

ALL SAINTS' VILLAGE NEWSLETTER No 124

The Rectory
Church Street
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One of the things which has been lovely for Kathy and me during the last week has been the great sense of being upheld by people's kindness, support and love. We are extremely grateful for this from all those who have given it in a hidden way as well as those who have expressed it to us openly. The feeling of being helped by prayers of others is very strong, just as it has been for all the weeks that Kathy has been unwell.

It is always a shock when someone one knows is attacked, and it is a shock when it happens on one's own doorstep. We always think that these are things which happen to other people in other places, except that what we may mean by that is that we tend not to think about it at all. Yet, of course, we know all too well that we live at a time when society seems to be becoming more violent once again. The "once again" can be a helpful reminder of a historical perspective that quashes any over-reaction that wants to see our own times as becoming so much worse than others. There are many, many parts of the world that know terrible levels of violence continuously: the violence may be individual, institutional, or both.

What particularly upset me about my own experience was that one human being could wilfully aim a blow with all his force at another human being's head. However much one knows with one's mind that this happens so very frequently, it is always likely to be a shock when it is part of one's more immediate experience: the same is true of the knowledge of burglaries taking place and the emotional reaction to being burgled.

But has it not always been like this? Is not the wilful violence and disregard of one person for another a part of the picture of our corporate human life? Is not this precisely what we know from our history, our newspapers, our own experience, our Gospels? So we are brought back, as always, to God's power to redeem. That power which is revealed in the worst of all evils, the killing of a totally innocent man, is able to make of even something as terrible as that a source of life and healing. If that is true of the deaths of Jesus, then it is bound to be true of any lesser evils done to us, or by us.

The power of God to redeem needs not just our assent but our commitment. Only by the good of God can evil in us or anyone else be overcome. Wanting evil to stop is not enough; condemning evil is not enough; fighting evil with the law is not enough. It can only be overcome by God's power and that is love and enough. It needs each of us to say, "Lord, may your kingdom come, and may it come in me."

Anthony Priddis

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Guest Service. Our second guest service was in the evening of 5th June. Once again it was well attended and enjoyed by those present. We aim to hold another one in about nine months' time.

Ordination. On Sunday, 3rd July, members of the choir and congregation joined those at St Mary's for the ordination of six deacons by the Bishop of Buckingham. It was a splendid and inspiring occasion but unfortunately none of the deacons will be working in this parish.

Hymn Books. Some of the present hymn books are very old and need to be replaced. Instead of doing a straight replacement, the Church Committee has decided to change to a different hymn book - Ancient and Modern Revised. This leaves out many of the hymns we don't use but, even more important, it includes lots of old favourites that we cannot have at the moment. Some people might like to help to cover the cost by donating one or more hymn books to the church. The cost will probably be between £3 and £4. If you are interested, please contact Anthony Priddis, Ruth Murphy, or Patsy Wright-Warren.

Stewardship. Following the Lenten discussion group, a small ad hoc group has been meeting to think about the Church's stewardship. One idea is that we might set up a twinning arrangement with an inner city parish with a view to widening our horizons and understanding and providing mutual support. If anyone has experience of such a scheme or any views on it, do please let Anthony Priddis or any member of the Committee have your ideas. As yet our plans are very tentative, so all help would be welcome.

All Saint's Harvest Charity. Our efforts on behalf of the Ryder/Cheshire tuberculosis eradication scheme in Northern India will once again be organised during our Harvest Festival celebrations. Your support is greatly needed and much appreciated.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on Sunday 2nd October, Harvest Supper: Friday 7th Oct.

P.W-W.

HOLY BAPTISM

On 3rd April 1988, Amy Louise, daughter of Brian & Nicola Miles of Church Cottages Boleshill.

On 26th June 1988, Mark Robert and Lucy Elizabeth, son and daughter of Timothy Roger & Elizabeth-Anne Higgs of Quarrendon Mill, Amersham.

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 30th April 1988, Mark Levinson of Richmond married Francine Heimann of Hertfordshire House, Coleshill.

On 16th July 1988, Mark Tweedale of Dinnington, Sheffield, married Michelle Louise Haubner of The Lodge, Rushmead, Coleshill.

Blessing - Elizabeth (nee Cray) and Robert Haggis on 25th June 1988.

IN MEMORIAM

2nd March 1988, Gwladys Prothero (Ashes interred)

3rd April 1988, Pat McCann of Glebe House, Coleshill

27th April 1988, Beatrice Mason of Rushmead

29th April 1988, Kathy Monk of Stock Grove, Coleshill

3rd May 1988, Daisy Palmer of Rushmead

12th May 1988, Gertrude Griffiths, formerly of Westlands, Village Road, Coleshill.

26th May 1988, Letitia Harvey of Rushmead

30th June 1988, Elsie Mary Lambert, formerly of Manor Way, Coleshill

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FETE

Weather always plays a key role in deciding the success or failure of the village fete. This year it didn't rain but the afternoon was cool and breezy. Nonetheless the Committee was pleased to be able to report takings of £1,752 (£1,936 in 1987 and £1,338 in 1986). After expenses the surplus amounted to £1,011 (£1,351 in 1987 and £870 in 1986).

The Rev Anthony Priddis opened the fete and there was the normal enthusiasm to snap up the many excellent bargains that are always available in the marquee. The Committee wishes to thank all those concerned with the fete for their hard work and dedication.

D.M.

	£		£
Gate - V	121.80	Coconuts	51.70
Tombola	342.97	Bowling	38.00
Tombola (Children)	70.60	Ices	16.60
Raffle	203.00	Hot Dogs	11.70
Household	210.85	Frizbee	20.37
Greenfingers	59.12	Pony Rides	13.80
Tcys	34.63	Golf	15.60
Sweets	87.50	Ball in Bucket	10.55
Cakes	84.40	Beat the Bell	27.10
Teas	89.00	Computer Game	20.00
Books	77.30	Bouncy Castle	39.20
Preserves	54.10	Guides	13.99
Lucky Dip	15.00	Brownies	15.20

Total £1,752.58

1987 £1,936.83

1986 £1,338.70

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

CHRISTIAN AID 1988

We started our fund raising for Christian Aid in February this year with a coffee morning held at Mrs Ruth Murphy's house. This was a special appeal for Ethiopia famine relief and realised £200.

Christian Aid week, 15th - 21st May, began on Sunday with a preparation service in All Saints' Church. On Tuesday, 17th, Miss Dollemore and her staff and children entertained us at Coleshill First School, and the children gave their interpretation of the Week's slogan "The Poor don't have a share in the World", with a lovely sketch on "sharing". After this, Mr David Morgan showed us all a short film on village life in Tanzania. Parents and friends contributed to a cake stall and tea, and the proceeds of these, sold by the children, was £37.32. The Traidcraft stall made £47.06. Thanks to Miss Dollemore and her staff for the afternoon.

Our main fund raising event was the sponsored fancy dress rounders match and barbecue held at the Cricket Club ground on Friday 20th. In lovely weather we had adult and children's teams in the most wonderful costumes, and unexpected (in some cases!) gifts were revealed in batting and sprinting, to be borne in mind for the future.

CHRISTIAN AID (Contd).

A delicious barbecue supper prepared by Hazel Pearce and her team raised £70.00, and with the Raffle, organised as usual by Peggy and Jan, competitions, and a Dog Celebrity collection, the whole evening's entertainment realised £496.80.

When the house-to-house envelope collection was added, the whole week's fund raising amounted to £894.49.

Thanks to, the Cricket Club committee for loaning us the ground and pavilion, running the bar so efficiently; and for their donation, and to all friends who made such a magnificent result possible.

R.A.L.T.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

Our Whist Drive held in April was attended by many local residents, and realised £40.95 for the School Fund. In May, staff and children visited Jordans School to hear a talk on Dutch cheeses. They also went to Woodside School where the Life Education Centre was temporarily based and had a lesson on parts of the body, the brain and the personality, with many visual aids.

Many visitors came to see a short sketch, illustrating 'Sharing' performed by the children for Christian Aid Week followed by a film on African village life, and refreshments prepared by the Christian Aid Committee. A Traidcraft stall was held.

The children did country dancing at the Church Fete in June. The Small Schools Group held an Art Exhibition at Jordans School recently, and we took part, exhibiting paintings, prints, needlework and models. This term we have visited Mop End Environmental Studies Centre, Langley Park Environmental Studies Centre, and Dropmore School to take part in a country dancing display.

Our Summer Concert was on the 12th July and was very well attended. Our annual Sports, Fete and Barbecue was held on 16th July, surely the only dry Saturday morning of the month. " This very enjoyable event was well supported, but at the time of going to press, the net profit is not to hand.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

We have had three new recruits since the last newsletter. Our first, Sarah Priddis was enrolled at the beginning of the term. For our Brownie outing this year we decided to go to Aylesbury Museum. We had a very interesting morning there and had a picnic lunch at Wendover on the way home.

We have worked for several badges this term. Sarah, Miles, Caroline Redstone, Rosalind Pool, Josie Dell and Suzy Bond have gained their Country Dancers; Tara Hall, Sarah Miles, Sarah McNeilly, Rosalind Pool, Natalie Hall, Nicola Hall and Zoe Head their Collectors, and Sarah Priddis her Animal Lovers.

We ran a small stall at the Fete, and have attended the family services - albeit with rather small numbers! The reason for this - because the majority of the Brownies live outside the village and seem to find it difficult to get to Coleshill by 9 am!

In spite of the ghastly weather we have been able to hold quite a few of our meetings outside this summer. Last week we enrolled our two latest recruits, Nicola Hall from Forty Green and Zoe Head from Winchmore Hill. We joined with other Brownie packs in the district for the Brownie Revels at St Georges School, where the theme for the evening was the Olympics.

We are finishing this term with Sports and a picnic.

Drown Owl

PARISH PICNIC

This was held on one of those July days - rainy, windy and cold. This did not deter the 50 or so people of all ages from St Marys and Coleshill. There was tennis, table tennis and a great game of rounders which finished in an honourable draw - 4 runs each. We then had our picnic with endless cups of tea provided by Dumpy. Many thanks to Dumpy and Graham for their hospitality.

MAGPIE CLUB

A mothers' lunch was held on Wednesday 13th July. It proved a happy occasion and was a good opportunity for mothers to meet and chat.

Activities for -the Summer

Thurs 28th July Cycle gymkhana for 7-11 year olds. 'Phone Rosemary Valentine
Am 725794
Wed 3rd August Teddy Bears' picnic 0-5 year olds. 'Phone Rosemary Valentine.
Tennis for 6 year olds upwards. 'Phone Jean Dover Am 724831
Tues 9th August Walk to River Chess. 'Phone Mary Sadler. Am 726277
Mon 15th August Walk and scavenger hunt. 'Phone Mary Sadler.
Thurs 25th August Day trip to Bournemouth. 'Phone Dumpy Swerling, Am 726414
Tues 30th August Barbecue & rounders. 'Phone Mary Sadler.

Mary Sadler

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our April meeting, our President, Miss Ann Trotman, gave us the sad news of the death of Mrs Pat McCann on Easter Day after a long illness. She was a much loved member and will be sorely missed by us all.

The Resolutions Discussion meeting was in May, and at our June meeting Mrs Joan Alien who was our delegate at the AGM gave us an interesting and comprehensive report on the meeting at which all our resolutions were carried.

We have had some interesting outings, one to Stockers Lake for bird watching, a nature walk in Penn Woods in March, and a guided nature walk at Dancers End, all of which were greatly enjoyed. Another successful outing was a day trip to Littlecote, Hungerford in June. A beautiful sunny day, there was plenty to see and do, both in the house and the lovely grounds. We had a visit to Windsor Theatre to see Dear Octopus in March, and we are going to see Les Miserables in July.

A Croquet Day is to take place at the home of Mrs Betty Joseph on Wednesday, 10th August, a trip to Bath in September and Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on 20th September. Before then we shall be busy planning the Annual Lunch, Tea and Entertainment for our friends from the Deaf Club of Acton on 3rd August.

We have had some most interesting talks, and in September, Mrs Jean Archer will be our Speaker on "A Chiltern Town". Mrs Lindsey Haubner, our Crafts Secretary is still arranging displays of crafts etc at our meetings. We are always very pleased to welcome visitors and new members.

P. J.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

For more details, please phone: Rosemary Valentine - Am 7257)4

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We had a very enjoyable and well supported trip by coach to Syon Park on July 3rd. It is very pleasing to report that there were no cases of sunstroke or heat exhaustion. In truth almost continuous rain restricted opportunities to linger in the gardens, but merely increased our enjoyment of Syon House, Art Gallery, Butterfly House and Motor Museum.

We now look forward to the main event of the year - our forty second Annual Show in the village hall on SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER. We hope for many fine entries from enthusiasts whether expert or not! Copies of the schedule of classes will be circulated to everyone in August and we are extremely pleased that Mrs Diana Heilmann has kindly agreed to open the Show at 2.30 p.m.

J.S.

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

Planning permission for three courts on the Cricket Club grounds was refused by Chiltern District Council, but we are going to appeal. Fund raising activities have temporarily ceased until such times as planning is granted, except for the 100 Club, which is continuing to be drawn every month.

We are very pleased with the support that we are getting from the village and the Sports Council and hope to restart social activities in the near future.

D.G.

MEWS FROM 'THE NEAR PAVILION'

Coleshill Cricket Club at Lords? Alas no, or at least not this year. The dream was shattered last Sunday after a very wet afternoon's cricket. I refer, of course, to the NORSE-HYDRO Village K.O. competition. We have never previously got beyond the 2nd round, but this year reached the last 32. This from over 1700 entries from all parts of (the U.K.

We defeated Frieth, Winchmore Hill, Chessam Bois and Bledlow to win the honour of representing Bucks in the final rounds. Our Opponents were Hursley Park, winners of the Hampshire region. They beat Hambledon (the House of Cricket) in the previous round, only winning on the penultimate ball! In 1984 they defeated Winchmore Hill, only to lose in the final at Lords by 9 runs! They are currently top of the Hampshire League and are this year celebrating their Bi-Centenary. I think this greater experience was just enough on the day, to tip the scales in their favour. In spite of the conditions and what was at stake, the game was played in a very competitive but sporting manner as reflected by their requesting an annual fixture with us.

This season saw our return to League Cricket on Saturdays. We joined the newly formed mid-Bucks League Premier Division. Both 1st and 2nd XI are having mixed fortunes to date. The 2nds the higher placed of the two and also in the semi-final of the Division II K.O. competition.

We have this year erected a practice net thanks partly to grants from Chiltern District Council and Chiltern & District Sports Assn. Practice night is Friday, so if any younger members of the village are home for the holidays, or if any dads want to find out if 'the old magic' is still there, the bar is open on Friday, Saturday and most Sundays during the season; all most welcome.

Finally, I would like to thank, on behalf of the club members, the Parish Council and our Vice-Presidents for their continued help and support.

Denis Sayers, Hon Sec.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

Since the last Village Newsletter we have had confirmation from the Chiltern District Council that they will fund 75% of our expenditure on a mechanical ventilation system, up to a maximum of £18,750. This is good news for the Hall. We are now examining proposals from suppliers and deciding on the details of the final specification. We hope to place a contract soon and expect the work to be completed in the Autumn. The ventilation system will overcome existing problems that arise from the requirement to contain noise which in turn prevents the opening of any windows. We believe that this ventilation system will bring the standard of our Hall to a very high level.

On the subject of standards, we are submitting our management of the Hall to independent scrutiny! We have entered a Buckinghamshire competition for the 'Best Run Village Hall' to be judged in September. This is quite a good spur to get done a number of small items that we have always been meaning to deal with, but for which we have never quite had the time. We will report in due course how we have been rated. If anyone has any suggestions for improving the running of the Hall, they will be particularly welcome at this time. Please phone 727207 or advise any committee member.

The new committee elected or confirmed at the AGM held on 27 April is as set out below, with the appointing organisation shown to the right.

Chairman:	P M Lawrence	Coleshill Parish Council
Vice Chairman & Hon Treasurer:	D S Hall	Coleshill Drama Group
Hon Secretary:	Mrs Helen Savory	
Booking Secretary:	Mrs Jean Dover	
	Mrs Hilda Collier	Women's Institute
	Mrs Lindsey Eardley	Coleshill School Managers
	Mrs Jackie Ferguson	All Saints' Church Comm
	Mrs Sue Miles	Coleshill Tennis Club
	Mrs Mary Sadler	Maggie Club
	E W Smith	Horticultural Society
	G D Swerling	Guides

Go-op ted : NJ Sadler

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has received the following letter from The Bucks County Council:

Bucks County Council, County Hall, Aylesbury, Bucks. Tel: 0296 383205

The matter is being dealt with by Ms Patsy Wood, Tel 0296-382668 Ref:PEW/L6.12.4/1

"Storm Damage. I have recently taken a new post in the County Council which is specifically for the purpose of repairing the loss of trees caused by the storm of October 1987. The Council is now offering grants to repair storm damage on private land. Since the grants must be spent this year, I am anxious to start working on planting schemes as soon as possible, and I would be grateful if you could help to spread this information around the parish.

Woodland owners and other landowners with clumps, avenues or spinneys which suffered losses should contact me at the above address so that I can discuss their particular situation and arrange visits on site. The Council will give advice and will normally pay 50% of the cost of replacing trees."

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

The Reverend Anthony M. Priddis, The Rectory, Church Street, Amersham, Bucks
Tel: Amersham 729380

St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.15 am	Family Communion (with Creche, Sunday School and Young People's Church)
	11.30 am	Matins (with Holy Communion 1st Sunday in month)
	6.00 pm	Evensong
2nd Wednesday of each month	10.00 am	Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH. COLESHILL

Sunday Services	9.00 am	Parish Communion Family Service 2nd Sunday in month
	6.00 pm	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)

Harvest Thanksgiving: 2nd October.

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	- J. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill	725439
Hon. Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	727420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages, Coleshill	433356

Brownies	- Monday Evenings 5.30 - 7.00 p.m.	Coleshill School
Guides	- Monday Evenings 7.00 - 8.15 p.m.	Village Hall
W.I.	- 2nd Thursday of each month (except August) 2.30 pm	Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY - This now calls at Coleshill every other THURSDAY (instead of Wednesday), stopping at:

The Church	3.45 - 4.00 pm
Hill Meadow	4.00 - 4.15 pm

Next visits: JULY 28th; AUG 11th & 25th; SEP 8th & 22nd; OCT 6th & 20th.
