

The Rectory
Church Street
Amersham

July 1989

A VERY GREEN FAITH

We seem to be in the middle of an amazingly good English summer. So good is it that it is even threatening to make it difficult for us to talk about the weather: "another hot *day*", doesn't sound quite *right*! Even St Swithun's day was hot, sunny and dry!

So dry has the weather been that we are in *increasingly* urgent need of rain. We may be living in a highly technological age of enormous industrial sophistication, but we are *still*, as *ever*, dependent upon the rain, the sunshine and the soil.

It is *not*, of *course*, just the hot summer that is emphasising this theme for us all. The "green theme" has become one of which most of us are a great deal more aware than we used to be. By and large this is surely to be welcomed.

In a way it seems to me that the Church has rather let society down by not *having* ensured that "green issues" were ones that we were always conscious of. The Bible is a very "green" book. It begins with God but even in the very first verse is also talking about the earth. The agenda is thus set for everything that follows: God, people and creation. The emphasis throughout is upon the relation of the one with the other. The stories of creation clearly recognise God as the Author of all, but they also clearly recognise the role of human beings as sharing in creation and having a unique responsibility both in it and for it.

It is not just at the beginning of the Bible that we find this kind of emphasis on the whole of creation. It is there all the way through, right to the very end where there is a vision of a new creation, that is of creation perfectly fulfilled.

The Christian faith does not just speak of the salvation of people but of the salvation of all creation: everything is to be brought into right *relationship* with Him who made it. As we find this right relationship made possible in our lives by *Jesus*, so also we find in him the life of the Creator Spirit. Jesus lived in total dependence upon God the Father. That alone can provide the true and ultimate perspective for our own relationship with our environment, just as it did for him in his.

Anthony Priddis

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

John Baker. The church was full to capacity and the choir stalls were over-flowing at the combined evensong, on 2nd July to welcome John Baker to the parish as assistant curate. It was a joy to join with the congregation and choir from St Mary's for such an inspiring occasion, which was followed by refreshments in the village hall to give us the opportunity to meet and talk to him.

Church Urban Fund. Thank you to everyone who supported the contingent from All Saints' who participated on two sponsored walks along the Thames towpath from Goring on 15th July. Over £300 was raised for this appeal to support parishes in the poorest areas of our inner cities. We hope that our awareness of the needs of those living in deprived areas will be raised during C.U.F. week on 17 - 24 September.

Hymn Books. Thanks to your generosity following the last newsletter, there are now only 29 hymn books that have not been donated. Anyone who would like to help fill the gap should approach Don Urry - Tel 727420.

Young People's Worship. We are looking at the pattern of our services and the opportunities for children to worship in their own groups or by joining in the church services. Any ideas would be welcome.

all Saints' Harvest Charity. For the fifth year, we shall be supporting the tuberculosis eradication scheme at Raphael in Dehra Dun, which is run by the Ryder/Cheshire Mission. Once again it will be associated with our harvest celebrations. Do help to make it a bumper effort.

Guest Service. The next guest service will be in the morning of November 5th when we shall be celebrating All Saints - our patronal festival. More information nearer the time, but do book the date in your diary now.

Parish Picnic. On a rather grey afternoon, members from both churches met at Coleshill cricket ground for our third parish picnic. All Saints' carried off the sporting honours by winning the cricket by 3 runs and the rounders by 15 (declared!) to 4, but the important thing was the opportunity for us to meet together to get to know each other better and to have fun. The afternoon was rounded off with a short outdoor service at which the singing was accompanied by James Priddis on the trumpet.

Church Clock. It will not have escaped your notice that we no longer hear the chimes of the church clock. Unfortunately the weather has got to it, and major work is needed. This is being planned, but there will in future be only one face - and the chimes.

P.W-W.

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Next September Patsy Wright-Warren will retire from her posts of Deputy Chief Nursing Officer at the Department of Health and Director of Nursing on the NHS Management Executive.

Many congratulations to Patsy on being appointed a Commander of the British Empire (C.B.E.) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

On 3th April 1989 Richard Anthony Ingram of Clyst St Mary, Exeter, married Rachel Mary Vege of Rosewood, Coleshill.

On 20th May 1989 Paul Norman Dickinson of Woburn Green married Carol Julie Bennett of Bodgers, Coleshill.

On 1st July 1989 Alan Edward Scourfield of Llanelli, Dyfed, married Susan Elizabeth Ware of Nightingales, Coleshill.

IN MEMORIAM

23 May 1989, Hilda Collier of Romany Cottage, Village Road, Coleshill.

May 1989, Elsie Stubbings of 54 Plantation Road, Amersham.

June 1989, Elsie Winifred Saunders, of Tower View, Tower Road, Coleshill.

Hilda Collier. Hilda lived in Coleshill for many years, after moving from Winchmore Hill, and will be greatly missed by her many friends in the area. She was an active member of the Church, and was on the committee, also much involved with the School where she was a Governor, and especially the V.I. movement. Our sympathy goes to her daughter and family, and we in Coleshill mourn her passing.

CHRISTIAN AID (COLESHILL): 1989

Christian Aid week this year (May 15th - 21st) coincided with a spell of hot sunny weather and perhaps this helped to produce the record breaking house-to-house collection result of £427.75. Thanks to the collectors, and to you all for your generosity.

On Tuesday, 16th May, Miss Dollemore and the staff and children of Coleshill School had organised an interpretation of the Week's theme 'It's time to right wrongs' with songs and actions by the children. Mrs Priddis followed this with a talk which made a lasting impression on at least some of her audience. One little boy was repeating the catch phrase "We don't need more" a week later! The cake stall and teas took £25 and the Traidcraft stall made £50. Thanks to Miss Dollemore for her support and hospitality.

Sadly, we had to transfer the chosen date for our Sponsored Limited Overs Cricket match and Barbecue to the following week, due to Curzon School's ball in our Hall on 19th May.

Although we had a poor evening as regards weather on 25th May, the support was anything but poor, and the result of £491.91 to date (books not yet closed!) is the most we have ever made. If any, one has not yet handed in their sponsorship money, I would be glad to receive it as soon as possible. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Cricket Club committee for the loan of pavilion and grounds and their personal interest and support, and to all the helpers, especially Mr and Mrs Pearce and Mr and Mrs Plumridge for the excellent HOT food - much needed!

R.A.L.T.

COLESHILL C of E FIRST SCHOOL

In April a successful Whist Drive was held in school, resulting in a profit of £47.50 for school funds. Also in April staff and children went by coach to Cogges Farm, Witney, Oxon, together with Jordans, Lee Common and Fulmer Schools. On the afternoon of April 28th, the children, with adults, collected two sackfuls of litter from the verges round the village for County Council Litterblitz Week.

We held Christian Aid activities during the afternoon of 16th May, the children singing in costume, Mrs Priddis giving a talk and refreshments being served by the Christian Aid Committee.

Children took part in a Country Dance display at the Church Fete on 10th June, and also on Jordans Village Green on 26th June, with Jordans, Dropmore and Hyde, Heath Schools. Our School Concert was on 3rd July, based on a Circus theme, and was well attended. On 7th July we visited Lower Bottom House Farm, Chalfont St Giles, where the children fed the calves and watched the milking.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FETE - 10th JUNE 1989

We were fortunate to have excellent weather for this year's Church Fete. The day was warm but not too hot and this meant that numbers attending were up on last year. The Fete Committee (David McCammon, Don Urry, Helen Spencer, Dumpy Swerling, Nick Sadler, and, of course, Anthony Priddis) wanted to make the outside attractions more varied and enjoyable for our visitors. To achieve this we introduced the, archery and air pistol stalls - both of which were very well supported.

In the marquee all our traditional stalls - Tombola, Raffle(s), Household, Greenfingers, Toys, Sweets, Cakes, Books, Preserves, etc - made their normal excellent contribution to the day and this year a "nearly new clothes" stall was successfully re-introduced.

The tea tent did a roaring trade and coped brilliantly under very difficult circumstances. Equally successful were the children's sports which included a Tug-of-War. The Coleshill School dancing was very well received as were our usual outside attractions, Coconuts, Bowling, Frisbee, Bouncey Castle, Pony rides and the Guides and Brownies.

The Church Fete is a very important day in our Village calendar and the Committee sends its sincere thanks to the 800 or so villagers who helped this year, and - equally important - to the others who came along on the day.

	£		£
Gate	151.00	Bran Tub	15.00
Tombola	333.42	Coconuts	54.60
Tombola (Children)	62.54	Bowling	34.80
Raffle	191.50	Ices	26.58
Fruit Raffle	47.75	Hot Dogs	13.60
Household	219.26	Frisbee/Aerobie	81.80
Clothes	91.32	Pony Rides	31.35
Greenfingers	111.90	Bouncey Castle	64.30
Toys	36.83	Pistol Shooting	32.60
Sweets	100.00	Electric Puzzle	17.52
Cakes	50.60	Archery	44.50
Teas	112.50	Guides	4.40
Books	123.60	Brownies	5.60
Preserves	75.80		
		TOTAL IN 1989	£.2134.67
		(1988 total was £1752.58)	

VILLAGE MEGAPHONE

A hand-held megaphone has been purchased for the village as a result of donations made during the village tennis tournament which was held on Sunday 11th June. The megaphone may be used free of charge at village events. It may also be hired for £5.00 per day for non-village events. (Contact: David McCammon - Tel. 726126)

The village Tennis Tournament involved 70 players and was won by Duggie Morton (visiting player) and Helen Spencer.

MAGPIE CLUB

The following activities will be taking place during the summer holidays:

Tuesday, 25th July, 2.00 pm. . Walk to Brentford Grange Farm. Meet at Village Hall.
Bring picnic tea. Jean Dover - Am 724831

Thursday, 3rd August, 12 mid-day. Walk at River Chess. Meet at Village Hall
and bring picnic lunch. Madeleine Murray - Am 723561

Wednesday, 9th August, 3 - 5 pm. Cycle Gymkhana for 7-11 year olds, at Friars Vane.
Please bring Picnic tea and bicycle. Rosemary Valentine - 725794

Games & picnic on common for 0-7 year olds. Bring picnic tea.
Madeleine Murray - 728561

Tuesday, 15th August, 12 - 2 pm. Teddy bears' picnic at Friars Vane for 0-8 year
olds. Please bring Picnic lunch and teddy bear! Rosemary Valentine - 725794

Tennis at Forge House, 3 year olds and upwards. Please bring picnic lunch
and tennis things. Sharon Hall - 725231

Thursday, 24th August. Day trip to Bournemouth. For further information, phone
Dumpy Swerling - 726414

Wednesday, 30th August, 2.30 - 5 pm. Treasure Hunt on common. Please bring
picnic tea. Jean Dover - 724331 or Madeleine Murray - 728561

Monday, 4th September, 3 - 5 pm. 3ar-b-cue a rounders at cricket field. Please
bring 50p for food. Jean Dover - 724831.

All children under the age of 8 should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

ALL SAINTS' MAGPIES

During September, we are also beginning a new Friday evening group for children of any age. We will probably meet between 5 & 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month during term time.

Among the activities we are planning will be singing, music, stories, prayers, craft activities, games, acting and quizzes. At each session we hope to divide the children into different age groups for their own activities.

I would very much like to hear from anyone who feels they might be able to help, even occasionally.

Rosemary Valentine - Am 725794

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

Having started the year with intrigue and espionage in our production of Hugh Whitmore's "Pack of Lies", the Drama Group has been 'resting' through this glorious spring and summer and has only just started stirring again. Correction! Whilst the rest of us have been content with an occasional play-reading or Acting Game evening, our new Chairman and director, Teddy Joseph, has been sifting through about thirty plays trying to find something to please you. He thinks he's found the answer in "Quartermaine's Terms" which we shall start rehearsing after the summer holidays.

We are also considering a revue-type evening and are delighted to welcome some new members, so look out for some fresh faces in future productions.

If you see, or know, a play you enjoy and think it would be suitable for us to stage, do let us know and we will continue to try to please and entertain you.

L.H.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

At the beginning of term we went on an outing with all the other Brownies in the District to the Cotswold Wildlife Park at Burford. The weather was sunny and warm and we all had a lovely, interesting and enjoyable time.

He helped run a side show at the Church Fete. As the weather had been so good this term we have been able to hold most of our meetings outside. We held a Scavenger Hunt in the buttercup meadow and held Brownie Sports in the Valentine's beautifully mowed field. The District Brownie Revels were held in Amersham, where the theme was the "Circus". Clowns and trapeze artists seemed to be the most popular dress.

We have four new recruits this term - three of whom are called Natalie! With another Brownie also with the same name, old Brown Owl is finding it a bit confusing! However, Natalie Love, Natalie Christian and Natalie Galloway have all now been enrolled and our latest recruit, Charmaine Seeley, will be enrolled at the beginning of next term. Natalie Love, Suzy Bond and Rosalind Pool all passed their swimmer's badge this term.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Sarah McNeilly and Rosalind Pool at the end of term. They have both been very responsible and helpful sixers and we will miss them a lot, but wish them good luck at Guides.

When Mary Tilson left the area two years ago I took over as caretaker Brown Owl until someone else came along. I'm sure there must be some younger person "lurking in the wings". Do please contact me if you would like to find out more about our Brownies.

Brown Owl (Amersham 726414)

1st COLESHILL GUIDES

We have 12 guides now in our company. During the year of 1989 we have welcomed and enrolled two new guides, Sarah and Caroline.

Our activities during the winter months included running a party for the Deaf School at Penn. This is an annual event where we entertain, and, where possible, communicate through the deaf and dumb language with the guides from Penn. Also during winter/spring, Kingfisher Patrol hosted a supernatural theme evening. The patrol did some research and read some stories about the supernatural, including local tales. They also performed a dance to "Thriller". Refreshments were from a revolting menu designed by Liz Eardley, the patrol leader of Kingfisher. We were expecting return hospitality from Blue Tits to an "American 50's" party but are still waiting.

During the summer evenings we have done as much of our activities as possible on the common. This has included tracking and laying trails, cooking on the camp fire, and different ball games. We also helped at the Colleshill Fete in a modest way with a stall manned by the guides featuring face paints. We hope to finish the term with a French party where we will dress up with a French theme, cook crepe suzettes, each patrol will perform an entertainment with a French theme, However, there will not be any guillotines!

Finally, we regret that Lynn Coe, our helper and her daughter may well be moving from the village during the summer holidays. We will miss them both. If anyone is interested in helping at guides on Monday evenings, 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm, please call Kay Hughes on Amersham 433419. We would also like a mother of a young child to become our tester for the Child Care badge. Neither appointment is onerous and both are fun.

K.H.

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The WI has had a busy and successful three months since the last report. Members were particularly pleased that their entry of "Curly Locks" in the Cockery, Craft and Flower Arranging event won the Chess WI Group Competition, and will now represent that Group at the County Show in September.

Amc: cur outings we spent a very enjoyable evening at Chicheley Hall, four members went to Mentmore Towers to see a very well presented exhibition of lace and needlework, followed by an involuntary tour of North Bucks looking for a cup of tea. The day at Syon House was well attended, the Craft Group particularly enjoyed the very varied exhibition of patchwork, though there was much else there of general interest.

In May the Institute lost a devoted member, Mrs Hilda Collier. She was Secretary for three years and President seven times. She is sadly missed. As a memorial to her, a tray, carafe and glass for visiting speakers has been chosen.

In the continuing fine weather, the countryside has been enjoyed by parties walking on Ccombe Hill, followed by visits to Great and Little Kimble churches, and a guided walk at Pitstoe to see Orchids and the interesting variety of re-growth which has occurred since the site was first worked in 1945 - a living historical and ecological lesson.

The President, Miss Ann Trotman, has urged all WI members whenever possible to support the Village Shop, an institution fast disappearing in these days of personal transport and large supermarkets. It is to be hoped the Village Shop Competition will highlight the important role they play in rural communities.

Our two latest speakers, Mrs Bradbury and Mr Dollemore, spoke on "Windsor Castle and Town" and "Wood Carving" respectively. Mrs Bradbury illustrated her talk with excellent slides and Mr Dollemore, who specialises in carving scale models of traditional buildings, had some delightful examples of his craft to show.

The Institute has had a good summer, both with the weather and the enthusiastic support it enjoys, and all members are now looking forward to the celebration of its 40th birthday in July. Visitors and new members are always welcome. We meet on the second Thursday of each month (except August) at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On the 14th April at our Spring meeting, Tony Lowe gave an interesting and erudite talk on the National Collection of Garden Plants, including examples of Lost and Endangered Plants.

On 28th May, 35 members enjoyed the marvellous weather and the delights of the RHS gardens at Wisley.

More recently our AGM was held. There have been some changes in our committee. We have been particularly sorry to lose George Plumridge, Doreen Wheldon and Jill Pusey who have done so much for the Society.

The big date of the year is of course SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER, the Annual Show, which will be opened by Mrs Julie Burton. We shall be bringing round the Show Schedules to every household in early August. We hope, nay expect, that everyone whether expert or beginner will put in their entries and enjoy the Show.

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

The tennis club is still in existence! The last thing we wanted after we received permission for three tennis courts was to have a rift in the village, and in the light of this it has been decided to postpone any further developments for the time being.

We look forward to your support when the situation has eventually been resolved.

ST FRANCIS HOSPICE

There are many supporters of the St Francis Hospice in our village, but there may be some who would be interested in a walk from one church to another, to be given a cup of Tea and more literature about the wonderful work done there. It is on October 1st and is non-sponsored. It is hoped to give an awareness of the 24 hour service given by the Home Care team and a celebration of the life of the Hospice and a greeting to their patron St Francis. More details will be on the parish board and in the weekly parish calendar.

Joan Allan (Am 721859)

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

After a successful season last year, C.C.C. are struggling this year. Both Saturday XI's are near the bottom of their respective divisions and we are out of the Village K.O. competition.

Our poor start to the season was largely due to losing six of our players, mainly due to work relocation. As most of them were first eleven players, their departure left quite a gap in our playing strength. However we have managed to attract a number of new players of varying standard and are hopeful of continuing the recent improvement.

To end on an optimistic note, we have currently more young village members playing than for quite some time. A good omen we hope.

Denis Sayers. Hon Sec.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The AGM was held in April covering the year to 31 March, and was well attended. No major issues were raised. The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of only £1, reflecting a reduction in the use of the hall compared with earlier years. The Balance Sheet reflected a sound financial position.

The usual annual planning meeting was held in May, which allows village organisations to make priority bookings for the next booking period which runs to 30 September 1990. We have had to make a modest increase in charges commencing from 1 October 1989.

P.M.L.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council was greatly exercised, during the period covered by this newsletter, over the proposal to site tennis courts on what is known as the Cricket Meadow, off Tower Road. The Council is in favour of Coleshill having a modest tennis facility, and as owners of the land would have been the Tennis Club's landlords. However, a number of residents were dismayed by the scale of what was proposed, and the Cricket Club in particular had a number of legitimate worries. Attempting to hold the ring between these vehemently opposed parties occupied much time and attention. The project has now been shelved while alternative sites are explored.

Speeding traffic and heavy lorries were another cause for concern. Unfortunately efforts to collect evidence that might have prompted the Highway Authority to take action foundered for lack of volunteers to do the collecting. Residents may be interested to know that Parish Councils are not empowered to erect traffic signs, and any attempt on our part to do so would actually be illegal.

Over-enthusiastic clearance of undergrowth on the west side of the Common was halted, before - it is hoped - too much damage had been done to nesting habitat. A second litter-blitz was undertaken. Members of the Council themselves cleared allotted sectors of road-side verge, and again many sackfuls were collected.

The Council continues to be vigilant in the matter of footpaths, and would be grateful for information about obstructions.

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 -
 6.00 pm Evensong 1st Sunday in month only
 Family Service: 9.00 am 2nd Sunday in month

October 1st : Harvest Thanksgiving 9.00 am Parish Communion
6.00 pm Evensong

Harvest Supper: Friday October 6th.

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Pro-Wardens	- Mrs D Swerling, Trentford Grange Farm, Coleshill	726414
	- 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 pm Coleshill School
Guides - Monday Evenings 7.00 - 8.15 pm Village Hall
W.I. - 2nd Thursday of each month (except August) 2.30 Village Hall
MOBILE LIBRARY - This calls at Coleshill every other THURSDAY, stopping at:

The Church 3,45 - 4.00 pm
Hill Meadow 4.00 - 4.15 pm

Next visits: JULY 27th; AUG 10th & 24th; SEP 7th & 21st; OCT 5th & 19th;
NOV 2nd, 16th & 30th,