

July 1980.

The Rector's Letter.

My dear Friends,

On Sunday, after taking the Service at All Saints' and returning to St. Mary's for the 11 o'clock Service, as I came down the hill to the High Wycombe road, there was a most wonderful sight in front of me. In the morning sunshine there were three corn fields, almost in their best golden dress, and two other fields just beginning to turn from green. I thought how lovely, and how exciting, and then it occurred to me, here we are in the middle of Summer and Harvest is already almost with us.

Nothing stands still, everything grows and matures, and then is harvested. Although we generally try not to think about it, that is exactly what happens to us. I suppose our Harvest is like that of the corn; it is not a sudden change from the seed to "the valleys that stand so thick with corn". If the corn is to be thick and good, it must be nurtured, and fed, and looked after. What a wonderful parable of life that is - "The good seed on the land is fed and watered by God's Almighty Hand". Don't forget He does the same for us, if we are prepared to co-operate.

"He only is the maker, of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening stars
The winds and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us his children He gives our daily bread.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love".

Let us try to do that shall we?

Tours sincerely,

Allan Campbell."

Rector.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

Sunday October 12th.	All Saints', Coleshill.
Friday, October 17th.	All Saints' Harvest Supper.
Sunday, October 19th	St. Mary's.
Thursday, October 23rd	St. Mary's Harvest Supper.

THE MESSIAH.

The South Bucks Choral Society will give a Performance of

"The Messiah"

in St. Mary's Church on Saturday, 29th. November, at 7.30 p.m.

HOLY BAPTISM.

On 27th. April, Sarah Emily, daughter of Eric and Susan Miles, 3, Hill Meadow, Coleshill.

On 11th. May, Nicholas James, son of Rodney and Sarah Bell, 24, Whieldon Street, Amersham. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Higgs of Quarrendon Farm, Amersham.

IK MEMORIAM.

It is with sadness we record the death of Arthur Leonard FOX, who died in Amersham Hospital on 2nd June, very shortly after moving from Coleshill, where he and his wife had lived for about 20 years. A most kindly man, who helped many members of our community in his own quiet way. He was a most generous supporter of appeals for our Church Fete and other village activities. We extend our sympathy to his widow and family.

Grace Edith SLADE passed away on 2nd June after a long illness. Mrs. Slade lived in Magpie Lane for many years before moving to Amersham. Her husband, Frank, is a member of the blacksmith family who worked from the forge in the village, and her daughter, Mrs. Olive Junger, is still a member of the Coleshill community. Our sympathy goes to her husband, daughter and grand-children.

Albert BATES died in Amersham Hospital on June 14th. Mr. Bates came to live in Coleshill fifty-seven years ago, on his marriage to Miss Ada Carter. The wedding had to be postponed owing to his broken leg caused by playing football, a fact Mr. and Mrs. Bates often mentioned. Coleshill gained much by his arrival, - Parish Councillor, Chairman of Football and Cricket Clubs, Captain of Cricket for 7 seasons, - he showed a great interest in every aspect of Parish life. He was a devoted member of the Church of England, though worshipping with Mrs. Bates at the Chapel, of which she was an active member until it closed, then they were both regular attenders at All Saints'. Above all, Mr. Bates was a kindly man, with a pleasant word for everyone, and took a keen interest in his fellows. He sorely felt the loss of his wife last year and was failing in health; so we cannot feel but happy that he now lies peacefully with his beloved wife. It is a great sense of loss to know that they are no longer with us, living at Thornbury Cottage where there was always a welcome. This is written in respect and thanks to both Mr. and Mrs. Bates.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH COMMITTEE.

At the March meeting it was reported that in response to an appeal by the Rector, a most generous anonymous donation had been received to enable the purchase of a third Communion Kneeling Stool. This will harmonise with the existing stools and fill the gap that has hitherto existed between them.

THANKS.

Mrs. Jessie Pusey would like to thank everyone for all the kind messages and cards which were sent to her during her recent stay in hospital. They were very greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey wishes to express her thanks for all the kindness shown to her when she was ill, and for the thoughtful cards sent to her while she was in hospital.

Mrs. Hilda Collier would like to thank everybody for being so generous in giving cakes to the Cake Stall at the Pete this year, which enabled her to have such a successful stall.

We thank Miss Sybil Boston for her most successful "Sale at the Gate" which raised £125.50 for the H.A.R.P.

CHRISTIAN AID.

A very successful and happy gathering took place in the Village Hall on May 17th. There was a sale of china where many bargains were to be found. Also a good cake stall run by Mrs. Darvell and Mrs. Edwards, which was sold out very quickly. The Children's Competitions, organised by Mrs. Swerling, were very jolly and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was difficult to choose the winner of the decorated hats they had made from various papers as they were all so clever and attractive. And, of course, delicious coffee was served by Mrs. Di Hesford.

Mrs. Harvey organised a Bridge Drive the previous day, which was held by kind permission of Mrs. Waite at her house, Dewpond.

The net result of £351 was most gratifying and will be much appreciated by Christian Aid towards the many deserving and sad needs of so many under-privileged people in all parts of the world.

Many grateful thanks to all who contributed so generously.
P.G.

N.S.P.C.C.

On the 14th May the Coleshill Branch of the N.S.P.C.C. held a 50/50 Sale of children's clothes at Friars Vane. Prior to the sale, over 1000 items of clothing were collected by the Committee, and approximately £300 was raised.
R.V.

CHURCH FETE.

14th June 1980.

The day of the Fete could hardly have had a more discouraging start with torrents of rain, but fortunately the marquee had been erected the day before, and the field, again kindly loaned by Mrs. Heimann, had dried out by the afternoon. The shelter for the teas, which as usual had taken so much time and trouble to erect, was by the afternoon receiving the full blast of a rising gale and threatening to take off, and our particular congratulations to the Mothers' Union for their fortitude in producing the usual excellent tea in most uncomfortable conditions.

(The Fete Committee are already giving urgent attention to the acquisition of a Tea Tent for the future).

The Rector, in welcoming Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey as opener of the Fete, said that it was both a privilege and a pleasure as she had spent her whole life working for the Church in one way or another in this country and throughout the world. He hoped that Mrs. Harvey would regard the invitation to open the Fete as a token of the very high esteem in which she is held in the village and it came with much love and affection from us all.

Mrs. Harvey, most suitably attired for the occasion, emphasised that it was a privilege to live in Coleshill and share in the village life. She recalled that at a meeting of the Coleshill Church Committee a proposal by the Treasurer that the proceeds of the Fete should be donated this year to the Village Hall Rebuilding Appeal had been unanimously approved and she felt that the Hall was our second vital village centre. In conclusion she urged those present to show their gratitude by their generosity, to those who had worked so hard to ensure the success of this special Fete.

As will be seen the actual receipts again showed an increase of over £100 on the previous year, and as the weather may have reduced the number of passing motorists it must be considered a very satisfactory result.

Once again our thanks to Mrs. Ovington as Fete Organiser, to Mr. Urry, Mr. Bingham and Mr. Swerling for site organisation, and to Mr. Woolacott for the public address equipment and vocal effects. Again our thanks to the many stall holders and their assistants, and to the organisers of the outdoor events and sideshows, and thank you to Pauline Griffiths for electricity supply.

A.M.V.P.

Twelve local girls took part in the "Miss Coleshill 1980" competition at the Fete. Mr Deke Arlon kindly agreed to be the judge and soon put the girls at ease by chatting to each of them. He found his task a difficult one but had no doubt

that the Miss Coleshill title should go to Beryl SMITH. Jane and Joanna SWERLING were joint second and Pauline BARBER third.

Prizes for all the girls had been given by Goya and additional prizes for the winners were a hair-dryer and a five pound voucher from "Superfly". The winner's crown, made of real flowers, was kindly presented by Floral Art of Little Chalfont and her beautiful scarlet sash was made by Mrs. Lawrence, who organised the competition.

Much appreciation and thanks are given to Mr. Deke Arlon who handled the contest so well.

COLESHILL FETE DISCO.

The gale force winds at one time looked as though they would take over the evening and blow the marquee away! But luckily they subsided a bit and the evening got under way. Dancing or jogging once again was to the Octave Disco. The Red Lion kindly ran the bar for us, and the people flocked in, goodness knows where from, as we had done no advertising at all. The evening went well in spite of rumours that Mods and Rockers were going to have a fight.

We raised one hundred and ninety pounds for the Village Hall. None of this would have been possible had it not been for the kindness of the Griffiths family who lent us their electricity supply and who had to grovel around in the dark with yards and yards of cable!

Letter from Mr. D.M.M.Hall, Chairman Coleshill Village Hall Management Committee to Mr. A.M.V.Panton, Treasurer, All Saints' Church Committee :-

"I am writing on behalf of the Coleshill Village Hall Management Committee to thank you and the All Saints' Church Committee for donating the entire net proceeds of the Church Fete to the Village Hall restoration project.

Will you please also thank all those who assisted with the organisation and running of the Fete which raised six hundred and fifteen pounds for the Village Hall funds and provided a very pleasant day for residents and friends. Considering the poor weather prior to the event the end result is most praiseworthy and says a great deal about the hard work that all concerned put into their various tasks.

With renewed thanks and all good wishes."

COLESHILL FETE.

	Pounds. Pence.		Pounds. Pence.
Gate	46.00	Pony Rides	13.57
Tombola	110.70	Guess the Doll's Name . .	13.40
Raffle	74.83	Frizbee	11.52
Green Fingers . .	127.06	Broken China	10.25
Household	116.21	Ping Pong Balls (Brownies)	10.00
Sweets	58.80	Darts	8.61
Cakes	58.00	Coconut Shy	7.30
Teas	46.23	Sale of Horse Magazines . .	5.16
Toys	36.83	Miss Colehill 1980 . . .	3.25
Tools	" 27.60	Comic Dog Show	2.60
Books	26.80	Ices	5.00
10p Stall (Magpie Club)	16.30	Donation from Pottery Stall	2.00
Bowling	21.19	Donations	25.00
	<u>766.55</u>		<u>117.66</u>
		Brought Forward	<u>766.55</u>
		Total:	<u>884.21</u>

VILLAGE HALL FUND

On the evening of May 2nd a successful Bridge: Evening was held in the Hall, under the auspices of the Committee of Colehill Conserative. Association, to benefit the Village Hall Fund.

There were ten tables at five pounds a table and, of course, a very good raffle to swell the takings. The evening would not have been so successful without the willing helpers behind the scenes, who provided and presented good coffee and very light fare: these were Mrs. P.Wright, Mrs. K.Clifton, Mrs. H.Collier and last, but certainly not least, Miss Deacon. This effort raised one hundred and six pounds - all grist to the mill.

P.McC.

Nicola HAUBNER and Hannah ROBERTS raised twelve pounds fifty pence at their secondhand toy sale on Saturday 31st May. Mr. Bowler kindly allowed them to hold it under the awning at the Post Office when torrential rain threatened to drown their stall and all the children who bought things seemed pleased with their bargains. We send many congratulations to Nicola and Hannah on their successful morning.

Ed.

B'ob and Teri from the Red Lion sponsored a 1 mile CRAWL from the Water Tower to the Red Lion. This raised one hundred and fifty pounds which was donated to the Village Hall Fund.

A Raffle is held at the Red Lion every Sunday lunchtime. All proceeds from this raffle go towards the Village Hall Fund.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

The Coleshill Village Drama Group made its great effort for the Village Hall Fund on; the evening of May 3rd. We were invited to Supper with more Hilarity.

The Hall was transformed with attractive candle-lit tables, each with a charming Floral Centre-piece, fit to grace any dinner table. One hundred and four persons were seated and fed with a delicious three-course meal. Such attractive waitresses supplied from the young girls of the village added greatly to the occasion. The organising of the meal was in the able hands of Mrs. Mercia Parkes, who, fortunately for us, has not severed all connection with: us since leaving the village.

The energetic Drama Group then regaled us with two short plays. Tom Stoppard's somewhat cryptic comedy was made enjoyable by the lively performance of Georgina Collins and Stephen Hitchen. Much more hilarity was raised by the second play, written by our local thespian Lindsey Haubner. A new comedian appeared in the person of Martin Monist, whose every appearance caused hoots of laughter from the young male element in the Hall. Congratulations to Lindsey for successfully adding to the genuine hilarity promised.

A very good evening indeed both socially and financially - H.A.R.P. Fund being swollen by three hundred and fifty pounds.

P. McC.

H.A.R.P

Dates for your diary:

The W.I. are holding a

SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING

in aid of the Village Fund

on

Wednesday, September 24th

at

Waller's Oak.

Bring and Buy Stall. Raffle. Competitions. Cakes.

Please come and bring your friend's.

H.A.R.P. presents -

"Smiles for a Summer Evening"

An entertainment provided by Pauline Griffiths,

Alison Hargan, Elizabeth Harvey, Hugh Jones

and Willie Northcliffe

at

The Old Parsonage, Coleshill.

September 13th. Dinner performance 7.30 p.m.

September 14th. Lunch Matinee 12.30 p.m.

September 14th. Dinner performance 7.30 p.m.

Tickets Four Pounds fifty pence on sale shortly.

FUND RAISING AT THE STEAM RALLY

1500 prizes, cakes, garden produce, a pig and an army of helpers all went into the H.A.R.P. Fund raising effort at the Steam Rally in the village on 5th and 6th July.

The Cake and Produce stall, organised by Barbara Houlton, quickly sold out of cakes while the produce lasted until mid-afternoon on the first day, mainly due to the abundance of lettuce, cabbages, radishes and cucumbers kindly provided by Bob Tilson. The stall raised seventy pounds and seventy one pence.

Graham Swerling provided a pig whose weight had to be guessed by competitors. The winning entry was one hundred and thirty three pounds eight ounces and the lucky, or should it be skilful, winner was Doug Pusey who took home the bacon. One hundred and thirty one pounds was raised by this effort.

One hundred and fifty local shopkeepers in Coleshill, Amersham, Beaconsfield and Chesham provided prizes for the Tombola and the organiser, Di Hesford, is grateful to them for their generosity. Their names were published at the event so they got some publicity in return.

In addition to gifts from shops, residents once again turned up trumps and provided a great quantity of items and a further five hundred were bought in to make a total of one thousand five hundred prizes. Three generations of Hesfords, Nita Ovington and Rosemary Valentine duly attached the remaining thousand tickets to those prizes collected from outside the village. Seven thousand five hundred tickets were duly torn out of books of cloakroom tickets and folded up ready for customers to draw.

In spite of a last minute hitch, when the raffle drum could not be found, the Tombola opened at 9.00 a.m. on the Saturday and remained in business the whole of that day and until the last visitor had left the fields on the Sunday. In the end the hard work of all concerned produced Six hundred and ninety five pounds twenty six and a half pence.

Although there was some stiff competition from other events, such as the most thrilling mens final at Wimbledon since the war, not to mention Henley Regatta, Amersham Carnival and the Amersham Horse Show, the collective effort raised just over nine hundred pounds towards the Village Hall Fund. As well as the money there is also a substantial quantity of prizes for further fund raising.

M.H.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Friday 18th April, Mr. R. Millard gave an interesting talk entitled "Small Trees in Garden Design". Most gardens have to be tailored to family needs with requirements for paths or other hard surfaces such as paths or garage runways, playing an important part in the basic design. For example, the refuse bins must be accessible to both the housewife and the dustman. Other large objects such as a shed or greenhouse are often better screened rather than blotted out, and Mr. Millard showed examples of how to lead the eye away from eyesores such as these, and even gas works.

It is possible to bring unity to a garden by linking different areas with clever grouping of trees or by subtle hints of what lies beyond. If, when you have tried most things, your garden looks as dull as ditch-water, extra vitality could be introduced by enticing the eye to a statue -- or better still, some water. This in turn gives reflections, wind movement and even wild-life interest when the birds come to drink.

Two most important points Mr. Millard made were to solve your problems on the drawing board -- better to spend a couple of evenings finding mistakes the easy way than years of physical work the hard way! Secondly, have the courage to start again if it still turns out badly.

The coffee and raffle were followed by a short slide show which gave examples of trees which could be used.

L.H.

TALES out of School

April 3rd was the day when fashion went to our heads. The children made Easter Bonnets and paraded round the playground. The occasion would have been more memorable if we could have had a musical accompaniment, so if you play a portable instrument, trombone or accordion or even bagpipes, please join us next Easter.

A very happy Whist Drive on 24th April raised Forty seven pounds for school funds. Whist Drive prizes were won by E. Lane, D. Spooner, I. Gibbard, N. Meeks, F. Adams, K. Barber, C. Cossey, J. Bradley, and E. Hickin. Mr. Neville Meeks was M.C. and there was a large raffle.

On 27th May we welcomed Brownies from London for a Pack Holiday and another Pack from North Harrow will be in School in late July.

B.D.

The Glorious First of June Sunday Lunch.

People gave in many different ways so

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WAS

FUN

The bonus was three hundred and forty six pounds, sixty four pence to the Village Hall Restoration Fund,

We congratulate Mrs. Coales for planning and organising this wonderful effort, and thank her and her band of willing helpers for all they did to give us all such a very happy Lunch Party. Ed.

LORRY DRIVER OF THE YEAR.

The South Bucks Elimination Tests were held on 22nd June at the R.A.F. Base, Halton. Two local drivers, Mr. Hugh and Mr. Brian JAMIESON came first in their heats and qualify for the final which will be held in September at Cranfield air base.

Mr. Hugh Jamieson won the "Owner Driver" cup and Brian won a cup for "The Best Small Fleet" driver.

THE COLESHILL CLUB:

In April we all enjoyed an afternoon of games and competitions, finishing with Bingo before having tea and the raffle.

May, we had a visit once again from the Rev. Francis Roberts of Little Missenden who gave us a talk about wild flowers, the countryside and old Churches.

In June the choir from Criers Hill came to sing a splendid selection of favourite songs. As we were able to join in the singing of some of these we all had a very jolly afternoon. Afterwards the choir were entertained to tea, and they also won several raffle prizes. They said that they had enjoyed the afternoon and we most certainly did. Thank you, Criers Hill Choir.

It was with great sadness that we heard the news of Mr. Bates's death. He was a faithful and much loved member of the Club and will be tremendously missed by us all.

D.F.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB.

The season opened with a club match in April and continued with the usual week-end fixtures. We also play on Wednesday evenings now we have joined the Chalfont St. Peter mid-week league.

The Jim Ware Cup is played for annually between Coleshill and Penn Street, and has been won by our opponents for the past five years, so we are pleased to report our victory this year. This attractive cup was presented to the Club by Kay Ware, in memory of her husband who was a constant supporter until his death ten years ago.

The youngsters of the village have been receiving coaching under the guidance of Bob Tilson, and there has been an encouraging weekly attendance. The main work on the pavilion has been completed and members are enjoying the fruits of their labours. At the end of the season we hope to install showers when we shall also be "connected to the electricity supply. All the building work has been carried out by the members, and we must thank our Vice-Presidents for their very generous donations towards the building programme.

We are now looking forward to a successful and rain-free season.

Obituary

With the passing of Albert BATES we have lost our oldest Vice-President and ex-playing member. Albert was Club Captain for seven seasons before the war and always took a lively interest in the Club. Our sympathy goes to all who mourn him,

M.E.T.

COLESHILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Coleshill Residents Association was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 20th May and twenty three people were present.

The Chairman's Report.

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting. Compared with last year's, this is a small gathering, but we have no attraction to offer such as Mr. Chenevix-Trench's talk on the Old Houses of Coleshill.

Mr. Curling sent his apologies. We congratulate him on his appointment as High Sheriff. His absence tonight is due to a meeting of Sheriffs in London.

This year has not been a dramatic year but we have tried to keep a watch on all that affects the Village and the interests of Residents. Planning applications have been considered with care especially where they could affect people living near by.

No definite complaints have been received by members of the Committee about the passage of heavy lorries. Please remember that the only way to cope with these is to make a note of those which go through. Remember to write down date, time and identification registration numbers.

The dead elm tree on New Road has been removed. There is a blind corner where Village Road joins New Road and bushes have been cut back to help with this. Some of the damaged Sign Posts have been replaced and we have a promise that the Coleshill Sign Post in Fagnall Lane shall have an arm restored - pointing towards Winchmore Hill - when a new post becomes necessary.

The problem of Gipsy Sites remains. We are relieved to know that Hodgemoor Wood seems safe but are concerned that the site at White's Hill is permanent, also that, at the top of Gore Hill, an official temporary- site has been established.

We continue to watch Cedar Tree Field and the footpaths.

We support plans for the new Village Hall and hope that this project will thrive.

In conclusion I thank the Secretary, Mrs. Stafford Allen, gratefully for her work and Mr. Post for keeping our finances in order. My thanks go to all members of the Committee. The Committee was re-elected to serve for another year.

Thank you for coming here tonight.

COMMITTEE

Chairman

Miss M.K.Stone.

Secretary

Mrs. J.Stafford Allen.

Committee:

Mr. S.C.Clifton

Mr. D.Curling

Mr. J.M.Denning

Mrs. Fox

Mrs. Heilmann

Vice Chairman

Mr. A.Panton.

Treasurer

Mr. E.Post

Mrs. Kunzer

Mr. G'.S.Plumridge

Mr. D.Ruperti

Mr. P.A.Williams

1st Coleshill Guide Company

This term we have been cooking in the woods and making gadgets. Susanna Davis and Susan Williams helped by Elaine Timms ran a Comic Dog Show at the Church Fete, In May we had a picnic in St. James Park and visit to the Royal Mews. We had started off by holding a Birthday Party for the teen on 21st April, Mrs. Maynard kindly gave us a talk on Flower-decoration followed by practical help, which we all enjoyed. Susanna Davis, Susan Williams, Lois Plumridge and Zoe Horsbrugh-Porter all leave this term, we wish them well. Mrs. Bagehot takes over the Company in September and we still need an assistant Guider!

Badges gained since last reporting. Artists: Kim Ferguson, Martine Thompson. Entertainers: Martine Thompson, Donna Denham. Accident Prevention: Martine Thompson. Collectors: Martine Thompson. Stitchery; Hannah Roberts. Swimmer: Hannah Roberts. Cooks: Lucy Hatch. 2nd Year 8 Point: Kim Ferguson. 1st Year 8 Point: Hannah Roberts. Service Flash: Martine Thompson. Pack Leader Stripes: Martine Thompson.

We were very sorry to lose Martine Thompson when she moved to Bristol in June. She was Patrol Leader of the Bluetits and gave much to the Company, which can partly be seen- by all the badges she gained in the short time she was with us.

H.J.M.C.

1st Coleshill Brownie Guide (All Saints') Pack

We were sad to lose Martine Thompson as our Pack Leader, especially as we are now 22 in number. Madeleine Fielding, Tanya Conyers-Silverthorn, Crystal Mullins have joined us from Amersham and Lisa Hart who has come to live in Coleshill.

We went to London with the Guides and St. Georges, Amersham Brownies for a picnic in St. James Park and a visit to the Royal Mews. We helped Mrs. Plumley with her ping pong balls in jam-jars sideshow at the Church Fete. On 30th June our District Brownie Revels were held in Coleshill and we all dressed up as Fairy tale characters, played games and were given tea by the Local Association.

Emma Norcliffe is Sixer of the Sprites, Venetia Hawkes her Second. Badges gained were Home Safety: Joanna Ferguson, Phillida Wyatt, Anne Rimmer, Lorraine Baldwin, Melinda Vicary, Claire Bagehot. Animal Lover: Ruth Bailey. Swimmers: Joanna Ferguson, Joanna Mathews, Claire Bagehot, Melinda Vicary, Sally Milnes, Anne Rimmer, Madeleine Fielding. Highway Badge: Victoria Hesford, Rachel Williams, Kate Lee. Roadway Badge: Louise Wyatt, Amanda Valentine, Venetia Hawkes, Claire Bagehot. Footpath Badge: Melinda Vicary, Joanna Ferguson, Anne Rimmer, Lisa Hart.

H.J.M.C.

THE HOSPICE OF ST. FRANCIS, BERKHAMSTED

"Cancer is a word, not 'a sentence'" - with this positive, reassuring thought the fifth news letter of the Hospice of St. Francis commences its report.

Increasingly the inspiration of Dr. Cecily Saunders in starting a Christian home for the care of the terminally ill, and in particular cancer patients, is being copied in other parts of the country, and St. Francis Hospice has come into being to cover an area stretching from St. Albans to Amersham and from Tring to the Chalfonts.

The AIM is firstly to provide skilled, loving, Christian care for the relief of symptoms and anxiety: and secondly to establish, in a gentle, unhurried environment, an atmosphere of peace, comfort and hope for the patients and their relatives. This service is to be given in addition to existing services, not instead of them, and admission will be determined by the patient's condition without regard to means, creed, or race.

The work has got under way in that care is already being given in a certain number of patients' homes ("domiciliary care"). Many people have felt for some years that there was a tremendous need for help of this kind. In correspondence received, an example is given of a wife and mother who, in her own home and with all her family around her, was cared for by a hospice nurse. The family are Methodists and her husband is a teacher. Later the whole family gave testimony to a peaceful and - indeed - happy close to her life. "There were many, many tears - some silent, and some shared - but no despair:" and the family hold many precious memories of mingled love and laughter right up to the end.

There is at present an Amersham family that is being helped in a similar way.

It is hoped that the full hospice home-care service, with specially trained doctors and nurses available, will be in action by the late summer. Encouraging offers of help have come not only from many doctors and over 60 nurses, but also from pharmacists, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists as well. Mrs. Pamela Macpherson, who is the Chairman of the Steering Committee, is a trained nurse.

When sufficient money is available, it is hoped to purchase a building large enough to accommodate 20 beds - but the home-care will continue as before.

Here is reassurance for us all. These are folk who care intensely.

G.H.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday August 6th.
Sunday September 7th.
Saturday SeptembGr 13th.
Sunday September 14th.
Wednesday September 24th.
Friday September 25th.

Sunday October 12th.
Friday October 17th.
Saturday November 29th
Mobile Library:

W.I. entertain Deaf and Dumb Club from Acton.
Celebrity Cricket Match on the Cricket Ground.
"Smiles for a Summer evening" 7.30 p.m.
" " " " " " 12.30 and 7.30 p.m.
W.I. Coffee Morning at Waller's Oak, 10.30 a.m.
Fashion Show in aid of H.A.R.P. in the
Village Hall at 8 p.m.
Harvest Festival.
HARVEST SUPPER.
W.I. BAZAAR.
July 17th. and 31st.
August 14th and 28th.
September 11th and 25th.
October 9th and 23rd.
November 6th and 20th.

The date of the Annual Jumble Sale will be announced later. Please
keep your unwanted treasures!

MAGPIE PROGRAMME FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS?

Friday 25th July

Afternoon hike and picnic tea 2 - 5.
Meet at the Village Hall.

Fridsy 8th August

Birthday Binge picnic to River Chess at
Chorleywood. Bring lunch. Meet at
the Village Hall 11.30 - Return 3.15.

Friday 15th August

Cricket and rounders. Bring tea. Meet
at Cricket field 4.30.

Wednesday 20th August

Picnic lunch on common. Meet at the Village
Hall 1 o'clock. Bring lunch. Followed by
SWIMMING. Under 8's at Friar's Vane (Mrs.
Valentine's) and the over 8's at Bowers
Cottage (Mrs. Ferguson's).

Saturday 23rd August

Magpie Cake and produce stall. Village
Pond 9.30 - 11.

Thursday 28th August

Outing to LITTLEHAMPTON. Leaving Village
Hall 8 a.m. . Cost two pounds per head.
Children under 7 must be accompanied.

Tuesday 2nd September

End of holiday picnic. Meet at Village
Hall 11.30. Bring lunch.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL.

Rector: The Reverend Allan, Campbell, M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham. Tel: 7135
and St. Mary's Parish Office. Tel: 4712

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, AMERSHAM.

Sunday Services: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Matins
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday in month)
6.00 p.m. Evensong.
Each Friday: 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, October 19th - Harvest Festival at St. Mary's.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL.

Sunday Services: 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion.
6.00 p.m. Evensong (1st and 3rd Sundays in month)
Sunday 13th July Family Service.
Sunday 14th September Family Service.
Sunday 12th October Harvest Festival.
Sunday 2nd November Patronal Festival of All Saints' Day.
Sunday 9th November Family Service.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH, Winchmore Hill.

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays).

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Brownies - Monday Evenings in the Village Hall 5.30-6.45 p.m.
Guides - Monday Evenings in the Village Hall 6.45-8 p.m.
Mother's Union - 3rd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.
Coleshill Club - 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2.30 p.m.
W.I. - 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.