

WATER OF LIFE

Why was it that when it rains so much in Coleshill, the water running down the hill seemed to disappear before reaching the bottom of the valley? The River Misbourne had lain dry and empty by the Rectory for so long. Weeds and nettles choked its path. Sometimes after a downpour it would run for half an hour as a storm **drain**, but soon it would dry up again into a dead strip of waste land.

Then one day last October it suddenly began to flow. Water poured down from the Mill Pond, past barn Meadow, through the tunnel under the Parish Rooms and Badminton Court in Church **St**, and out into the sunlight by St Mary's Church. A stream of new **life**, some eighteen inches deep with a swift current surges past the Rectory, on to Tesco, then out past the Jaguar Garage and on to Chalfont St Giles. The clear chalk water has brought cleansing and new life to land which had been dry and dead for years.

In the 3rd century AD, and again in the 6th century AD, Christian missionary monks penetrated the beech forest of what was known as the "**Chiltern Waste**" by the old Roman Road which ran down the field above what is now Tesco. Local historians tell us that the road crossed the river Misbourne at the point where the present bridge behind the Rectory now stands. They baptised the converts they made in the little river. A church was built on the green nearby, first of wood, then perhaps of stone until, centuries later, St Mary's Church was established. It was and is a holy spot.

Water, to Christians, is an important symbol of resurrection and new life, representing the Holy Spirit. Jesus once said "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me... will have streams of living water flowing from within."

Jesus also said "Those who drink the Water I give them will never thirst. Indeed the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal **life**."

As the rain falling on Coleshill has brought new life to the Misbourne, so the Holy Spirit, the Living Water of God brought new life to those baptised in our little river. His power to cleanse and heal remains available today. Let those who are spiritually thirsty come to Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will flow in and out as a life giving stream of resurrection power.

The Rev'd Tim Harper

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

Charitable Giving

Donations were made to the following during 1998:-

The Child Bereavement Trust	£250.00
Coleshill CE First School	£750.00
Emmaus UK	£250.00
Helen House (hospice for children)	£250.00
The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	£250.00
The Leprosy Mission	£250.00
The Multiple Sclerosis Society	£250.00
New Life Home, Nairobi (Barnabas Ministries)	£500.00
Ryder-Cheshire Foundation	£1,500.00
The Toy Box Charity	£250.00
Way In, Chesham	£250.00
Wexham Park & Heatherwood Heart Trust	
(in memory of David George)	£250.00
Workaid	£250.00

Family Services

Our Family Services are held on the last Sunday of the month at 11.30am and continue to be very well attended. Services last for no more than half an hour and parents with small children are warmly invited to join us.

Mothers/Carers and Toddlers Lunch

Another very successful lunch was held in the village hall on 27th January, attended by about 25 adults with even more children. A further lunch is planned; more details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Confirmation

We were very pleased that our own Neil Payne was amongst those who were confirmed by the Bishop of Buckingham at the Confirmation Service held at St. Mary's Church on the 2nd March.

Parish AGM

The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 25th April at 7pm, following Evensong.

Christian Aid

Helen Barnes has kindly agreed to help co-ordinate arrangements for Christian Aid Week, which this year is the week of the 10th May.

Village Fete

As in previous years, the village fete will take place on the second Saturday in June, which this year falls on 12th June. See announcement further on.

Harvest Charity

The second charity chosen for this year is the **Chiltern/Thames** Eating Disorders Association.

Sidesmen

Linda and David Bowley have recently moved from the area. We are grateful to them for their years of good service to the Church and wish them well in their new home.

If you would be willing to act as sidesman - male or female - please be in touch with **Ian McCallum**, telephone 725083, or speak to the Rector.

Churchyard Maintenance

The spring tidy-up of the churchyard is planned for Saturday, **1st** May from 2pm to 4pm. Volunteers are always needed, so if you are able to help, please contact Christopher Wege, telephone **724152**. Alternatively, or in addition, you may wish to join our **Adopt-a-Patch** scheme, whereby volunteers take personal responsibility for maintaining a designated small area of the churchyard. Again, please be in touch with Christopher if you can help.

Church Cleaner

Our grateful thanks to Stella Platzer, Joan **Allan**, Myra Prothero and others who have helped to keep the church clean since Tony Platzer's retirement. We are very pleased that Susannah Pond has recently taken on the role of church cleaner.

Ruth Murphy



Holy Baptism

Holly Louise Payne - 7th February 1999

Leah Elizabeth Jeans - 7th March 1999

Holy Matrimony

Matthew Richard **Dowler** to Helen Claire Ullman - 5th December 1998

In Memoriam

Leslie Harold **Griffiths** - December 1998

Ann Jessica Laurence - January 1999

OBITUARIES

Leslie Griffiths

2nd October 1921 - 3rd December 1998

Leslie moved to Coleshill in May 1956 with his wife and family. He worked with the **B.B.C.** in London for 26 years and after an early retirement for another 9 years for **S.S.V.C.** in **Chalfont St. Peter**.

When retirement proper came he enjoyed his walks, sometimes to the Red Lion, and his pottering and **D.I.Y.** Sadly he did not quite reach his Golden Wedding, but married life was long and happy.



Jessica Laurence

Very sadly Jessica Laurence died on 22 January 1999 after a short but sustained fight against cancer. She had undergone radical surgery in July followed by chemotherapy. Unfortunately, this had the effect of reducing her natural immunity and she eventually fell victim to bronchial pneumonia.

Jessica had **been** closely associated with Coleshill for over 40 years since moving here as a child with her parents John and Ann **Chenevix-Trench**. Although she had lived in Wimbledon with her family for many years she always remained a daughter of the village; she, her husband George and their 3 children could often be seen around Coleshill at various functions and in church. To those who were fortunate enough to know her, she was an immensely kind and thoughtful person with a selfless, warm personality and an infectious sense of fun. This she combined with a real love for music and a sense of duty to her community.

Above all she was a deeply committed family person and our hearts go out to George, Tom, **Cathy** and Ben and naturally to John and Max at this time in their great loss. They and her many friends in the village will hopefully be comforted by lasting memories of a very special person whom we were privileged to know.

Rosemary Valentine

RUSHYMEAD HOSPICE

Friends of **Rushymead** Hospice would like, once again, to thank everyone for their support in our fund raising efforts. Our special thanks go to All Saints' Church for their very generous donation.

We had an excellent turnout for our Christmas lunch, held at the **Fitzwilliam** Centre in **Beaconsfield**, with over 100 tickets sold. Our speaker, Serena Proctor, was very well received and gave a most informative and entertaining talk on Astrology.

Our bridge afternoon on the 10th March has been very well supported with over 19 tables being sold.

Last year we raised **£5,661.68** making our total £14,113.85. We bought numerous items for the Hospice including a catering tea-trolley, new china, a commode, an industrial dishwasher and an **ARJO** hoist. We also **funded**, as usual, the Christmas parties and presents and the birthday presents for the patients. The amount spent last year totalled £5,778.46.

We have had requests for further items to be purchased and so do hope you will continue to support us to help the patients at Rushymead Hospice.

Heather Hollamby

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

The school totals 37 this term with 1 more joining us after Easter.

Many of you will have seen that the new wooden playground equipment was installed over the Christmas holiday. This was paid for from the fete and events held during our **150th** anniversary year. The children really enjoy using it and it was well worth the **effort** needed to choose it and wait for it to be installed.

The School was very sad when Leslie Griffiths died just before Christmas but Pauline very kindly asked for donations in his memory to be given to the school and as a result we bought an overhead projector, trolley and screen. We were also able to purchase a Wormy which is a toy for children to climb on, over and through in the playground and the remainder of the £600.00 donated was used for books. It was so kind of Pauline, Michael and Robert to think of the school in their time of sadness.

This term has again proved very busy. The children visited Hyde Heath School in January to see a Science Theatre group perform a play about Sound. A County Librarian visited Year 2 to talk about pop up books and the children are now designing their own pop ups. A lady from Barnados talked at an assembly and the children are collecting money for Barnados by thinking of as many words beginning with the letter '**B**' as possible.

18 of the children visited Dr Challoner's Girls School on Friday 5th March when they had their photograph taken with Roger Black and they watched a trampolinist perform some exercises. The children then took part in their sponsored Fit for Fun exercises which consisted of squat thrusts, sit ups, star jumps and press ups. The sum of £250.00 was raised for the school fund. On **11th** March the children visited Jordans First School to perform six songs about animals. The Music Morning is an annual event. The songs will be performed at Open Assembly on 24th March at 9.00am and Year 2 will also be singing on Thursday 1st April at **1.15pm**.

The parents held an enjoyable Quiz Evening on 6th March. Thank you to those who supported it. A Beetle Drive for children was also held during March and there is an Easter Coffee **Morning/Bring** and Buy **Sale** in the Village Hall on Tuesday 30th March at 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Everyone is most welcome to come to this. On 21st April there is an Usborne Book Sale at school from 2.45pm, again everyone is welcome to come. Our Fete is on

Saturday 26th June from 10.30a.m to 1.30pm and there will be a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 17th July from 10.00am - 12.00 noon.

We were very pleased to receive £750.00 from the Church as the Harvest Charity donation and this will be put to very good use. Thank you to everyone who is collecting tokens from The Times, Walkers Crisps, Pringles, Weetabix and Tesco vouchers and **Sainsbury** points. Thank you for all the other things you donate to us. The children in **Pre-Reception** have a lovely carpet now because of a donation.

We have just received a cheque for £27.00 from **Chiltern** District Council for the recycling. The amount of money we are given is based on the amount of plastic collected.

Thomas and Tom would like to thank those who sent them foil for the Blue Peter Appeal. Please do remember that we collect stamps for Cancer Research and used greetings cards that are made into new cards by the Children's Society - just bring them along to the school.

As I am sure many of you will know, next term is my last at Coleshill. I shall be very sad to leave as I have been very happy here for the past 4 years and everyone has been so friendly to me and supportive of the school. In **September**, I start as **Headteacher** at Hawridge and **Cholesbury** C.E. Combined School which has 160 pupils aged 5 - 11 years.

A Happy Easter and thank you for all your support.

Louise Stallwood

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Following the retirement of **Valerie** Royal at the end of 1998 after many years service, Jill Preston has taken over the post of Parish Administrator.

Prior to becoming the Parish Administrator, Jill was a secretary in the sales office of a national house building company, and is now looking forward to working within the parish team. She lives in **Amersham** with her husband Chris and 3 year old son Harry.

You can reach Jill at the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 9.15am and 3.15pm - telephone 729380

MOTHERS/NANNIES and TODDLERS

We held a lunch for **Mothers/Nannies** and Toddlers on Wednesday 27th January which proved a great success. Thank you to everybody who helped. All the food and toys were much appreciated, as well as the financial contributions towards the cost of hiring the hall.

It would appear that there are quite a few young mothers or nannies with children who would be keen to make these lunches a regular event, perhaps quarterly. A lunch has therefore been organised for Wednesday 5th May at 12.30pm in the village hall.

As per the last lunch, we would ask you to bring a plate of food and a suitable toy for all the children to play with. On arrival, it would be much appreciated if a contribution could be made to the hire of the village hall. If anyone has any other ideas or suggestions for these events, please let either Rosemary Valentine, **Madelaine** Murray or myself know.

If you were unable to attend the last lunch or did not sign in on arrival, please do call me on 725083 and I will let you have any details. Or, if you know anybody who you think might like to come along, please let us know. I will shortly be in touch with all those who left their details.

In the meantime, congratulations to Grace Adam and her Mummy and Daddy, Susie & James on the newest arrival in the village, **HARRIET ADAM**.

Amanda McCallum

TESCO Shuttle Bus to Amersham Store

If anyone is interested this service runs on Mondays only (excluding Bank Holidays) calling at **Holmer Green**, Penn Street, Winchmore Hill and Colcshill. For full **details** and timetable contact the Customer Service Manager at Tesco's.

1ST COLESHILL BROWNIES

We are delighted to have welcomed a new Brownie to our pack this term.

The district Thinking Day Service this year was held at St. Mary's Church. All the Brownies took part, and our theme was the past, present and future. Each Brownie had to earn pennies to put towards the Thinking Day fund.

We had a great time making pancakes and an even better time eating them! We also have P.C. Andy Brittan coming to talk to us about all aspects of safety.

All Brownies are working towards their sewing badge and we are very grateful to Mrs. **Sharpe** for all her help.

We are greatly looking forward to the christening of Brown Owl's son Freddie on March 28th during the family service.

Jane Davies

1ST COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Meetings

Monday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.30pm in **Coleshill** Village Hall.

Subs: **£10.50** per term

Guider's and Helpers

Guider - Kaye Smith, Helen "Nightingale" Fowler (a retired guider)

Sarah Maclean (a really committed **parent!**), Emma Maclean - Young Leader in training

The Guides are organised in two patrols - *Kingfishers and Snowdrops*

Tracey Bradley, Jacqueline Charlton, Claire Deegan, **Julie** and Katie Maclean, Stephanie and Amy Miles, Victoria **Pyle**.

Enrolments, Badges and Trefoils

We are working as a company on the Local History badge this term and are using both **Amersham** Old Town and Coleshill and expect to be tested for this badge at the end of term. The guides are either working on their Yellow or Green Trefoils.

Activities - Theme of Challenge and Development: So far this year -

We had a "Healthy Living" (diet and exercise) evening and a joint **venture** evening when we invited 2nd **Amersham** Guide Company to attend a presentation by Ray **Lindey-Jones** and his owls. The Brownies also enjoyed a presentation by Ray. We did a strenuous night hike from **Coleshill** almost to **Beaconsfield**.

We participated in our District's Thinking Day Service - our role was to portray the future of guiding as we go into the new millennium

We are looking forward to - a day out in London, a visit to the lasering in **Hemel Hempstead**, Easter handicrafts and activities

Membership - We only have 8/10 guides at present and *we need support from the village* and to *"feed" our Company from Coleshill Brownies*, as well as any other girls who may be interested, otherwise as previously mentioned *the Company will close*.

We welcome new guides, whether you have been a Brownie or not. If you are interested just give me a **call**!

Kaye Smith - Amersham 433419 or at work on 01932 896035

N.S.P.C.C.

We have been very lucky this year... Nina Campbell, the celebrated interior designer, has agreed to come to the Village to give us a talk.

There will be lunch beforehand, starting at 12 noon on Wednesday 19th May. Tickets are £20.00 and available from -

Rosemary Valentine - Telephone 725794, Barbara Dodds - Telephone 722783
or Pat Dawson - Telephone 433036

Don't miss it.....!!

Sharon Hall

VILLAGE FETE

Preparations for the village fete are now under way, and for the 2nd year Richard and Rosemary Valentine have kindly agreed to let us hold it in their meadow by the village pond on Saturday the 12th June.

'Gates open' at 2.00pm and from 4.00pm onwards there will be a barbecue for all the family, with dancing until dusk led by the Grand Union Morris men.

We are praying for better weather this year, particularly as all the proceeds will go towards the Millennium Lychgate Appeal, details of which appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Do you have a cherished old car or motorbike that you would like to show **off** and maybe win a prize? Yes, then please contact me, I will also be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to help either on the day or beforehand - just telephone 724696.

Philip Denyer

ALL SAINTS' MAGPIE CLUB

Since Christmas the Magpie Club's theme has been "Ourselves - who we are and what we would like to be". The children have found out, in various ways, how to become a better person and how we should treat each other. Once again plenty of art and craft work has been produced.

Some of our efforts were on show in the Family Service on 28th February. The younger children constructed an imaginary person whilst the older ones thought of the qualities a '**good**' person should show and made labels indicating them. Some of the group composed and read out prayers whilst the singing was accompanied by some enthusiastic percussion playing.

This term culminates with a visit to the Church and our usual Easter Egg Hunt. The dates for next term are Fridays 30th April, 14th May, 28th May, **18th** June, 2nd July and 16th July and we would welcome any new members (3-10 years).

Glynis Culley

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

The new season is about to begin again! The club has 150 adult, junior and social members.

The Club Championships which we started last year seemed to have been enjoyed by all who participated and we shall be running them again this year. The matches are for all standards, above the ages of fourteen, and the tournaments are in the following categories, and will take place over the summer: Men's Singles; Men's Doubles; Ladies Singles; Ladies Doubles; Mixed Doubles.

This year the ladies have taken part in a charity tournament over the winter months, as well as the men. Both are continuing. The men's finals will take place on Sunday **18th** April followed by a barbecue lunch for all members. The ladies semis and finals will provisionally take place on Saturday 24th April.

The formula of the VILLAGE TENNIS TOURNAMENT that took place last year provided us with a popular response. Again this summer we shall base it at the club rather than on private courts. The provisional date for this will be Saturday **19th** June, further details nearer the time.

We have our coach Frances Morrison back with us again this year and she will be coaching the juniors on Tuesday evenings starting in April.

The whole country is being encouraged to join in PLAY TENNIS '99 WEEK from 1 - 8th May. The Tennis Club is looking to play its part. We are hoping to organise some free sessions during that week, for members and non-members alike.

Our 100 Club is looking for new members. There is a very good chance of your number coming up! We would love some more entries - you do not have to be a club member to participate - telephone Chris Teal on 434270 for details or ask any club member.

Sharon Hall

COLESHILL W. I.

Coleshill **WI** is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year and is looking forward to a formal, celebration lunch in the summer followed by a very informal birthday tea for members later in the year!

Our speakers so far this year have been a police dog handler with his dogs, explaining about their training and how they spend their working and off duty lives, a lady who spoke about the history and running of Burnham Beeches and the March meeting will be on Tuscany and the Glories of Florence.

We have already enjoyed a concert trip and we are looking forward to visiting the Hindu Temple at Neasden on April 14. For this we will be leaving the pond at 8.30am, hoping to be back by mid-afternoon. There may be a few places for non-members left on this trip so please telephone 722589 if you would like to join us.

We have already welcomed some new members this year and we are always happy for ladies to come along and see what we do and enjoy our lovely, monthly tea, with no obligation to join - though they usually **do**! We meet on the second Thursday of each month except August, at 2.30pm spring through to autumn and 2.00pm in the winter months.

Lindsey Haubner

THE RED LION

Summer is on its way, and with it a change in the routine activities of The **Lion**!. For the darts players, there is only one team (a mixed one) playing in the local league on Monday nights. The league will start at the end of May, and is not so serious as the winter one. We would be pleased to hear from any new players even if they do not want to commit to every week. The **Quiz** League ends at the beginning of May, and many have asked if we can continue on an informal basis through the summer. If anybody would like to organise a team of four, to appear here on Tuesdays at 8.30pm, starting on Tuesday the **18th** May, please let us know and we could arrange an informal Village League.

During June, on Wednesday evenings, we hold the crib and dominoes tournament and again all are welcome - not only the players. Notices for each competition will go up in the Pub towards the end of April. Also on Wednesdays the usual group will continue to meet to play Scrabble etc., and once a month, on Fridays, we have a bridge four. Again if you are interested let me know.

The 1st May is on a Saturday this year, so no excuses accepted for absence from the annual celebrations with Grand Union Morris at the pond at 5.20AM with breakfast here afterwards - bookings taken.

Finally, the usual reminder that for those who get caught out we keep extra supplies of bread, butter, milk, eggs etc.. which can be purchased from 7.30am. Also newspapers can be provided if they are pre-ordered. As always, if we can help you in any way do let us know, our telephone number is 727020.

Chris & John Ullman

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

The new season is fast approaching, and it is almost time for the work parties to commence. This winter the Club has an additional project starting. The extension to the changing facilities has been approved and work is due to start March 99. Club members will be helping with the building (as secretary I am in charge of brewing up and biscuits!) so a few wintered bodies will be getting a toning up.

The Club will be playing in the first division of the Chiltern Morrants League and hope to challenge for honours. Sundays will **offer** the usual mix of cups and **friendlies** and the Village knock-out competition.

Keep an eye out for our results, which will be posted in the Red Lion, and we look forward to seeing a few of you over the season.

For vice-presidents, we are holding a cocktail party at 12noon on Sunday **11th April**. It is easy to become a vice-president; just give us a small donation on receipt of a **letter** from Helen Spencer. If you have donated we look forward to seeing you in April!

Graham Flack

NEIGHBOURHOODWATCH

We are delighted to report that, last year, there was only one burglary, at the Red Lion, although one of Keith Bennetts' farm buildings, in Hodgemoor Woods, was also broken into and tools taken.

We were also pleased to learn that the burglar who was chased when caught breaking into the **Stainer's** house has been imprisoned for another burglary and admitted at his trial that he was responsible for theirs and three others in this village.

I apologise to newcomers if Jack and I or your immediate co-ordinators have not met you yet. Our Watch scheme was set up when we were enduring a spate of burglaries and, with the success we have achieved since, we have tended to sit back and become a little blasé.

For information we include an up-to-date list of co-ordinators showing the area they cover. If you see something suspicious in their section of road, they may have already been notified and can put your mind at rest. You may also wish to notify your co-ordinator if you are going away.

Jack & Lindsey Haubner - Tel: 722589 (Rushymead Lodge, Tower Road), cover from the Water Tower to Cherry Tree Farm (excluding Chase Close and Coleshill House) also Rushymead Cotts, and the Barnhurst group of 3 houses on the A355.

Ineka & David McCammon - Tel 726126 (9 Chase Close), cover Chase Close and Coleshill House.

Chris & Hazel Thomas - Tel 721644 (Victoria House, Village Road), cover Hill Meadow and from Ash Cottage, New Road to White Roses, Village Road.

Jane & Peter Stainer - Tel 725671 (Elm Gables, Village Road), cover Rosary Cottage to the School and Porch House to Stock Place.

Tony & Kate Barber - Tel 722143 (1 Manor Way, Barrack Hill), cover the School to The Red Lion and the village hall to Elm Gables.

Patsy Wright-Warren - Tel 433356 (1 Amber Cottages, Barrack Hill), covers from the Village Hall to the bottom of Barrack Hill.

Jim Truett - Tel 726455 (The Sheiling, Village Road), covers Red Lion Cottages to Windmill House and the Church to **Wheatsheaf** Cottage.

Sally Pool - Tel 727687 (Lansdown, Magpie Lane), covers Chalk Hill to Luckings Farm plus the Spinney (including Graham Goodyer).

John & Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter - Tel 724596 (Bowers Croft, Magpie Lane), cover Foxmead and Little Bowers Farm down to the bottom of Magpie Lane.

Keith Bennett - Tel 729418 (Stockings Farm, Bottrells Lane), covers Hodgemoor Wood and surrounding farms plus Hertfordshire House and Little Hertfordshire House.

If you have any problems you wish to discuss directly with the police, the telephone number of Amersham Police Station is **431133** and our Area Beat Officer is Andy Brittan .

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

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

The Village Hall AGM will take place on Tuesday 18th May at 8.15 **pm** in the large hall. We look forward to welcoming all residents, who are invited to stay on afterwards for a glass of wine.

We would still like your suggestions for the next Dora Post Memorial Evening, be it guest speaker, party or event. Your ideas should be sent to the Chairman of Coleshill Village Hall - Graham Swerling, Hobbs Hole Cottage, Bottom House Farm Lane, Chalfont St Giles, HP8 4EG.

Lindscy Eardley

PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 23rd February was the last meeting of the present Council. Elections for the new Council will be held on Thursday, 6th May. Since 1991, **sufficient** people have always put their names forward to have an election. Nomination papers will be available from the District Council Offices in **Amersham** or from the Clerk. They need to be submitted, duly proposed and seconded by Thursday, 8th April.

Traffic Calming

We are still waiting for the construction of a pavement and parking area along the School frontage. The County Council are hoping to carry this out during the Easter holidays.

Millenium

After much discussion, the Parish Council decided that a lychgate into the churchyard would be the most suitable memorial for the Millennium and were delighted when the Church Committee showed equal enthusiasm. Details about the proposal will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. The Clerk wrote to all the village organisations asking if they were interested in a celebration at the time of the Millennium. There was very little enthusiasm so the Council will take no further action, but the Village Hall is still booked if anyone comes up with a bright idea!

Planning

The Chief Planning Officer and his deputy came to the February meeting to explain the legal issues and the need to comply with the local plan when considering planning applications. They said that the material considerations were the site, green belt issues, consultations with third parties, the relevant planning history and advice from experts. Unfortunately not many members of the public were present to join in the discussion.

As Clerk I had hoped to take a sabbatical during 1999. This was agreed by members of the Council but unfortunately I could find no-one to take over! Mrs. Sue Miles has now agreed to help out so, when I am not around, she will be available.

Future Meetings

The next meeting, which will also be the Annual Parish meeting when the Chairman for the new Council will be elected, will be held on May 25th.

Patsy Wright-Warren
Clerk

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our joint venture with the Village Hall Committee of a lecture by Peter Seabrook in November was very well attended. Peter showed slides of all the places he has visited during his career and recounted the many letters he had received from his radio programmes. The talk was interesting, informative and very **amusing**. The **buffet** was excellent and our thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the evening successful and enjoyable. The hall was filled and judging by the votes of thanks at the end of the evening everyone agreed.

The next meeting, in the village hall, is our Spring Meeting on Friday 16th April at 7.30pm for 8pm when Steve Hitchen will be giving a talk entitled "Home and Away" (horticultural advantages in Coleshill and more exotic locations). Entry is £4 including refreshments. Make a note in your diary.

At the Spring Meeting we will be asking everyone their views on a Summer Outing to **Hatfield** House to their "Festival of Gardening" on June 20th or if you would prefer to go on a River Cruise. Please let us have your views because if we can't get sufficient numbers to go there is no point in arranging trips.

Also do not forget our AGM on Monday 24th May at 8.30pm in the small hall of the village hall. Everyone welcome.

Judi Herbert

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Lindsey Haubncr	President, Coleshill WI	01494 722589
Sharon Hall	NSPCC	01494725231
Howard Green	Coleshill Horticultural Society	01494 724922
Sharon Hall	Secretary , Coleshill Tennis Club	01494 725231
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

Wednesday 24th March	9.00am	School Open Assembly
Friday 26th March	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Tuesday 30th March	10am - 12noon	School Easter Coffee Morning / Bring & Buy Sale , Village Hall
Thursday 1st April	11.00am	School End of Term Service, All Saints'
Friday 16th April	7.30pm	Horticultural Society Spring Meeting, Village Hall
Sunday 18th April	Mens' Finals & Barbecue Lunch, Tennis Club	
Wednesday 21st April	2.45pm	Usborne Book Sale, School
Saturday 24th April	Provisional Date, Ladies' Semis & Finals, Tennis Club	
Sunday 25th April	7.00pm	Parish AGM, St Mary's
Wednesday 28th April	9.00am	School Open Assembly
Friday 30th April	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Saturday 1st May	5.20am	Grand Union Morris, Red Lion
Saturday 1st May	2pm - 4pm	Churchyard Maintenance, All Saints'
1st - 8th May	"Play Tennis '99 Week"	See Tennis Club for details
Wednesday 5th May	12.30pm	Mothers/Nannies/Toddlers Lunch
Thursday 6th May	Council Elections	
Sunday 9th May	9.00am	School Church Service , All Saints'
Friday 14th May	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Tuesday 18th May	8.15pm	Village Hall AGM
Wednesday 19th May	12 noon	NSPCC Lunch, Village Hall
Monday 24th May	8.30pm	Horticultural Society AGM
Wednesday 26th May	9.00am	School Open Assembly
Wednesday 26th May	Annual Parish Meeting & Election of Parish Council Chainnan	
Friday 28th May	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Saturday 12th June	2pm - dusk	Village Fete & Barbecue
Friday 18th June	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Saturday 19th June	Provisional Date, Village Tennis Tournament	
Saturday 26th June	10.30am - 1.30pm	School Fete
Wednesday 30th June	9.00am	School Open Assembly
Friday 2nd July	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Friday 16th July	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Saturday 17th July	10am - 12noon	School Car Boot Sale
Friday 23rd July	11.00am	School End of Term Service, All Saints'
Saturday 4th September	Village Horticultural Show	

SERVICES IN THE PARISH FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER 1999

Palm Sunday - 28th March

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
11.30am	Family Service with procession and Holy Baptism, All Saints'
11.45am	Matins (BCP)
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)

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	The Good Friday Liturgy (St Mary's)

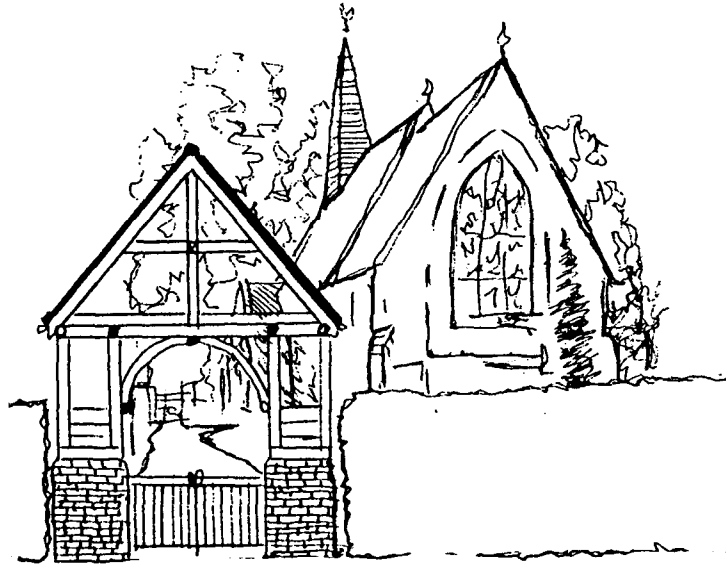
Easter Eve (Saturday)

8.00pm	Service of Light (St Mary's)
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EASTER DAY - 4th 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	Easter Communion (BCP) St Mary's
6.00pm	Festal Evensong, All Saints'

Our Celebration Gateway for the Millennium



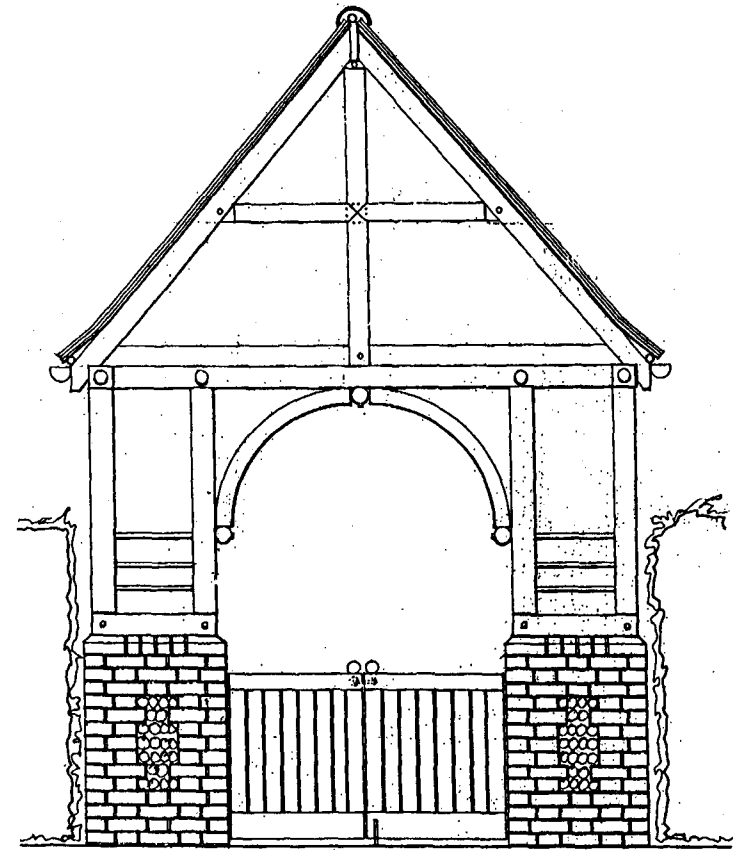
Inevitably, in the last few months, residents of the village have said to the Parish Council and the PCC "how are we going to mark the Millennium?"

After much head-scratching and helpful suggestions from others (!), we have now come up with a joint proposal which we believe will be a fitting celebration of the occasion.

It is to construct a traditional covered gateway or "lychgate" at the main entrance to the Church in Village Road **next** to the bus stop. It is felt that a lychgate would add a new focal point to the Church, enhancing its setting and providing that all important finishing touch.

An architect, with a passion for historic buildings, has been appointed and has **already** produced detailed proposals involving a plain but elegant structure in the vernacular style, constructed out of oak beams under a roof of clay tiles to match the Church. ~~The~~ structure will rest on brick and flint piers and inside there will be two simple benches.

Planning consent and the permission of the Diocese will be required; both are in hand already. Fund raising will start in earnest shortly and it is hoped the project can be completed by Christmas. The cost is estimated to be about £12,000 and donations ~~or~~ pledges will be gratefully received at any time from now onwards.



Tim Harper
Rector

Richard Valentine
Chairman Parish Council