furniture industry was prominent. I recall taking her to the Chiltern Open Air Museum where she looked up at the tea room which was once a small furniture factory and said, 'Well I never, that's so-and-so's factory from the end of our road'.

We moved here 25 years ago and she has always been happy here except when New Road becomes a glacier. 'No, it's alright Mother I'll go round by Gore Hill'. Mother got to know and enjoy meeting other the villagers partly through the 'Contact Teas'. She really looked forward to these events and they were very valuable in maintaining her morale through her later years when she was becoming less mobile. So we really appreciate their service. I hope I am not being superfluous in saying that they are a valuable asset to the village contributing to its good community spirit.

My Sister and I would like to thank everyone who helped with and who came to her funeral and for all the cards we received from villagers who made our sadness more manageable with their words of appreciation for her warm and friendly personality.

Graham Thorne

Chiltern Society in Coleshill

On the 21st January, 2009 a team of volunteers from the Chiltern Society spent a day working on the footpaths in Coleshill. They installed two waymark posts near Little Luckings Wood and cleared some overgrowth from the metal signpost near Widmer Farm. This follows on from the recent installation of kissing gates on Coleshill footpaths.

The Chiltern Society aims to conserve and protect the natural beauty, environment and heritage of the Chilterns, covering 650 square miles across Bucks, Beds, Herts and South Oxfordshire. The Rights of Way Group actively protects and restores open access land and public rights of way in the Chilterns - some 5,000 paths. It surveys every individual path and takes up irregularities with parish, district or county councils to preserve and enhance public rights.

The charity has over 6,500 members and organises weekly walks and cycle rides, as well as volunteer work parties to carry out footpath maintenance and other conservation projects. We welcome new members - come and join people like you who love the Chilterns. For more details please contact:-

The Chiltern Society, The White Hill Centre, White Hill, Chesham HP5 1AG
tel: 01494 771250 www.chilternsociety.org.uk

All Saints' Church Flowers

The flowers in church over the Christmas period were beautiful, glowing with candles, and they lasted for ages because it was so cold. The windowsill arrangements were prepared in time for the Christingle service and were a lovely background to a winter wedding in mid-December.

Our annual Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy was held this year at the home of Jane and Harry McNeilly and was much enjoyed by all who came along for the coffee and chat. It has also raised £360.00 for the Church Flower Fund to help pay for the flowers throughout the year which is an excellent result. Thanks to Jane for being such a hospitable hostess and to everyone who contributed their help, their goodies and their cash.

The next floral church event will be Easter when the church will be full of spring flowers (we hope – in view of the weather we have had!) and Lilies in Remembrance. If you would like to donate a lily the cost is £2.50 and it is a lovely way to remember loved ones. Please let me know if you would like to do this well before Easter as the lilies have to be ordered well in advance. Names of those remembered are displayed in the church porch at Easter time.

After that, we now have a date for your diaries in July. We are planning a Flower Festival with music for the weekend of July 11th/12th. It should be a friendly and happy event and we hope that everyone will look in over the weekend. Watch this space for more details later on!

Many thanks as always to our excellent flower team who always manage to produce beautiful flowers in church and excel themselves at all the major church festivals. Anyone else who is interested in joining us will be made very welcome.

Catherine Green
724922



Red Lion

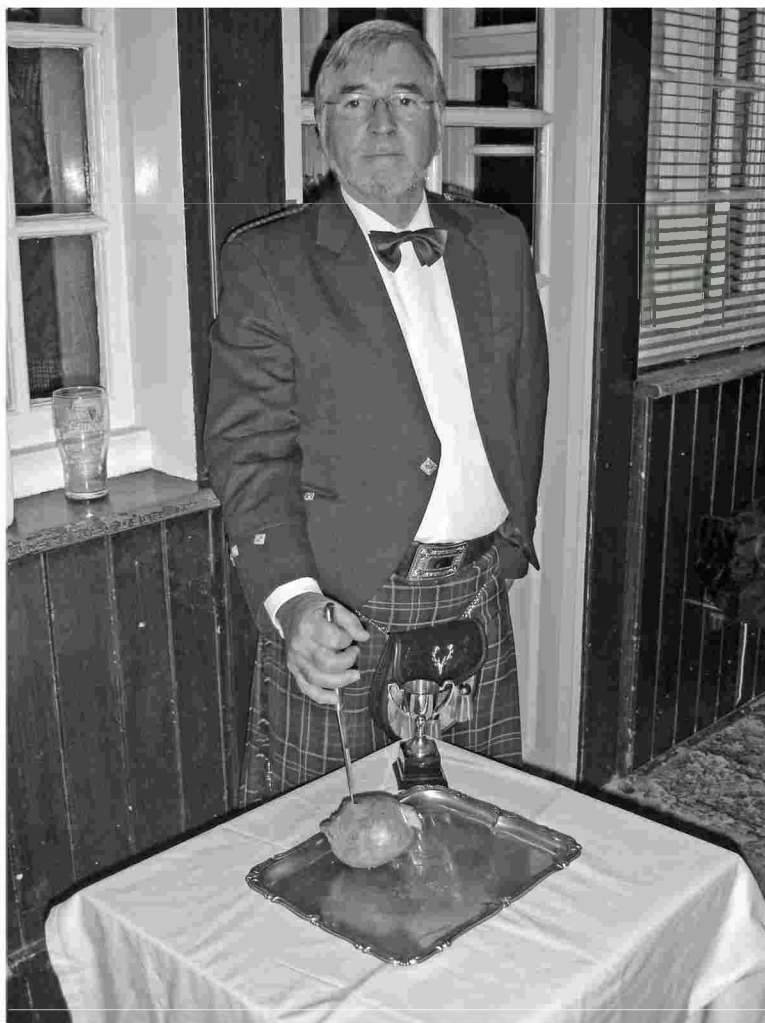
As I write this piece the sun is shining through the window and it feels as if spring is around the corner - a far cry from last week with snow everywhere, and events here being cancelled left, right and centre.

No trophies for our games teams this year. In fact most of them are fighting relegation! However, the good news is that a number of new faces have appeared following my last missive - in particular youngsters for the darts teams. They are practising regularly, as well as playing, and that can only be good for the future.

We had a very successful Burns Supper, well supported by the Village (in fact over-subscribed) with again newcomers supporting the event in many ways. Chris and I would like to thank particularly, Heather & Frank Auton, who helped in so many ways to make the evening a success.

Finally, we are seeing many new faces in the village, and so I will repeat for them in particular that we do provide a form of 'Village Shop' service, and carry extra supplies of bread, milk, butter, eggs etc. if you run short. Normally our doors are open from 9.00 am

John Ullman
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All Saints' Charity

After a break since last summer, All Saints Charity is arranging its next event for Friday 15th May 2009. This will be a Craft Fair in Coleshill Village Hall from 10 - 12.30. There will be lots of varied stalls such as luxury silk items, clothes, cards, books, plants and jewellery - and of course delicious refreshments and a raffle. By coming to support us, you will not only have an interesting and enjoyable morning but also be helping to support the Rosanna Hospital in Kurdistan.

Hope to see you - and your friends - there.

Patsy Wright-Warren
433356



Tributes were made to the great Rabbe Burns celebrating the 250th Anniversary of his birth at the Red Lion Burns Supper



Parish Council

The village pond is going to have a major overhaul this year. A company has been sought to come along and remove the silt from the pond and transfer it to a field in the village. A toxicity test has been completed to assure the 'Muck Away' company and the authorities that the waste is harmless and what's more doesn't have a nasty smell. This work should not cause any upheaval and should last for three days maximum, allowing for good weather. The Parish Council will be holding a fundraising evening in the Village Hall, for which the money raised will go towards the considerable cost of having the work on the pond done. It is hoped that you will all support this evening and all offers of help will be most welcome.

During that recent bad weather Bucks County Council sent me weather warnings which I was in turn able to email out to villagers in the Parish Council's email address book. These warnings were very helpful; if you are not on the list, and would like to be included, please email me at susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk and I will add your name.

It will again soon be time to fill out the competition forms for the 'Best Kept Village' - with this in mind please keep Coleshill neat and tidy - it would be lovely to win in 2009.

Susan Smith

Clerk to Coleshill Parish Council

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be in Coleshill every fortnight on a Friday - between 14.20 - 14.35

The dates are
Friday 6th March, Friday 20th March, Friday 3rd April, Friday 17th April, Friday 1st May, Friday 15th May, Friday 29th May, Friday 12th June, and Friday 26th June.

Please do try and support the local library service.



Coleshill Common

The volunteers who help to maintain the Common are known for their rugged indifference to wind and weather, but even their hardiness has been defeated by the recent cold spell. The pond in the picture shows the beauty to offset the inconvenience.



When the ground has thoroughly thawed we will be planting some trees – wild cherry and crab apple. If they grow well we can look forward to some more spring blossom in future years.

Chris Wege
(724152)

Coleshill Village Hall

The enclosed flyer will hopefully encourage more use of the Village Hall for your benefit.

The Hall was rebuilt on the site of an old Village Hall twenty seven years ago when a substantial grant was given by the County Council for its rebuilding and the residents of Coleshill raised the funds for the balance.

Although various groups in the Village use the Hall for a yearly function we feel it could be used by more residents for their own use or to start new activities.

You are welcome to come and see the Hall at any time to see the facilities it has to offer.

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee is on Friday 17th April 2009 at 7.30 pm and it would be good to have some discussion on its future use.

Ann Lawrence
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Coleshill History Project

The Coleshill History Group continues to meet at the Village Hall each month. The History of Coleshill will be published in November and will be launched by the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Henry Aubrey Fletcher, at the Village Hall on Saturday 7th November. The book price will be £15. Those who subscribe before the end of July will have their names printed at the back of the book.

At the January meetings, Penny Ware showed over fifty images of Coleshill from the digital collection she has built up over recent years. These included several school groups and social events in the village. At the February meeting, another fifty images were reviewed. These have been loaned by the Chesham Bois author and post card collector, Colin Seabright. Another group of images has come from Amersham Museum, which has a large collection of glass negatives made by the Amersham photographer George Ward. Several photographs of Winchmore Hill have been loaned by Stephen Palmer, including images of the Hatch, Sears and Pusey families. A final selection of images to go in the book is emerging, but one or two subjects are still outstanding. These include Brentford Grange before the original building was pulled down in 1968 and Windmill House, the arts and crafts style house built c.1910 by Ernest Swann.

Also at the February meeting, the group looked at a series of deeds loaned by



the new owner of the former Queen's Head Inn on Whielden Lane. These begin in 1775 with the will of Thomas Child who talks of 'All that my new erected messuage or tenement wherein Thomas Archer now doth dwell situate at the upper end of Wielden lane in the parish of Amersham ... known by the

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While the Newsletter does not normally carry advertising - space permitting, we are pleased to be able to advise villagers of local services. If you would like to be featured - just send in some details.

Mark George grew up in the village and has recently set up in business and would appreciate support if anyone requires their ovens to be cleaned or if anyone knows of any commercial ventilation cleaning required.

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name of the Red Lion'. The name changed to the Queens Head in about 1802 when the pub was bought by Wellers' Amersham Brewery. Derek Higgins showed what progress had been made on the Coleshill History Project website, which now includes all census returns for Coleshill from 1841-1901 and a consolidated database of the individuals listed. Please look at the website at www.coleshill-history.org.uk

Julian Hunt/Peter Lawrence

For more information please contact Peter Lawrence at Hampton House, Chase Close or 01494 727207 or e-mail tispml@tiscali.co.uk



Horticultural Society

It has been a long winter and all our gardens need extra care and work on them this spring. If you have seedlings or cuttings spare and would like to give them to others, please contact a Society Committee member and we will find them good homes with villagers.

Also if you have good gardening tips for maintaining the lawn, getting rid of troublesome weeds etc, please email them to me at susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk and they can be posted on the village website.

The date for the Spring Talk will be advertised when confirmed and it is hoped many of you will be able to attend. The Horticultural Society needs your support and we always welcome new members. A date for the next meeting will be put on the notice board by the Church and on the village website, please come along.

David & Susan Smith
Chairpersons



Tennis Club

Despite the cold and frosty weather we have had, play has continued at the club, both socially and competitively. The teams are having varied results but nonetheless enjoying the matches. As I write the outside temperature has increased by about 12 degrees and the snow has finally melted from the courts – long may the spring-like weather continue!

Various coaching sessions are always well attended. If you are interested there is a Ladies morning on Thursdays from 8.50 am – 9.50. Junior coaching starts on Sunday 29th March at 9 am for U8'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 10.45 whilst the Junior coaching is run. Weekly club play will resume on Thursday 16th April from 6 pm.

Dates for your diaries

Junior Coaching starts Sunday 29th March 9 – 10.30

Monday Night Juniors Monday 27th April 5 – 6

Monday Night open coaching Monday 27th April 6 – 7

Monday Night team coaching Monday 27th April 7 – dusk

Fun Day Sunday 26th April.

Open to all members of the Club.

One Day Fun Tournament Sunday 17th May

Open to all members, fun competition organised around short sets.

Village Open Tournament Sunday 7th June.

Hosted by owners of courts around the village with the semi finals and finals being held at the Club.

Adult/Junior Tournament Sunday 21st June.

The tournament gives children the opportunity to experience 'match' play with an adult. Open to children 13 years and under.

Junior Tournament Sunday 12th July.

A popular event, loved by the children eager to win a trophy!

Finals Day Sunday 6th September

Fundraising event TBC

AGM TBC

Further details of the above events will be posted on the notice board in the Club and e-mailed to members.

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



Coleshill Infants School

The school is taking part in the 'Investors in Families' programme, involving parents and grandparents in the education of their children. This is a very worthwhile project as research shows that children do significantly better when parents and schools work closely together. One of our initiatives is to take part in the 'Footsteps' programme organised by the Local Authority. Parents are trained to teach road safety techniques, then come into school to work with the children, helping them to cross roads safely and be traffic-aware. We are also encouraging parents to come into school to read stories, talk about their work and jobs and for grandparents to tell the children about what life was like when they were six years old.



The whole school is going to the Barbican Hall to watch the London Symphony Orchestra in March and to take part in a music workshop there. We have been busy learning a song for the event called 'When I grow up', which is very amusing, with a catchy tune. Eating lunch in the foyer is proving to be almost as highly anticipated by the children as the music concert itself. A 'Circus Workshop' is also planned this term, during which children will learn to juggle scarves and balls and try out Diablo spinning.

The school has once again won a government award; 'Activemark' for 'exceptional PE and Sport delivery'. We have also won a local 'Swan Award' this year for PE. The school takes part in a lottery-funded initiative called the School Sports Partnership and during the year, many sports activities are offered to the children from gym, dance, tennis, cricket, football, hockey, multi-skills and mini-golf.

We have two church services this term, both of which you are cordially invited

Coleshill Infants School

to attend. The first one is the Mothering Sunday Service to be held at All Saints' Church, Coleshill, on March 22nd at 9.00 a.m. All the ladies in the congregation will receive flower posies from the children. Our Easter end of term service takes place at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 3rd. Looking further ahead, our May Fayre is planned, weather permitting, in the school garden on Saturday, May 16th. Please come along and join us if you can.

A Happy Easter to everyone.

Jenny Earp
Headteacher



Neighbourhood Watch

Thankfully, it has been another quiet period since Christmas. There was one break-in, from a garage at a house set a little back from the main village road. This had two, rather valuable bicycles stolen from it. Please remember that sheds and garages can contain items just as valuable as some of your house furnishings. Perhaps we should all be looking at locks and alarms for out-buildings.

Incidentally, various people have asked me if my cat has come home. We do not have a cat. I was asked by Stella Platzer if I would email the local paper to ask for help finding HER lost cat. I started the piece by saying, 'A villager has lost.....' but they saw my email address and decided that I meant myself. Meanwhile, Stella and Tony would still love to hear from anyone who has seen their tortoiseshell cat and their telephone number is 01494 724282.

Lindsey Haubner

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	Friday 5th June 2009
Autumn	Friday 4th September 2009
Christmas	Friday 13th November 2009



Coleshill W.I.

The Christmas meeting of Coleshill WI saw its members enjoying a catered lunch with entertainment in the form of quizzes and even a little silly singing. Some of us had previously enjoyed a Christmas card-making session, which included learning many different techniques and then a decorated box making class, which we used to make gift boxes for sweets at our Christmas Lunch.

2009 is the sixtieth anniversary of our Institute and it got off to a good start with our speaker on 'The History of Mr Punch'. Most of us were surprised to learn that the earliest stories went back to Roman days. In February we learnt about the Other Hong Kong, which is not all commercial and noisy but has lovely parks and countryside as well. On Thursday March 12th 2009, we'll enjoy 'A Whistle Stop Tour of Gilbert & Sullivan' and we are intrigued to know what April's talk, 'No Phones on a Saturday', will be about. On top of this, some members have met together at Lindsey's house to watch films, which they have then enjoyed reviewing, rather like the book club, which meets once a month in various members homes.

We are looking forward to the County Quiz night, a Craft Day, Rambles, a Brain Games - Cryptic Crossword workshop, an outing to see the Darwin Exhibition, a coach trip to Wimpole Hall, near Cambridge, discussions on this year's resolutions for the Albert Hall and taking up invitations to neighbouring Institutes to celebrate anniversaries with them. Further outings, a Taste of Latin American Dance evening and a jewellery workshop are on the near horizon.

We seem to be meeting new, prospective members at our meetings each month, who have replaced some who have left, so our numbers remain constant at about forty three members. These come from both Coleshill and neighbouring areas, so we usually hear of what is going on around and about. We are always pleased to see visitors and have space for more members. We meet on the second Thursday of each month, at 2.30pm in the Village Hall and always end with a lovely tea.

Lindsey Haubner



Diary Dates

Friday 6 th March 2009	Mobile Library
Thursday 12 th March 2009	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 24 th March 2009	Village History Project
Friday 20 th March 2009	Mobile Library
Sunday 22 nd March 2009	Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday 29 th March 2009	Tennis Coaching starts
Friday 3 rd April 2009	School Easter Service
Friday 17 th April 2009	Village Hall AGM
Tuesday 21 st April 2009	Village History Project
Sunday 26 th April 2009	Tennis Fun Day
Monday 27 th April 2009	Tennis Juniors starts
Monday 27 th April 2009	Tennis Coaching starts
Friday 15 th May 2009	All Saints' Charity Craft Fair
Saturday 16 th May 2009	School May Fayre
Sunday 17 th May 2009	Tennis Fun Tournament
Tuesday 19 th May 2009	Village History Project
Thursday 21 st May 2009	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 5 th June 2009	Deadline for Summer Newsletter
Sunday 7 th June 2009	Tennis Village Open Tournament
Tuesday 16 th June 2009	Village History Project
Sunday 21 st June 2009	Tennis Adult Tournament
Saturday 11 th July 2009	Flower Festival
Sunday 12 th July 2009	Tennis Junior Tournament
Sunday 12 th July 2009	Flower Festival
Tuesday 14 th July 2009	Village History Project
Friday 4 th September 2009	Deadline for Autumn Newsletter
Sunday 6 th September 2009	Tennis Finals
Friday 13 th November 2009	Deadline for Christmas Newsletter

Parish Councillors

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Dick Ware	Member of Parish Council	722486
David Smith	Member of Parish Council	724490
Howard Green	Member of Parish Council	724922

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John Holland - Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	729357
John & Chris Ullman - The Red Lion	727020



Easter Services

Mothering Sunday	Family Service	Sunday 22nd March 9.00 am
Palm Sunday	Holy Communion with distribution of palms	Sunday 5th April 9.00 am
Compline	Evening Prayers for Holy Week	Tuesday 7th April 8.00 pm
Maundy Thursday	Paschal supper and Holy Communion at St Mary's	Thursday 9th April 8.00 pm
Good Friday	Service of Music, Prayer and Meditation	Friday 10th April 11.00 am
Easter Day	Holy Communion	Sunday 12th April 9.00 am

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)

