

NEW AGE?

Times are changing. To my generation growing up in the seventies, dressing "down" was so important. It was the end of the hippie era, anyone who wore formal clothes such as a suit or twin-set was definitely boring. Thankfully we had got away from kaftans and tie-dye, but as students in the seventies we would just wear jeans and a sweater, a coat if it was really cold.

I was forced into a suit when I went for an interview at Cambridge, but my mother remarked in horror that I was wearing a red tie. "They will think you are a **communist!**" she gasped. You must remember that this was back in 1972! But I was totally taken aback by the thought that anything I could wear might be read as a statement about me.

I still have a problem wearing a Vicar's robes. To my generation they are the very badge of incompetence and irrelevance. I am reassured that it is a passing phase; teenagers today seem to think the zanier versions of clerical gear as rather cool. Dressing "up" is now acceptable, and smart clothes ever more significant.

Spiritual matters too have come on to the popular agenda in a big way. Twenty years ago it was just not done to speak of any such concern. Now magazines are packed with articles of Holistic and Therapeutic interest, and there is a growing awareness of the Occult. Young people today are passionate about the way the universe relates to the body, mind and spirit. They are determined to abandon the narrow mind set of the immediate past, which often dismissed spiritual matters as, at best, fairy tales for the feeble minded. Churches are growing, not with the traditional clientele, but with young singles and families who wish to live their lives in the light of some kind of spiritual value. In saying this I mean no disrespect to those who have faithfully supported us over many years. But it is up to the churches to change and grow to accommodate a new generation with new concerns, for spiritual truth is found not in the Occult, but in Jesus Christ.

St Paul writes "...clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 13:14) Put on Christ, and you will be correctly dressed at all times, and in all generations.

I love this picture of putting on Christ; his covering is the only one which will last. That is what it means, we take off the old tatty rags of our former life and put on the new creation given us by faith in Jesus. We take off our old dirty clothes of anger, slander, bad language and sin. Then we can put on the deliciously clean new clothes of compassion kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, all kept together with a big belt of love.

These clothes will always fit, because they are made to measure by God. And like other outfits they make a statement about us, proclaiming that we are Christians, that what the world considers important we **reject**. In these clothes we stand out in a crowd. The new garment covers up all the embarrassing bits. We are warmed by the fragrance of the maker, and other people keep giving us admiring glances "**Where** did you get that hat?"

In the pockets we find all the power and money we need to live life a new way. Our bodies may wear out, but the new suit will last forever.

Yes, times have changed. Gone is the old fear of **spiritual** matters. Don't be a spiritual down dresser any more. As St Paul says "...clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ", and be a spiritual stunner for all eternity.

Revd. Tim Harper

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

AGM

The All Saints Church AGM will be held on Sunday 5th April at 7.00pm following Evensong. The Notice and Agenda will be posted on the church noticeboard fourteen days prior to the meeting. Two Committee members will be retiring by rotation at the AGM and nominations should be given to the Rector or Pro-Wardens.

CHURCHYARD

The 1997 work parties were very successful and the churchyard is looking very neat and tidy. The dates for 1998 have yet to be arranged but these will be posted shortly on the church and village **noticeboards**. More support is needed as all the good work is currently be undertaken by a very small number of villagers. All help would be very much appreciated.

ADOPT A GRAVE

Several of the older graves are being allowed to fall into a state of slight disrepair and Nick Sadler would be keen to hear from anyone willing to take over the care and maintenance of one of the graves. This scheme was introduced in the village several years ago, but some additional graves now need to be added to those already under the care of villagers.

EASTER LILIES

We are once again continuing with the idea of the congregations buying Easter Lilies in memory of a relative or friend if they would like to do so. We would then aim to put up in the church a list of those in memory of whom the lilies have been given, both as an act of Thanksgiving for their life and as an invitation to others to pray for them. The cost of a Lily will be £2.50. If you would like to contribute in this way, will you please let Catherine Green (724922) know by Sunday 5th April so that she will know how many Lilies to order.

Amanda McCallum

A NEW INITIATIVE?

For some time, it has been clear that the 9am start time of our Sunday Service at All Saints is rather too **early** for those with children. The form of the service is also geared towards those who prefer a quiet and traditional approach to worship. Of course there is nothing wrong in this. However, there is a growing need for us to cater for a younger audience too.

Over the past few months Magpie Club, the fortnightly "**Sunday School**" held in the Village School led by our redoubtable Youth Worker Rachel Quinn, aided by Rosemary Valentine and her team, has grown and grown. At our last termly "Magpie Service" in All Saints we had over 60 people of all ages attend.

In view of this, the Church Committee has decided to start a monthly "Magpie Family Service" from March. This will start at **11.30am**, and last for half an hour, a lively and informal time of music, Bible stories and prayers suitable for parents and children. However, all are **welcome** whatever their age. Indeed we hope that some of our regulars will want to support us.

I must emphasise that the regular services at All Saints will be **unaffected** by this new initiative, and will continue as normal. Please remember us in your prayers as we take this exciting new step, and do come and support us when we start on March 29th at **11.30am** (and then on the 26th April, 31st May, 28th June, 19th July, 27th September).

WHAT IS (ARE) FIRST STEPS?

At "First Steps" parents bring very young children to St Mary's Church for a 20-minute monthly service, specially devised for tiny tots, and which is followed by drinks and biscuits. (Rev Tim Harper does a great puppet **show!!**)

Over the years "First Steps" has proved to be a very popular and successful way of introducing young families to **their first step** into church fellowship and worship.

Under Tim's leadership, it has already progressed further in reaching out to young families in the areas, introducing them to a burgeoning membership of the church and maintaining a happy focal point for young families to meet together and so forge friendships between each other and the church.

We welcome all mums (and dads) with babies and toddlers - new members are always welcome - so why not come along and visit us? We meet at St Mary's on the first Monday of each month at 10.30 am.

At present I am making up a folder of names and pictures covering the period from when we started (1992) to the present day. We plan to have a reunion picnic in early August and would love to see you all there. Please get in touch with me to check if you are on the list, so that we can send you an invitation.

Edith Humphries
(Telephone: 722871)

COLESHILL VILLAGE SCHOOL

At the beginning of this term the children were pleased to find a carpet in the classroom which they can use for story time and group times. This was brought with some of the birthday money given by the Church. It also makes the classroom quieter and cosier. Thank you All Saints Church.

The children ended the Autumn term by entertaining everyone at **Rushymead Hospice**.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Bazaar. It raised £902.17.

This term the **children** were visited by a speaker from the NSPCC and they have since sent more than £200.00 to the NSPCC from a sponsored event.

In January we visited Hyde Heath School to watch a performance by the Science Theatre Group.

We would like to increase our numbers again as in July we lose two year groups because of the change in the Age of Transfer when the children will leave **Coleshill** at the age of 7 instead of 8.

From September we will be delighted to accept children *from the term* following their 4th birthday. I shall appoint an experienced Nursery Nurse to work with these children and we will have a separate classroom for them. Prospective parents are welcome to visit the school on Tuesday 31st March between 9.30am and 11.30am or by appointment - please call us on 727206.

Also on Tuesday 31st March the **Parents'** and Friends' group is holding a '**Bring & Buy Sale**' and Easter Coffee Morning in the Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon. Everyone is very welcome. This will also give prospective parents a chance to meet new friends.

Thank you to everyone who is saving **Sainsbury** points, **Tesco** Vouchers, Weetabix Tokens or recycling newspaper, tins and plastic bottles. All benefit the school. I also am grateful for those donations of paper, pencils, wool, fabric, games, books etc..

Thank you to everyone who has supported the gate appeal. An extra entrance has caused difficulties and the Governors are now looking at the possibility of a pavement. I shall let everyone know what is happening as soon as possible.

Louise Staliwood

ALL SAINTS MAGPIE CLUB

So far this term, All Saints Magpie Club has been well attended and our two groups (children aged 3-7 & 7-10) are enjoying more stories, games, craft activities, singing and discussions. Our themes for the term are "animals" for the younger group and the older group are looking at "Jesus as": a teacher, a friend, a story teller, a miracle worker and our Saviour.

5 until 6 p.m. on a Friday evening passes so quickly and is very rewarding for both children and us as helpers. If you are curious to see what goes on at All Saints Magpie Club please ask.

Our end of term service will be at 11.30 am on Sunday 29 March (do come!) and will then be followed by a regular monthly Family Service.

The dates for the Summer Term are as follows: April 24, May 8 & 22, June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17.

Very many thanks to everyone helping this term.

R.V.

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Due to other commitments, I have now ceased to be editor and producer of the village newsletter. I am delighted to say that Ken Crossley has kindly agreed to take on the task. Producing the newsletter is time consuming and it would be appreciated if all articles could be handed in promptly. Although it is a small publication, a professional printer is now used and deadlines have to be met.

Amanda McCallum

1ST COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Meetings

- Time: Monday evenings - 7.00 to 8.30 pm
- Venue: Coleshill Village Hall
- Subs: £10.00 per term

Guider's and Helpers

Guider - Kaye Smith

"Nightingale" - Helen Fowler (a retired guider)

Sarah Maclean (a really committed parent!)

Emma Maclean - Young Leader in training

The Guides

Joanne and Tracey Bradley, Jacqueline **Charlton**, Claire **Deegan**, Emma, **Julie** and Katie **Maclean**, Georgia **McGuinness**, Amy and Stephanie Miles and Ellen **Tuffney**. They are organised in two patrols - Kingfishers and Snowdrops

Enrolments, Badges and Trefoils

We are working as a company on the Local History badge this term. We are using both **Amersham** Old Town and Coleshill for this. We would really benefit with help from someone in Coleshill who has knowledge of the village history.

In March, Stephanie, **Joanne** and Tracey were enrolled. This took place at the Martyr Memorial followed by a Baked **Potato/Pizza** supper at Vine Cottage. Now Amy and Georgia are working on their enrolment in the Spring.

Finally, we congratulate Katie, Julie and Claire on their yellow trefoil achievement. Together with Jacqueline and Ellen, they are now working on for their green trefoil.

Activities

Theme of Challenge and Development:

We attended an activity weekend (sleeping overnight) with 1st Amersham near **Hemel** Hempstead where we did a mixture of indoor (jewellery, candle making, sweet and Christmas cake making) and outdoor - abseiling, adventure trail and archery not forgetting the Cresta Run!) activities. We will camp in the summer!

Our Monday meetings, largely organised by the guides themselves, have been spent in the such activities as Chinese New Year evening - celebrating the beginning of the Year of the Tiger (with the help of Mrs Bianca Deegan) and Shrove Tuesday which meant a Pancake evening although we cooked these over tins with candles!

Thinking Day

This annual church service was held at St Marys in Amersham Old Town. Thetheme was "Global Friendship". All the packs and companies in East Amersham joined in together. Each Brownie and Guiding unit took part of the world (we chose Australasia) and interpreted this in their presentation. Tim Harper gave the address.

Charity Fund Raising

Our major 1997 event was held on 14th December. This was a journey through the music of the century and entitled "Music Time Machine". We were pleased with our result - raising enough to donate £50 to a literacy campaign in a Nigerian village. We entertained some old ladies from Islington in London as well as some of the friends and families of the guides. We would have liked more attendees from the village - obviously our publicity needs revamping!

Kaye Smith

COLESHILL BROWNIES

This term we decided to do a very exciting adventure with the Brownie pack. Over a period of six weeks Carole Kerridge, a St. John's Ambulance trainer, has given her time to take the Brownies through a First Aid course.

This has been the most tremendous success and the Brownies have really excelled themselves in both the understanding and the practical side of First Aid. They have all passed the test on the recovery position and they have all chosen to be tested fully by a Trainer.

We now have a full pack of 24 Brownies which is wonderful. Due to this I have started a waiting list although I would hate to turn anyone away! If you have a daughter who would like to join us when she is 7 please telephone me, Jane Davis on 725549.

J.D.

ONE WAY TO BECOME A YOUTH WORKER!

Helping Mum with Sunday School and taking part in Church life was something which I grew up with. I never questioned the need to provide for the young people of the church but, I must admit, neither did I **think** that I was destined to become a recognised 'Youth Worker'

For those of you who do not know me or who have not been aware of the recent decision of the Parochial Church Council to appoint me, my name is Rachel Quinn and since September 1997 I have been the Youth worker for St Mary's, Amersham and All Saint's Coleshill. It is a job which many people do not quite understand, and yet those who do believe that it provides for a vital element of the Church family

This time last year I was still serving as an Army Captain in the Adjutant General's Corps, based at Wilton Park in **Beaconsfield**. My job was an interesting one, but I felt as if it was unable to provide the same degree of fulfillment as the volunteer work which I was doing with the Church youth groups, and the overseas expedition and mission work which I was involved with leading school groups during my summer leave periods. I felt quite sure that my faith was leading me to the decision to leave the Army, so that I could work for the church in some form or other and dedicate all my time to working with young people. It was a big decision, but it was made easier with lots of prayer and encouragement by many of my Christian friends. I wasn't sure at the time where I would end up, but I knew it would be working with youngsters - what a lovely surprise to only have to move 5 miles to Amersham, and to come here to set up a new youth work programme for the Church ! With this job in the pipeline I spent the summer leading a CRUSOE (Crusader's Overseas Expedition) group to work with a Street Children mission organisation in Brazil and returned in September feeling much better prepared to tackle the challenges of youth work in Amersham!

Since the start of the school year, much has **changed**, both for me, and with the youth work programme here in the Parish. Working with Young People is never boring and I can easily say that the rewards of making some kind of an impact in the lives of young people are amazing. I firmly believe that our young people deserve every chance to succeed in life and that it is our responsibility to give them that chance. Christian youth work has a wonderful extra dimension of bringing young people into the family of the Church, but that decision is very much for the youngster to make themselves.

We can only encourage and educate, and most importantly, be there for them. It is not easy to play that role, it takes time and commitment.

So where can we all fit into to this plan? Being a 'Youth Worker' does not necessarily mean giving up your career and becoming a full time employee of the church. Not everyone would be able to do that, nor would it be right for them to do so. I have just come back from a National Youth Work Training conference, at which most of the participants were volunteers who help out with one of the many youth groups run by churches all over the country. They each have a vital role to play in their contribution to their church family, and their commitment is no less to each of their young people than any of the full timers. The main speaker at the weekend discussed some very important issues concerning the young people of today. He encouraged us all to give as much of ourselves as we could to the needs of our churches and our young people. We are all part of one family and as such we should all watch out for each other. Working with youngsters isn't as scary as it sometimes sounds - maybe I could encourage you to give it a try too someday, you never know where it might lead you!

Rachel Quinn

THREE VILLAGES YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club continues to meet every Tuesday evening at **Winchmore Hill Methodist Church Hall**, the Juniors from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and the Intermediates from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. This term there have been a couple of discos, outings to go bowling and ice-skating, and a roller disco at Hazlemere.

The first AGM will be held during a Club Open Evening on Tuesday, 12th May, at 8.00pm.

For information about the Club contact Penny Ware, telephone 722486

P.W.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL RAMBLINGS

More than forty years ago a young Swiss girl left a book of Schubert songs on the piano in the hall at London Bible college. David came to practice and began playing the songs. Rosli returned for her book and began to sing to David's accompaniment. From this romantic beginning my parents fell in love and my mother left Switzerland and married a English boy who had grown up in a pub in the slums of Norwich.

His first Church was in Shepherds Bush and life was quite hard, but every year, as she had promised her parents when she married, the whole family went to Switzerland for the month of August. My father, an artist and poet was totally seduced by the mountains and as soon as I was old enough I would go with him on long walks and high, sometimes dangerous climbs.

These times on the mountains helped make me who I am. We talked; art, history, music, travel, politics but most of all theology. I would ask him about what I didn't understand and he would chew over with me the tensions between ministering in a very strict, Calvinistic Free Church and his much gentler, creative inner life. The strengths of this experience are easy to see, but also see the seeds of one of my greatest weaknesses.

I am very restless. It's like the mountain climbing; always want to see over the next ridge. I'm sure this was why I was not a real high flyer in the Opera world. I was not prepared to sacrifice all the other riches of life. I know that sometimes I want to run before I can walk. However it does make me energetic and enthusiastic.

As I began to respond to God's call to ministry, which has been there all my life, but has needed God's moment to arrive; along with all the self questioning about what I had to offer, came a tremendous sense of joy that He might actually want me to do what is my heart's desire. All my life I have been waiting for God to ask me to do some great thing which I would absolutely hate. So I was literally surprised by joy!

The six years spent working in South East London were challenging, at times uncomfortable and at times very disappointing, but God was teaching me new lessons all the time. For example: how to keep the essential truth of the Gospel at the centre of your life and work without creating unnecessary divisions about other important, but maybe not crucial issues. To retain your integrity but work closely with others who have profoundly different views.

I am training for ordination on a part-time course known as the North Thames Ministerial Training Course. It's an excellent course which is particularly good at making the links between the theology that you study, and real life.

We have been in Amersham for a whole year! I met someone in Tesco in the first week who asked me 'Are you who I think you are?'!!! It takes a long time to get to know people, and even longer to get to know their stories. It still feels like the beginning, but it does feel like home, and this can only be because of the warmth and encouragement we have received.

Rosie Harper

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
10th - 16th MAY

"We believe in Life before Death"

12th May - Rachel Quinn, Parish youth worker, will give a talk about her work in South America with the street children.

2pm at the Village School, Coleshill.

All welcome to attend – tea and cakes after the talk.

and on

16th May the theme of the Christian Aid Supper this year is
'A Taste of Italy.'

A three course Italian supper with a glass of wine, appropriate music and raffle, will be served in Coleshill Village Hall (7.30pm - 11.30pm)

Tickets £8.00 available from:-

Pat (tel: 433036), Anne (tel: 722631)

Penny (tel: 433718) or Toni (tel: 727763)

P.D.

COLESHILL VILLAGE FETE

Saturday June 13th 1998

2.15p.m.

The Valentine's Meadow behind the Village Pond

After several years of hard work Nick Sadler and his committee have decided it is time to pass the job of organising the fete on. Nick and Dumpy Swerling have kindly offered to help on the new committee so the change should not be too much of a shock. I am sure we would all like to thank Nick and his many helpers for all their hard work in the past.

We are also grateful to Rosemary and Richard Valentine for kindly loaning the use of their meadow as this has enabled the fete to be brought into the centre of the Village.

It has also been decided that due to changes in the Bucks school leaving ages and the setting up of a nursery class this year at Coleshill School, all the proceeds from the fete will be given to the school.

We are hoping this year to include all the clubs and societies in the village, so if you are involved with any village organisation which would like to put a display or stall together please let me know.

The fete can only be a success with your help - your village needs you!!!!

If you can help please give me a call; I promise you will not be expected to sit through endless committee meetings, run a stall, work all day or work for weeks getting things ready (unless you want to, I won't say no!).

I can create jobs for every age and for as long as you feel you can give, The main bulk of work will be Friday night and Saturday morning. Please do not be afraid to volunteer, or say how much you want to do.

If you want to help by donating to stalls here are some of the numbers -

Raffle	Sue Bullough	724246
Books	Anne Trotman	433545
Toys	Jane Stainer	725671
Sweets	Rosemary Valentine	725794
	Sue Colacicco	722068
Cake Stall	Michele Denyer	724696
	Nicky Miles	721724
Preserves	Stella Platzer	724282

There will also be Tombola and Green Fingers stalls and we would be grateful for all contributions.

Finally, remember if you have an idea for a stall, display or just want to help, please call me.

Philip Denyer
(724696)

N.S.P.C.C.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas efforts..... we raised £1,245.00 from the coffee morning, carol singing and cracker making which was a record!

Our next event is on Friday 1st May in the Village Hall. This will be a wine tasting and talk entitled 'The length of the Loire' by John Ducker, a very entertaining and informative speaker.

Tickets will be £12.50 to include the talk, wine tasting, a cheese and pate supper and a glass of wine. A "must" for all wine lovers!

S. H.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

With the new season fast approaching many of you may already have seen Vic Baldwin working on the pitch and thanks to his efforts the ground is looking very good. Indoor nets and fitness training are underway; both are necessary as we have all wintered well.

For the fifth year we will be participating in the Morrants Chiltern League and hoping to consolidate efforts to challenge for honours. As ever we have a full fixture card for Saturdays and Sundays and will again be competing in the National Village Knockout (with a good run and some luck you may see us at Lords for the final!).

Thanks go to our many Vice-Presidents for their continued support which is much appreciated by the Club members. We always look forward to the 'cheese & wine' party.

Off the field we hope to organise a couple of net sessions for local children during the summer holidays and also regular social events - more details will follow.

We are always looking for new members; both social and playing. Details available from Graham Flack (01494) 728562, Tony Barber (01494) 722143 or Keith Warren (01494) 581063.

Graham Flack
(Captain)

GARDEN PARTY

Following the success of our cheese and wine party two years ago in aid of the National Osteoporosis Society we are doing a repeat performance! This time

in aid of Alzheimer's Disease Society.

We hope you can come and join us at Clivia, Windmill Hill on Thursday 25th June between 6.00pm and 9.00pm, for cheese and wine, open garden and plant sale. Tickets £7.00 in advance or at the gate.

Nick & Mary Sadler

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The Dora Post Legacy - To those of you who are comparative newcomers to the village and may not know of Dora Post, she and her husband lived in the village for many years and she has left to the Village Hall a very generous sum of money. Graham Swerling as Chairman of this committee would welcome your thoughts on how the interest on the capital might be spent - it will be in the region of £1,000 per year.

Your views on this matter should be put in writing to him, by the 10th April, so they may be discussed at the next committee meeting OR in writing for discussion under "Any Other Business" at the AGM on Thursday 14th May at 8pm.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM, after which you are invited to stay for a glass of wine.

Car Park Sign - Our thanks to Jack Haubner for the new lightweight "Village Hall Car Park" sign.

L.E.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The co-ordinators are delighted to have nothing to report, but would ask that we all remain ever vigilant.

J. & L.H.

-DRAMA GROUP

The Development of Community Arts

As the chairman of the Drama Group, I am occasionally contacted by the Chiltern District Council with regard to Arts matters. Recently, I received a document from them outlining their plans for Arts development within the area. Obviously, I am concerned with drama, but some of you may be interested in other arts and wish to put forward your views or undertake some activity.

Local Arts involves two groups of people, those who want to experience it and those who want to do it. Apparently, around 80% of the public attend an arts event each year, so there is obviously considerable interest. Principally, the interest is for entertainment, but there are other, less obvious interests, education, therapy, companionship, to name a few. Equally, there are a variety of reasons why people want to take part.

Arts activities are just as important as sports activities and one of the Council's goals is to find out what people want, so that they may be better able to deliver the necessary resources. Relevant activities are extremely varied; they do not just involve large groups of people putting on mass events, they also include; kids doing video projects, extending access to people with disabilities, etc. One obvious project would be the opportunity to recognise the Millennium in some way.

If you want to get involved in a local Arts activity, even in a minor way and you don't know what to do, contact the council.

Funding comes into everything at some point. 'Arts for Everyone' (A4E) is one scheme for providing limited grants to get people involved in arts projects, guidelines for applying for funds are available, contact the council for details.

Contacts - The Chiltern District Federation of Arts (CDFA) is a voluntary organisation that seeks to represent and guide local amateur groups. Details are available from the Council. The Chiltern District Arts Adviser is David Gardener.

As for the Coleshill Village Drama Group, we have had a very quiet year. One of the reasons is that our active membership is not what it used to be. We would dearly like to see new faces, especially in order to help us put on our Christmas panto, which is usually hugely successful.

This year our Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 2nd April at 8.30 pm in the small room at the Village Hall. Please come and join us.

John Billiard

FRIENDS OF RUSHYMEAD HOSPICE

This year the Hospice has asked the Friends to purchase a number of items for them. This has put us under some pressure to work ever harder to keep our fund raising profile high.

The major items needed are a dishwasher, new china, a radio and a trolley. Robin Ferguson is also going to be building a ramp for wheelchairs to access the lower lawn. All these will amount to a total of approximately £4,600.00.

The cheese and wine evening is now planned for 21st August. It will be held at the Hospice and hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we will be able to take advantage of the lovely gardens and views. Tickets will be available nearer the time at a cost of £10.00 to include all refreshments.

On the 15th October we are holding another bridge drive in the Village Hall. Full details from a committee member.

We are also organising a lunch on the 4th December at the Fitzwilliam Centre in Beaconsfield with our guest speaker Serena Proctor, a very popular and well known astrologer - said to be accurate as well! I think this promises to be a very interesting and entertaining talk.

Please put these dates in your diary and contact a committee member to book a place at any of these events.

We do hope you will continue to support us in this very worthwhile cause, for without it the Hospice would be unable to run at it's very high standard and comfort.

H.H.

COLESHILL W.I.

The winter season started as usual with the Christmas lunch which was well attended by members and thoroughly enjoyed. After lunch the draw took place for the first **Coleshill W.I.** bursary and the lucky winner was Sue Bullock. We look forward to hearing from her as to how she has used the award.

The Bucks County Federation is running a competition whereby each W.I. is given £5.00 and has six months to turn it into profit, half of which is to be retained by the individual W.I., and the committee is looking for interesting suggestions for the Coleshill effort.

A further county event was the annual Quiz Night and the Coleshill team did extremely well by finishing fourth out of 24.

Speakers this year have entertained members with talks about Japan and in particular their annual flower **show**, and the question as to how superstitious we all are.

A monthly innovation started by the President is an exhibition in the hall displaying their collections or memorabilia.

Future events will include an introduction to **Tai Chi**, the formation of a Book Club, and outings to Old Twickenham and Richmond, and a dinner and play at the Mill at Sonning.

Spring and summer meetings are now held at the usual time of 2.30 pm in the village hall on the second Thursday of each month and visitors and newcomers are always welcome.

J.P.

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

The new season is about to begin again! The club has grown and we now have 125 adults, 27 juniors and 9 social members.

Unfortunately we have lost our coach Jason Collins, but this has led us to the introduction of a local lady called Frances Morrison who teaches tennis throughout the spectrum and age groups. She is a LTA qualified coach registered on the Coaches Licensed Scheme, a member of BTCA and comes with a wide knowledge of racket sports. You may have already met her coaching tennis/short tennis, badminton or squash for Adult Education and Chiltern Leisure locally.

She is very enthusiastic and would be very keen to hear from any members as to their coaching requirements. She hopes initially to start a junior group coaching session of Friday evenings starting in April. She can be contacted through the club or by speaking to her directly on 01494 433522 or on her mobile number 0973 666240.

This year we are introducing some new ideas to involve players more at the club. For the first time we are going to run a Club Championship for all members of whatever standard, aged 14 years and above. We would like as many of you as possible to participate. Lists will be put up on the Club Noticeboard for Mens and Ladies singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles and these matches will take place over the Summer with the Finals on Sunday 13th September. As much support as possible please on Finals Day!

The Rushymead Hospice Tournament has been running over the Winter months as last year. The Finals will be on Sunday 26th April followed by a Barbeque at the Club for all members.

D.G.

BOWLS CLUB

The short mat bowls club run on a Monday night at the village hall continues to expand with a new influx of members over the winter period. The membership now stands at 22 players, the youngest 14 and the eldest **nearly** 77.

Having won the league last season we were filled with expectation for this **season**, however, as is normally the case expectation was not realised and we expect to finish about half way up the table. Although we did have success in the one day event held recently at Chalfont St Peter when the triples team scooped the trophy by the narrowest of margins.

As summer approaches some of our bowlers will be playing more outside, so that usually means quieter Monday evenings bowls which is a very good time for potential players to come and have a go. We are always happy to see new faces, we have spare bowls available and there is nothing else you need to bring.

Its healthy (all that walking and arm swinging), harmless, (but can become addictive), inexpensive, (members pay just £1.70 for 3 hours entertainment and get a cup of tea and a **biscuit!**), can be learned in a couple of hours and most importantly is a lot of fun.

If you fancy a try just turn up at 7.30 any Monday or telephone John Holland (729357).

J.H.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next event is the Spring Meeting on the 22nd May with Janet Brunswick. Janet's speciality is growing many varieties of clematis. She will be bringing plants along to sell and talking about the many varieties with a slide show. The evening will start at 7.30pm with a glass of wine and Janet's talk will begin at 8.00pm. If anyone wants a particular variety of clematis they can be ordered from Jane **Stainer** on 725671.

Take the hassle out of driving and parking the car and come and join us to visit The Hampton Court Flower Show on 11th July next. If anyone would like to come please book a place with any Committee Member. The cost of the trip is expected to be between £18.00-£20.00 and a £5.00 deposit is required; we shall be out all day.

The AGM will be held on 3rd June 1998 at 8.00pm in the small hall at the Village Hall.

Judi Herbert

THE RED LION

Another winter has nearly passed and with it a competitive period for "the Lion". No trophies this year for the Darts, Quiz or Dominoe and Crib teams, but nonetheless a very enjoyable season was had by all, with many laughs on the way. Again most of the teams had a majority representation from the Village, but as I say always, there is always room for more!

Our golfers failed at the penultimate hurdle in the "Publican Golf Pub of the Year" competition, although they finished a creditable 6th out of 27 teams in the area final (only the first 3 advanced to the Regional Final). Whilst on the subject of golf, a record 47 turned out for the "Between the Houses Golf Challenge" on Boxing Day - and again no damage!

A reminder for May Day - this year our regular Morris Dancers have invited another team to join them, so there will be a double bill at 5.20am. Can we double the number of villagers turning out (the record 2 years ago stands at 68!). The incentive is breakfast here at about 6am (only for those attending at the pond!)

Finally, a reminder for all newcomers that, in the absence of a village shop, you can purchase necessities from us such as milk, eggs, butter and bread, and papers can be provided if ordered. We are usually open by 7.30am. If we can help in any way, do contact Chris or John on [01494] 727020.

J.U.

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

There has been only one meeting of the Parish Council since the last Village Newsletter was issued. As usual, the minutes of that meeting are displayed on the Council's noticeboard just outside the Village Hall, so that anyone can see what was discussed and, if they would like more information about a particular subject, ask one of the Councillors or the Clerk.

TRAFFIC SPEEDS

During the Democratic ¼ hour, the Council was presented with a petition signed by 104 villagers expressing concern about the amount and speed of traffic through the village. After the previous meeting the Clerk had been in touch with the County Council about their recently introduced Community Funded Traffic Calming Scheme with a view to introducing a speed limit paid for by the village through the Community Charge.

Apparently the scheme does not cover speed limits but a number of other calming systems are available such as gateways, coloured surfacing, rumble strips and various ways of narrowing the road.

All have their advantages and disadvantages and the cost varies widely. What we need is something practical and something that is really going to be effective in slowing the traffic. We have asked the County Council to advise us on what might be best suited to this village and a meeting has been arranged in April when an officer from the County Council will come to the village to review and advise on the possibilities. Those who came to the meeting to present the petition have been invited to join the meeting so I hope something useful will come out of it.'

FOOTPATHS

About a year ago we joined the County Council's 3Ps scheme (Parish Paths Partnership) through which we have been able to improve the standard of the footpaths. We are now working on a Parish Footpath Map which looks as though it will be very attractive. It will be widely available and will, I hope be distributed to villagers with the next Newsletter.'

COMMON

Walkers down Village Road and Windmill Hill will notice the new barrier, kindly erected by Keith Bennett and Jim Trewett, at the top of the main path onto the Common beside **Wheatsheaf** Cottage. The purpose is to stop vehicles driving onto the Common without good reason or parking at the entrance to the path and churning it up. If anyone needs to open the barrier they can apply to the Clerk for the combination to open the padlock.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

We shall again be entering the Best kept Village Competition with the first round of judging at the end of May and beginning of June and the second in early July. We have got to the final twice in the last three years but always seem to fade away after Round 1. We tend to fall down on the general appearance of the village which includes litter, hedges and verges. Perhaps we can renew our efforts, not only for a few weeks in the summer for the Competition but throughout the year for our pleasure.

WELCOME TO COLESHILL

Many people will remember the Village Appraisal that was carried out jointly by the Parish Council and the Church about six years ago. One of the main things to come out of it was an **effort** to make people welcome when they move into the village. We have held a number of parties and each family has been given a Welcome to **Coleshill** booklet which has been greatly appreciated. These have not before been seen by existing villagers (on the basis that they already know who's **who!**). However we have just had the booklet reprinted and updated and thought you would like to have a copy. I hope you find it attractive.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The meetings are held in the Village Hall at **8.15pm** on Tuesdays on the following dates :

19th May (AGM), 8th September and 1st December

It has been decided to invite a speaker about the Millenium to join us for the AGM so that we can start giving serious thought to how we should celebrate it in the village. So do put the date in your diary and come along with your most imaginative ideas.

Patsy Wright-Warren
Clerk

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John Bullard	Coleshill Drama Group	01494 729266
John Holland	Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	01494 729357
John & Chris Ullman	The Red Lion	01494 727020

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 3 1st March	9.30am - 11.30am	School Open Morning
Tuesday 3 1st March	9.30am - 12noon	School 'Bring & Buy Sale' & Easter Coffee Morning
Thursday 2nd April	8.30pm	Drama Group AGM
Sunday 5th April	7.00pm	All Saints Church AGM
Friday 24th April	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Sunday 26th April	Morning	Tennis Club Winter Tournament Finals
Friday 1st May	5.20am	Morris Dancers by the Pond Breakfast at the Red Lion
Friday 1st May		NSPCC Wine Tasting & Supper
Friday 8th May	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Tuesday 12th May	2.00pm	Christain Aid, talk & tea
Tuesday 12th May	8.00pm	Youth Club AGM
Thursday 14th May	8.00pm	Village Hall AGM
Saturday 16th May	7.30pm - 11.30pm	Christain Aid Supper
Tuesday 19th May	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 22nd May	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Friday 22nd May	7.30pm	Horticultural Society Spring Meeting
Wednesday 3rd June	8.00pm	Horticultural Society AGM
Friday 5th June	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Saturday 13th June	2.15pm	Village Fete
Friday 19th June	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Thursday 25th June	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Garden Party at 'Clivia'
Friday 3rd July	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Saturday 11th July	All Day	Horticultural Society Outing to Hampton Court Flower Show
Friday 17th July	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Friday 21st August		Friends of Rushymead Cheese & Wine
Thursday 8th September	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 13th September		Tennis Club Finals
Thursday 15th October		Friends of Rushymead Bridge Drive
Tuesday 1st December	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 4th December		Friends of Rushymead Lunch at Fitzwilliam Centre

SERVICES IN THE PARISH FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 1998

Palm Sunday - 5th April

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) St Mary's
9.00am	Holy Communion with procession (BCP) All Saints
10.15am	Family Communion with procession (ASB) St Mary's
11.45am	Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00pm	Music and readings for Holy Week (check for venue)

Wednesday in Holy Week

10.00am	Holy Communion in St Catherine's Chapel (BCP)
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Maundy Thursday

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

11.00am	Readings, Prayers and Music on the Passion story (All Saints)
2.00pm	Readings, Prayers and Music on the Passion story (St Mary's)

Easter Eve (Saturday)

8.00pm	Service of Light (St Mary's)
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EASTER DAY - 12th April

8.00am	Easter Communion (BCP) St Mary's
9.00am	Easter communion (BCP) All Saints
10.15am	Easter Family Communion (Rite A) St Mary's
11.45am	BCP Easter Communion (BCP) St Mary's
6.00pm	Easter Carol Service St Mary's