

The Rectory
Church Street
Amersham

July 1987

Within the Diocese of Oxford (of which we are a part), we have just had an important event - the Enthronement of our new Diocesan Bishop, Richard Harries. Bishop Richard was consecrated a few weeks earlier in St Paul's Cathedral, and then enthroned in our Cathedral, Christ Church, Oxford.

Bishops are important for us within the Church, not just because of what they do, but also because of what they express. We have maintained within the Church of England the historic order of bishops, priests and deacons. It is the bishop's role within the Church to express the unity of the Church. We at Coleshill are linked through our Diocese and Bishop to the whole world-wide Anglican Communion. The Bishop represents the wider, universal, "catholic" Church.

The time of the consecration and enthronement of a new Diocesan Bishop is a good time for us to be reminded that we are part of the whole world-wide Church of God. However much we may meet as a group of people who know one another within a small village, we meet also as a very little part of this wonderful whole. This is an important dimension. It leads us both to a sense of thanksgiving for the "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church" of which we are a part, and also to a right sense of our responsibility as one part for other parts. This latter aspect is especially important when we have all the privileges that go with much of the life of Coleshill.

It is hard for us to be conscious of ourselves as part of the wider Church precisely because our experience of the Church is, for the most part, within the village. A heightened consciousness of ourselves as part of a parish with two Anglican churches in it would be a small step in that direction, as would an increased awareness of the congregations of other denominations, too. We need to work for this wider awareness for it is part of the gift of God, and a means by which we are helped and supported, one by another.

Anthony Priddis

WEDDINGS

On 27th June Michael le Butt of Haslemere Surrey married Anne Bullough of Cotswold, Village Road, Coleshill.

4th July Philip Cox and Valerie Newton (Blessing)

IN MEMORIAM

4th April NIGEL ROGERS of Stoney Path Cottage, Coleshill.

16th April DESMOND PALMER of Westrip, Barracks Hill, Coleshill.

16th May ANNE PUSEY of Roan Cottage, Coleshill.

6th June PEGGY MUMFORD (aged 97) of St Mary House, Seaford. Her ashes were interred at Coleshill. Peggy Mumford was the widow of the Revd Kenneth Mumford who was the assistant priest at All Saints in the 1920s and later became vicar of Penn.

28th June SYBIL BOSTON of Lansdown Coleshill.

OBITUARIES

NIGEL ROGERS. Nigel had not lived among us very long when he died suddenly on the 4th April, but his readiness to help people and lend a hand in village activities had unobtrusively established him as a presence in Coleshill. He served throughout the war as a Gunnery Officer on destroyers until 1946 when he left the Navy with the rank of Lt Commander.

It was typical of his instinct for service that from 1951 - 1981 he was a member of the RNR, and typical too that in all the years that he and I were colleagues in a large advertising agency I never knew he was a believer and a church-goer - though I knew him as someone ever ready to help if one had a problem. To those who knew his story he was a striking example of quiet courage in the face of cruel blows. A stroke, suffered while he was on a NATO exercise, not only crippled him physically but left his career in ruins. His wife died, and then his younger son. Nigel's faith sustained him through everything.

He leaves a son and a daughter, to whom we all extend our warm sympathy.

ANNE PUSEY. It was with great sadness that the village learned of the death of Anne on 16th May. Anne had lived in Coleshill for 15 years since her marriage to Roger and was well known and loved by many of us. All who knew her will never forget her courage and cheerfulness shown during the last few months of her life when she was so ill.

One lasting impression we have of Anne was her kindness to us on our moving in as neighbours on a cold and windy March day. Hardly had we started to unpack than she left us the keys to her house with a request that we help ourselves to what turned out to be an excellent hot lunch. This was a typical example of Anne's generosity of spirit shown to everybody who knew her, and we all felt a great sense of loss on her passing away.

We all join in extending our deepest sympathy to Roger and both their families.

SYBIL BOSTON. Miss Boston moved to Coleshill with her sister in 1956, and was well known and loved for her interest and involvement in all aspects of village life. She was a long-standing member of the W.I., serving on the committee in different capacities, including that of Secretary in 1962 and President in 1964/5. Church flower arranging was in her hands, and until a year before her death she helped with meals on wheels and other activities in the community.

Her familiar figure walking with Barney round her common, or up to the village shop, will be sadly missed.

THANKS

Roger Pusey wishes to thank all friends for the kind messages of sympathy and for the beautiful floral tributes for his wife Anne.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - MAY 10th - 16th

Our first event for the week was a meeting at Coleshill School on May 12th. The children had a three-team race, carrying bricks to build a little house, to illustrate the Christian Aid 1987 theme "More Power to the poor". They did this in costume, and then had a short talk by the Hector, Rev. Anthony Priddis. Afterwards they sold cakes for tea. A Traidcraft stall was also doing good business.

On Saturday May 16th, the weather was kind for our second Dog Show, held on the common again, by kind permission of the Parish Council. There was such a large entry for some classes that they had to be run in two groups, and our judge, Mrs Audrey Herring recommended a larger ring for future events! The sponsored point to point (an obstacle race for owners and dogs), a wheelbarrow race, and the novice agility course all gave us a lot of entertainment, and the fancy dress class was particularly well supported, the first prize going to "Dog-tagnan", alias Hector George, in a cavalier hat with ostrich feather. Our total takings for the week were:

School event (teas and cake sales)	21.41
Envelope collection and donations	327.01
Dog Show	302.35
Traidcraft stall	50.00
	£700.77

(A small amount is retained on deposit in addition to this total).

This was a wonderful result. Many thanks to all who helped in so many ways, and to Miss Dollemore for giving us her support, and that of the children of Coleshill School. We ended our week with a service of thanksgiving in the church on May 17th, taken by the Rector.

R.A.L.T.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH COMMITTEE

Committee Members . John Chenevix Trench has taken over as pro-warden. Alastair Panton, and has resigned from the Deanery Synod which Philip Plumbly and Patsy Wright-Warren have joined. Nick Sadler and Dumpy Swerling have become sidesmen. The Committee decided that they would not, for the present, replace Nigel Rogers.

Organists. Unfortunately two of our organists, Stella Hunter and Ken Liverst are leaving the district. They have done sterling work in playing for us every month and we shall miss them greatly, but wish them well in their new homes. Ruth Murphy is hoping to recruit others to the rota.

Chalice Bearers. An innovation has been the introduction of members of the congregation to administer the chalice. Len Bristow, John Chenevix Trench, Philip Harris and Patsy Wright-Warren have been approved by the Bishop and now assist the priest at the communion service each week.

Parish Activities . We are keen to get to know members of the St Mary's Congregation better and have plans to meet more often. They came up to All Saints' in April for the Annual Parish Meeting and on 12th July, the Swerlings have kindly invited us to use their farm for a Parish Picnic.

All Saints' Harvest Charity. We shall once again be organising the charity events in association with the Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper. Further details follow.

Oxford Diocesan Pilgrim Festival. This will be held on the weekend of 28-29 September. There is an interesting programme of discussions, exhibitions, drama, music and, of course, worship with the opportunity to meet the new Bishop. Further details available from Anthony Priddis or Patsy-Wright-Warren.

Memorial. A seat is to be placed in the churchyard as a memorial to the late P.W.W.

P.W.W.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is now a Sunday School and creche in the village, in place of the Fellowship, catering for children aged 0 - 11. The Sunday School meets on the 4th Sunday in the month, with the exception of August and December. Children go to the village hall just before 9 a.m. where they have their own instruction and activities. They then join their parents in church prior to the communion. Children unaccompanied can sit with the Sunday School and be fetched from outside the church at 10 a.m.

For more details, please phone: Helen Spencer - Amersham 5857

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FETE

The wettest start to June for very many years together with cable-laying excavations in Tower Road did not augur well for the holding of this year's Fete at its new location at the Cricket Ground. However, on Saturday 13th June, the rain miraculously missed Coleshill and, with the co-operation of British Gas, there were no traffic difficulties. All in all, it was a lovely day for a Fete.

The opening was performed by The Rev Anthony Priddis who, with Mrs Priddis, was specially welcomed by Richard Valentine to their first All Saints' Fete.

There was the usual enthusiastic attendance and, possibly as a result of the new location, the takings (detailed below) were some 50% up on the previous year; after expenses the surplus amounted to £1335 (previous year £870), a welcome addition to the Church finances.

The Church Committee extends its thanks to all those concerned with the Fete, both in its organisation and for the running of the stalls, sideshows and other entertainments.

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		£		
Gate	68.65		Coconuts	44.40
Tombola	314.99		Bowling	24.10
Tombola (children)	76.30		Ices	26.00
Raffle	191.00		Hot Dogs	7.50
Household	230.10		Broken China	18.35
Greenfingers	104.08		Frisbee	38.64
Fruit Raffle	30.20		Pony Rides	30.90
Toys	56.32		Golf	9.60
Sweets	86.64		Brownies	31.50
Cakes	73.33		Darts	30.80
Teas	85.50		Bouncy Castle	37.20
Books	78.00		Beat the Bell	36.75
Preserves	56.08		Guides	6.00
Second Hand Clothes	97.31		White Elephant	23.19
Lucky Dip	11.00			
			Total	£1,944.43
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A big thank you for the support given for the Mothers' Union teas at the Fete

Jean Bristow

Hilda Collier would like to thank everybody who so kindly gave cakes for the stall

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

In April, about a dozen adults and six schoolchildren took part in a sponsored Knit-in for one hour and raised £150 for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council. The School Whist Drive was also held in April with Mr N Meeks as M.C., and raised £51.21 for the School Fund.

We all spent a morning at Jordans School performing with them 'Golden Goose', a musical story. For our contribution to Christian Aid Week the children dressed as Third World people and in various ways, raced to build a house. The Revd. A. Priddis gave a talk, tea was served and a Traidcraft Stall was in operation.

We gave a display of country dancing at the Church Fete on 13th June and joined six other village schools for a Country Dancing afternoon on July 1st. The children did paintings to be exhibited at Amersham General Hospital for their Open Day on 27th June.

Our Summer Concert will be on Wednesday 15th July at 7 p.m. and the School Fete, Barbeque and Sports, on Saturday 18th July at 10.30 a.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend both these events.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

We started the term with a farewell party to 'old Brown Owl'. We were joined by our District Commissioner and other Guides from Amersham whom Mary had worked with during her years as Brown Owl. The Guides also joined us and we played games, had tea, and then there was a presentation to Mary. We all wish her and Bob all the very best in their new home in Wales. Their leaving is a great loss to the village - they were both so vital to village life. We shall miss them a lot.

We went on an outing to the Safari Park in Windsor where we all had a most enjoyable day.

We have two new recruits, Natalie Hall and Kirsten Rogers. They have both now made their promises so are fully fledged Brownies. We were sorry to say goodbye to Emma Swift who has returned to Sheffield.

We have taken part in Brownie Revels with other Brownies from Amersham. We have also taken part in the family service each month. We ran a red and white stall at the fete which everyone helped with.

We haven't done much badge work this term as we have taken every opportunity to be out of doors, but Sarah Miles and Emma Swift gained their Musician's badge.

D.fl.S.

CHURCH FLOWER FUND COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to the very generous donations and support received, the Coffee Morning held at 12 The Bit on the 8th July raised £86.

Many thanks also to Jean and Len for their hospitality.

J.F.

MAGPIE CLUB

On Friday 10th April a family party was held in the village hall to mark the 10th anniversary of the Magpie Club. Despite a number of families being away there was a large turn out and it was an evening for games and reminiscing. An exhibition of photographs of past events brought memories flooding back. A celebration cake to mark the happy occasion was cut by the youngest and eldest people present, Katey Jamieson and Canon Hickin respectively.

Dumpy Swerling had worked hard organizing events for ten years and felt it was time to pass over to someone else. In recognition of her unfailing leadership she was presented with 2 books and tokens.

I have taken over the running of the Club and am being most ably assisted by Jean Dover and Rosemary Valentine.

Mary Sadler

Events for the Summer

Monday 13th July - 12.30 p.m. Magpie Mothers' lunch at Clivia, Windmill Hill. Please bring a contribution for lunch and any ideas for future activities.

Tuesday 28th July. Walk to Brentford Grange for a scavenger hunt and picnic. Meet at village hall at 11.30 a.m.

Thursday 27th August - Village outing to 'sunny' Bournemouth.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

In the months since Our last newsletter report, we have developed our activities as best we can around the uncertainties of 'early summer'. A dozen guides attended the Girlaree assault competition at Youlasby, Oxon. This was enjoyed by all. We also spent an evening cooking on the common despite attacks from midges! Menu included burgers, kebabs, sausages and marshmallows!

We held a stall at the Coleshill Fete - "Guess the weight and name of the dog". We entertained the guides from the Penn Street School for Deaf to games and tea! lots of hilarity, particularly during "pass the hat" game.

New appointments - Jo Gregory was appointed Patrol Leader of Blue Tits with Emma Hart as her second. Emma Cox was appointed second for Kingfishers.

Finally, last but certainly not least, we held a farewell party for Vivien Chalwin who as Unit Helper in the company has contributed such a lot in the last 4 years. We hope she will continue to join us from time to time. Lyn Coe, we are pleased to say, has joined us as our new Unit Helper.

K.L. Hughes

COLESHILL CLUB

In April we said a fond farewell to Mary who, with her husband, has gone to live in Wales, she will be missed very much. We presented her with the book "70 Summers" by Tony Harman. Mr Richardson, from Amersham displayed some of his numerous hobbies, including models made from matchsticks, and many different types of painting which were very enjoyable.

We welcomed Joan from The Samaritans in May, who gave us a most interesting talk on their work, and in June we held a Bring & Buy in aid of the September lunch. Jean showed us a most interesting video of The Royal Wedding, and Torvill & Dean which were very much enjoyed by all.

R.M.

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

All meetings have been very well attended and the talks have been varied and interesting. A Chess Valley walk led by Miss Ann Trotman, our President, was made in May; a guided tour round Great Missenden by Mr Clark, husband of a Great Missenden W.I. member in March, and an evening tour round Old Amersham, guided by Mr Plumbly and Mr Olney in June were all thoroughly enjoyed by those members who joined in. A very successful visit to Stratford-on-Avon for a performance of Julius Caesar was made in May.

Outings have been arranged to "An Evening of Music" at Claydon House in July and "Fashion Reflections" at Stowe School in August. We are now making preparations for the annual visit from our Deaf friends from Acton on August 5th.

Future talks include "Wildlife in the Colne Valley" by Mr Tim Dean, and "Childhood under Occupation" by Mrs Langford.

We are always very pleased to welcome visitors and new members. We meet at 2.30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Village Hall (except August).

P.W. . . .

N.S.P.C.C. - COLESHILL BRANCH

I would like to thank everyone who so generously gave their support to our Cookery Demonstration and Luncheon on 19th March. That all 150 tickets were sold a week before the event was a tribute to my friends who worked tirelessly to make the day such a success - and I am extremely grateful to those who gave prizes for the Raffle.

After expenses, our profit was a record £961.53, which, together with the sum of £55.45 collected by our Carol singers at Christmas, has enabled me to send a cheque for £1,016.98 to the Society.

G.M.B.

BOB AND MARY TILSON

These two much loved and active villagers have recently left us to go and live near to their daughter and her family in Wales. Mary was born and brought up in Coleshill and lived here all her life. Like her mother before her, she was deeply involved in many village activities, especially the Brownies, the Cricket Club, the Mothers' Union, and she was a regular worshipper at All Saints', where in her youth she had been in the choir. Bob, although not a native of the village, was equally involved, and was for many years a leading light in the Cricket Club. Both of them were always ready to give help where it was needed.

They will be greatly missed, but have promised to come back and see us for the Harvest Supper. We wish them every happiness in their new life. . .

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our speaker evening in April proved to be a fascinating account by Mrs Joy Nicholson of the restoration of the church of St Mary at Lambeth, where the Tradescant family are buried, into the first Museum of Garden History. The church is situated next to Lambeth Palace, and a visit if you are in that direction is well worth while.

After what seemed like weeks of rain or drizzle, the sun rewarded our patience as we set off for our second visit to the Annual Festival of Gardening at Hatfield House. On these occasions ALL the gardens are open to the public which, on their own, can provide hours of pleasure and the house itself is decked with beautiful flower arrangements. In addition, though, there are marquees full of flowers, shrubs, garden equipment and country crafts to tempt you and it was just as well that we had a large coach to carry all the 'booty' home, especially the five boxfuls which Marion Harrocks couldn't resist!

I have to tell you that many of the men were seen ... looking at birds! To be fair, the birds were falcons and gave a fascinating display. There was also a sheepdog rounding up his charges and even feeding one sheep with a baby's bottle; as well as Morris Dancing and a band concert, and that was just in the few hours that we were there. The Festival takes place on the Saturday and Sunday on midsummer's weekend each year, and if you have been unable to accompany us on our trips there, do yourself a favour and make sure you make it next year.

The next event on our gardening calendar is the Horticultural Show on Saturday, 5th September, and we look forward to entries galore of flowers, vegetables, cakes, preserves, flower arrangements and handicrafts, not forgetting the children's section. Schedules available shortly.

Happy Gardening!

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

This is the period when, in true theatrical terms, the Drama Group can be found to be 'resting'. We, and probably our audiences as well, can only cope with two productions a year so if you missed Jim Denning's passionate portrayal of ... a chicken!, or David Hall's 'homework project' as a boy scout, I'm afraid you will have to wait until December when we hope to produce a pantomime for your entertainment.

Our production of the Golden Pathway Annual was unfortunately timed to coincide with the Spring Bank Holiday weekend and thus our audience was much smaller than usual. This was a pity as it was a play which the actors concerned thoroughly enjoyed working on and presenting and was a little different to our usual offerings. It followed the formative life of young Michael (David Hall) from his birth just after the last world war, through his childhood, schooldays and university life, on into his early twenties, where, with disillusionment, he looked back on and questioned his upbringing. His parents, George and Enid, had wanted the best for their son. Each year, on his birthday, a copy of the Golden Pathway Annual had been ordered. Filled with facts and imaginative fiction it had helped young Michael to become brighter, questioning and, eventually, more intelligent than his simple, working class father and the relationship inevitably broke down. The father, George, had returned from the war all in one piece and very confident. He'd seen the world, well ... India, where he'd served his time, and had returned to his young wife full of plans. These were strained as he lost his job and had to settle for something less and while his son made him proud by going to Grammar School and then on to University, his pride in himself was worn away and middle age weighed heavily on his shoulders. Stephen Hitchen was excellent in this part.

The play was by no means gloomy, though. Michael's love of his books filled his head with fantasies. He'd be off with the Famous Five solving mysteries; when his french lessons became boring he would imagine that his teacher was really a french spy and that he was James Bond; and, when out "Bob-a-Jobbing" he would find himself with a seductress who would teach him all he needed to know about 'women'!

A VERY interesting scene!

His long-suffering mother (played by Gill Pusey), so coy, yet easy to please in the early scenes, devotes herself to her son when she realises that life with George will always be monotonous and wearisome and is devastated when Michael leaves home, preferring the company of his girlfriend.

All the other parts were played by Jim Denning and Lindsey Haubner. This was great fun to do. Jim was a smarmy door-to-door book salesman, a chicken (!), George's mean boss, Roger from the famous five, a world weary doorman and Michael's crazed Headmaster. Lindsey was Mr Vadia's secretary, young Michael's Welsh schoolteacher, Wilhelmina (who is almost as good as a boy so called William from the famous five), then the lady who tries to seduce the boy scout and french teacher, Ophelia Plenty! (I was only ACTING Honestly!!!).

All great fun and much enjoyed by those who did manage to see it.

As mentioned, our next production will be a pantomime in December. "Oh yes it will"!!!

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

We were pleased to have an attendance of about 35 people at the A.G.M. in April. David Hall, the Hon Treasurer, in his report concluded that the Hall's finances were in a very satisfactory state, even though there was slight excess of expenditure over income for the year.

Peter Lawrence, in his Chairman's report, mentioned that the use of the hall was up by about 5% over the previous year. Bookings by residents of Coleshill account for 65% of the total in the year of just over 1600 hours. As the maximum hours available for booking are about 5500 it is clear that there is scope for greater utilisation of the hall. The Committee would be very pleased to hear of ideas for taking up this slack.

The Chairman thanked those who have contributed to the hall's management. Mike Hesford, because of business commitments, had resigned from the Committee. Mike played a major role in fund raising and financing the building of the hall, and was Chairman from 1983-86. We are very grateful to him for his hard work, and we shall miss his wise council. Mike has agreed to become a Trustee of the hall in place of Dimi Ruperti who has left the village.

We also thank Sylvia Fairchild for her hard work as Honorary Secretary over a period of 8 years. We have reluctantly had to accept her resignation, and Helen Savory has kindly undertaken her role.

The Chairman also thanked David Hall for his work and support as Vice Chairman and Treasurer, and Nick Sadler who provides professional surveying advice. Finally he thanked Jean and Alan Dover for the conscientious and enthusiastic way in which they take all the bookings, clean and generally supervise the hall.

At the next Committee meeting, we shall be reviewing quotations for the decoration of all the areas behind the stage. We have, already made arrangements, jointly with the Drama Group, to have the stage modified to allow the Group to store their scenery under the stage. This will make it easier to keep the back stage area clean and tidy.

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

Since the Valentine dance we have held a very successful Race Night in the Village Hall and a car treasure hunt.

We are however still hoping for more response to the 100 Club since, as yet, we have insufficient support to get this underway. All it takes is a commitment of £1 per month - 3 numbers will be drawn each month with 1st prize being £25, 2nd prize £10 and 3rd prize £5. There is, of course, no limit to the numbers you may have!! So please help us get this off the ground and ring:

David George on Am 22535 or Sharon Hall on Am 5231.

We would also like to thank the organisers of the Coleshill Tennis tournament for donating the proceeds to the Tennis Club.

Forthcoming events include a Barn Dance in the Autumn.

David & Chris George

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

The Revd. Anthony II. Priddis, The Rectory, Church Street, Amersham.

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St. Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.15 a.m.	Family Communion (with Sunday School and Creche)
	11.30 a.m.	Matins (with Holy Communion on 1st Sunday in month)
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services	9.00 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)

Sunday School & Creche	9.00 a.m.	4th Sunday in month
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Brownies - Monday Evenings 5.30 - 7.00 p.m. Coleshill School,
Guides - Monday Evenings 7.00 - 8.15 p.m. Village Hall
Mothers' Union - 3rd Tuesday in the month (weather permitting)
Coleshill Club - 4th Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m. Village Hall
W.I. - 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m. Village Hall

Mobile Library - This calls at Coleshill every other Wednesday, stopping at
The Village Hall . 3.45 - 4.00 p.m.
Hill Meadow 4.00 - 4.15 p.m.

Next visits will be: JULY 15th & 29th; AUGUST 12th & 26th; SEPTEMBER 9th & 23rd