

July 1992

Before the Reverend John Baker left, he wrote the following message:

THE GIFT OF WORDS

As I reach the end of three years of living and working in Amersham I am very glad to have been given the chance to choose some parting words.

It feels important to choose carefully and weigh each word. Yet for much of our lives words tumble out so readily and casually, we can easily forget their power.

The power of words to be so positive and life giving or a power of great destructiveness that leaves all around us broken and wounded.

I recall many conversations over these three years.

One of the great privileges and responsibilities of a clergy life is to hear people speak of their most deep, private and, sometimes, painful truths.

And yet I have also been aware of how words can be used as a defence against others - God and everyone else - to keep them at a distance. A cold politeness or a social skill can prevent any real meeting.

When taking a marriage it feels that the most profound and joyful exchange of words is being witnessed.

While on other occasions when maybe listening to someone in full grief, words of regret are heard of things that have been said or of the words that can never now be spoken.

To "Speak My Truth" is perhaps one of the great opportunities of life.

To learn to communicate clearly and sensitively one of the challenges for all our relationships.

God longs to hear us speak to Him the truth that is within us. I am convinced that what God really wants is our honesty.

Words expressing our doubts and reservations, even words telling Him of our anger at the injustices and pain of life are worth more than a confession of faith that is not sincerely meant.

For only through honesty when I speak my Truth can a genuine meeting take place.

God has much that He longs to say to us in return. The title of Jesus Christ as God's Living Word is rich and profound.

He can communicate to us the truth that is within God. The word He would supremely give to us is the word of LOVE.

JOHN BAKER

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services

The family services on the second Sundays of May and June were well supported, and the children read the lessons and their own prayers. It was good to see so many children involved.

Harvest Festival Services will be on Sunday 4th October, 9.00 am and 6 pm. and the Harvest Supper on Friday 9th October. The Harvest Charity date has yet to be decided. but an evening session in the Church is under consideration.

Youth Group

The Youth Group has held meetings at Easter and half-term involving activities such as play reading and swimming, and an open evening will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 17th July, for which invitations will be sent to all those of 10 years and upward, and their parents. to get their opinions - input for planning and management for the future, with a view to an October date for the launch of the group on a regular basis.

Churchyard

The clearance of spoil heaps from the south west corner of the churchyard is completed and hurdles have been erected to contain the compost heaps which will keep them under control. Clearance of a tree and shrub have taken place, and further work is planned to improve the appearance of the south wall, and take out an old yew stump. The expenses of these projects have been partly met from the legacy of Judy McLean and the Church Committee hope that it will fulfil her wish to beautify the churchyard. A donation of £200, received from Mrs Elizabeth Walsh, in memory of her sisters, Sybil and Peg Boston, has been used to supply a new seat, now awaiting a plaque which will be attached to the back naming Sybil and Peg.

John Baker

We wish John Baker every happiness in his new church. The love and respect in which he has come to be held were evident at the farewell gathering on Sunday, 7th June.

R.A.L.T.

CHRISTIAN AID

The full result of our fund raising for 1992 is as follows:

Concert on April 4th	£570.20
Raffle	86.00
School event	16.00
House to house collection	478.75

Total	£1,150.95
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The Traidcraft stall at the school made a further £72.35.

Thanks to all for this wonderful result, and to Miss Dollemore and her stall for hosting another very enjoyable afternoon, and the children for entertaining us with games from third world countries.

R.A.L.T.

HOLY BAPTISM

- On 3rd May 1992. JOSHUA ADAM, son of Nicholas and Sarah Lee Robinson of Wallers Oak, Coleshill.
- On 31st May 1992 JAMES DOUGLAS, son of Colin and Joanne Brown of Westrip, Barracks Hill, Coleshill.
- On 31st May 1992 ALEXANDER HUGH, son of Adrian and Susan Caddy of Foxmead, Magpie Lane, Coleshill.

IN MEMORIAM

- May 1992 Ella Mary Wingrove of Tower Road, Coleshill.
- May 1992 Gerry Scot Low of Meadowcot Lane, Coleshill.
- May 1992 Miles Boyer of Lands Farm, Coleshill.
- June 1992 Florence Muriel Sigsworth of Hill Meadow, Coleshill.

COLESHILL CHURCH FETE

Once again hundreds of people, young and old alike, from the village and further afield came to the Cricket Ground to buy bargains in the marquee, try their luck on the outside attractions and have refreshments.

I am glad to say that the Fete is as popular as ever, with gross takings up slightly on last year at £2870, including a generous private donation and sponsorship from two local companies, - all thanks to the efforts of numerous helpers.

N.J.S.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

The children enjoyed the Morris dancing at the Red Lion, which we were kindly invited to see.

As our contribution to Christian Aid Week, we performed four games from Africa and India, followed by a talk by the Reverend John Baker and a video about an Indian village. A Traidcraft stall was held for the adult visitors.

Mrs Pauline Griffiths and her friends (and one relative!) forming the Owlswick Wind Quintet, gave a delightful concert in school which was very much enjoyed by all who attended, and raised £133.40 for the School Fund. The children performed country dancing at the Church Fete, in glorious weather.

Our School Fete, Sports and Barbecue is on Saturday 18th JULY at 10.30 am to which everyone is cordially invited. Tickets for the Barbecue can be obtained from Mrs Madeleine Murray, Amersham 728561 or Mrs Sue Miles - 721717.

School will close for the Summer holidays on Wednesday 22nd July with a service in the Church at 11 am. Everyone welcome.

WHAT CAN COLESHILL DO TO HELP ITSELF

The Joint Group representing the Church Committee and the Parish Council has been very heartened by the response to the questionnaire that was distributed in April and grateful to the 105 households who responded. This has produced useful information which will be acted upon and, above all, has given us a long list of volunteers who are prepared to join working parties or provide assistance to individuals who have asked for it.

Transport

18 people who do not drive said that they sometimes or often need lifts and 42 people said that they would be ready to help. But all this needs organising. PLEASE would anyone volunteer to organise such a scheme? We need someone who is normally readily available, who has a telephone, and who has the organising ability to match potential supply and demand - and who would get pleasure from helping less mobile villagers. Would anyone interested contact the secretary to the Joint Group (Patsy - 433356). Only 1 person said they used the Dial-a-Ride and 39 had never heard of it. The co-ordinator is Mrs P. Wilkinson, tel: 778400. There is also Dial-a-Genie Social Car Scheme, tel: 776176; Chiltern Volunteer Bureau, tel: 776156 and the Voluntary Hospital Car Service, tel: 782820/785249. All make a small charge.

Environment

Use of the Common and footpaths and caring for them raised particular interest. This will be considered by the Parish Council and its Common Management Committee. All volunteers can rest assured that they will be contacted when the real work begins, as will those who wish to help keep the village litter free! As 38 people volunteered to 'adopt' a part of the Churchyard, each plot will be smaller than previously and we should be able to keep it in good condition, as it deserves. Does the fact that 71 people have no problems with waste disposal mean that we are a very environmentally conscious village? The 14 people who do have problems may like to know that in the Amersham-on-the-Hill carpark there are glass and can banks, in the Tescocar park, glass banks and at the London Road dump there are facilities for disposing of batteries, cardboard, CFC recovery, engine oil, glass, hardcore, paper, scrap metal, textiles and woodchipping! These are all provided by Chiltern District Council which is even now considering increasing the facilities. Similar facilities are provided by the South Bucks District in Beaconsfield with banks in the car parks and further facilities in Candlesmas Lane.

Other Issues

We were delighted that 97 people signed up to a self-imposed 30mph speed limit within the village. Our perception is that there are now more people driving at modest speeds and we sincerely hope that it is catching! Those who suggested the need for a Youth Club will be pleased to know that a group from the church is already well on with planning this. All those who made suggestions about a playground will be approached to get their views before we go to the District Council for their advice and consider it in the Parish Council. Likewise those who expressed a need for help around the house, in the garden or more social contact will be approached individually to see what can be done. And it is not too late if your circumstances change and you feel you need some assistance, approach someone from the Church or the Parish Council who will point you in the right direction.

The police have already been contacted about what is involved in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and the Parish Council will be considering this. We also have a list of names of those prepared to help in any emergency. This is partly a question of good neighbourliness, but may need some co-ordination in due course. Lastly, it is encouraging that 80% felt that they get adequate information about what is going on in Colehill. To the 15 who do not, I hope that you now feel better informed and, if not, here is an open invitation to let us know what you think you are missing out on and how you think the gap could be filled.

So, as you can see, all your replies have been scrutinised and action is planned. It will take a little time but we will keep you posted on progress. Thank you all very much for your help and co-operation.

P.W-W.

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

The Joint Group from the Church Committee and the Parish Council has, as already reported, been giving thought to how best to welcome newcomers to the village and encourage those who wish to, to get involved in village activities.

As a new venture we are holding a 'Pop In' in the school from 10.30 - 12 noon on Saturday, 19th September. All village organisations have been asked to send a representative who can talk about their activities, and invitations will be extended to newcomers to the village or those wishing to get more involved in village activities. If this is a success, we propose to hold another one in the spring.

P.W-W.

COLESHILL W.I.

With the General Election badly timed for the very day the Institute was due to meet in April, the venue was changed from the Hall (being used as a Polling Station) to the quiet comfort of the Pavilion - by kind consent of Colleshill Cricket Club. The speaker that day was, Mr Ripp who gave an illustrated talk on Liechtenstein.

A trip to the National Theatre was a great success. The party arrived in time to have lunch and a stroll by the river in perfect weather, before seeing an enchanting production of 'Pygmalion'.

In May, Resolutions came around once again. This year, the new V.C.O. Stephanie Whitehead, came to the meeting and gave a very clear summary of those under discussion: the proper disposal of fallen stock; the patenting of life forms and Endometriosis.

Some members attended the Annual Council Meeting. There were progress reports dealing with all aspects of W.I. activities, and presentations were made, including the gavel and block awarded to our winning Public Speaking team. Colin Dexter enlivened the evening by talking about his "Inventions" - Inspector Morse and Sergeant Lewis.

The six members of the Craft Section were pleased to have raised nearly £700 for the Amersham Hospital Hydrotherapy Pool Appeal by raffling the Group Quilt they made last year. They were even more pleased when they heard that the winning ticket belonged to Hazel Pearce.

All efforts are now directed to the W.I. Garden Party on July 25th. Colleshill will be helping other Institutes in the Chess Group as part of the Bucks Federation of W.Is which is hosting the party in the grounds of Penn House, by kind permission of the Earl and Countess Howe.

It should be a good day, with plenty of activities for all age groups, so please lend your support.

J.P.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group is resting! They will be holding their barbecue at Sharon and David Hall's - members have been advised of this.

MAGPIE CLUB SUMMER 1992

All children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday 29 July 9.45am

Lighthouse 1992 Fun day out at Great Missenden, organised art, craft, games and music etc. Meet at the village hall at 9.45am prompt with a picnic lunch. Children 5-11 years. Pre-booking required.

Sue Colacicco 722068

Thursday 30 July 2-4pm

Swimming at Friars Vane. ALL children accompanied by an adult.

Rosemary Valentine 725794

Monday 3 August 10am

Stanborough Splash Land (open air) meet at village hall at 10am prompt. Bring lunch, bucket and spade, swimming things, and some money. All children accompanied by an adult. Phone if you need transport. Adults £2.50, Children, 5-15 years £1.20, 3-5 £0.60, under 3 free.

Sue Robertson 721758 or Madeleine Murray 728561

Thursday 6 August 2-4pm

Swimming at Stonelea. ALL children accompanied by an adult.

Nicky Miles 721724

Thursday 13 August 12-2pm

Cycle Gymkhana in the paddock at Friars Vane. Bring a picnic lunch and cycle. Only children aged 5 and over.

Rosemary Valentine 725794

Teddy Bears Picnic at Grove Mill. Bring Teddy, outdoor toy if wished and picnic lunch. Children 0-5 years.

Pat Dawson 433036

Tuesday 18 August 2-4pm

Swimming at Stonelea. ALL children accompanied by an adult.

Nicky Miles 721724

Friday 21 August 2.30-4.30pm

Tennis and Badminton at Forge House. Bring picnic tea. Children aged 8 and over.

Jane McNeilly 726736

Fun and Games at Hillcrest. Bring picnic tea. Children aged 0-7 years.

Margaret Butler 727519

Monday 24 August 2-4.30pm

Quick Cricket at the cricket field. Bring Picnic tea. Children 5 and over.

Sue Miles 721717

Thursday 27 August 8am at Village Hall

Day Trip to Bournemouth. Ring for further details (evening only).

Dumpy Swerling 02407 3931

ALL SAINTS MAGPIE CLUB

After our end of term party on Friday 17 July, we shall have a break for the summer holidays. The autumn term will begin on Friday 18 September, 5-6pm, in the village school.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Spring meeting 'An evening with Bill Giles, T.V. Weatherman' was very well attended and we heard a marvellously entertaining talk from Mr Giles.

At the time of writing this note (27th June) we are looking forward to our outing on Sunday 5th July to the R.H.S. gardens at Wisley and very much hoping that the weather has not peaked too soon, although veterans of our trips know that even the soggy ones can be fun.

Now comes the boost for our main event:

THE ANNUAL SHOW ON SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 1992

The schedule of classes and entry forms will be delivered to every home in early August. The outstanding range of classes really does give everyone - young or older - professional or beginner - an opportunity to take part in this traditional village show. There are even more cups to compete for, as you will see in the schedule, and even more satisfaction to be gained by just entering a class or two.

Everyone living in Coleshill is entitled to take part - there is no other qualification or subscription - just a modest fee for class entered.

So whether you grow flowers, vegetables, fruit or houseplants - arrange flowers - cook or bake - have a hobby or handicraft - make wine - keep hens - draw or paint - Please do have a go. As Kitchener once said (or was it Ewart Smith) Your Show Needs You.

J.S.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

At a well attended AGM held on April 30th the Chairman reported that bookings had not increased greatly on the previous year and that, meanwhile, new safety regulations on food hygiene, electrical installations and fire precautions had necessitated the purchase of a new refrigerator and expenditure on electrical updating. Faced with this outlay the Treasurer, David Hall, was pleased to report that income and expenditure were in balance but advised that, for the first time in many years, there had been no surplus funds to transfer to the maintenance reserve.

The meeting was also the occasion of the retirement of Peter Lawrence, Chairman and Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee for 10 years. The President, Denis Hall, making a presentation on behalf of the Committee, thanked Peter for his untiring efforts in promoting the efficient running of the hall. At the subsequent election of officers Graham Swerling was nominated and elected to the post of Chairman, a decision warmly welcomed and supported by the Committee.

On May 14th a planning meeting was held to allow village organisations the opportunity to 'pre-book' the hall for the next booking period, October 1992 to October 1993. In June the new rates for this period were set and a copy is attached for the information and use of village residents.

OCTOBER 24th is, however, our red-letter day - the TENTH ANNIVERSARY PARTY! The Committee invite all village residents to participate in the celebration and are organising a programme which they hope will appeal to all ages:

4.00 to 6.00 pm - a tea party
6.00 to 7.00 pm - sherry/wine
7.30 to 11.00 pm - a disco and supper

To cover costs there will be a charge of £2 per person for the disco.

Further information regarding these events, transportation for elderly residents and sale of tickets for the disco will be delivered to every household in September.

We'll hope to see you at the PARTY on OCTOBER 24th!

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

SCALE OF HIRING CHARGES

Effective 1 October 1992

CATEGORY	ACCOMMODATION	HOURLY RATE
Residents Standard	Large Hall	£6.50
	Small Hall	£3.00
	Both Halls	£9.50
Residents Premium	Large Hall	£7.00
	Small Hall	£3.50
	Both Halls	£10.50
Non-Residents Standard	Large Hall	£10.00
	Small Hall	£3.50
	Both Halls	£13.50
Non-Residents Premium	Large Hall	£11.50
	Small Hall	£4.00
	Both Halls	£15.50

Premium rates applicable to weddings and Friday from 6.00 **pm**, Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays all day.

Minimum letting period is 3 hours.

Booking fee £3.00.

Bookings Secretary: Mrs Ann Lawrence, Hampton House, 2 Chase Close, Coleshill.

Telephone 0494 727207

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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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 Service (with Sunday School & Creche)

 11.45 am Matins
 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 4th:

Harvest Thanksgiving: 9.00 am Parish Communion
 6.00 pm Evensong

Harvest Supper: Friday, October 9th

Pro-Wardens	- J. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill	725439
	- Mrs D Swerling, Hobbs Hole Cottage	
	Bottom House Farm Lane, Chalfont St Giles	02407 3931
Hon. Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	727420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss A Trotman, Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane	433545

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

MOBILE LIBRARY This is in Coleshill every Wednesday morning
9.35 - 9.50 am. stopping alternately at
Village Hall and Village Way.
Details on noticeboard outside Church.

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

A PUBLIC MEETING was held on 26th May, 1992 to discuss the proposals from the Coleshill Tennis Club for tennis courts on the Cricket Field.

Present: Mr Curling in the chair, Mr Barber, Mrs Burton, Mrs Dover, Mr Hall, Mr Wright and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Bungey.

46 members of the public attended.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

In opening the meeting, the chairman said that the Parish Council had promised to hold a public meeting before taking a decision as to whether it should grant a lease to the tennis club so that they could provide tennis courts on the Cricket Field. He stated the purpose of the meeting as being:

- to enable people to hear what the latest proposals were;
- to give everyone the opportunity to express their opinions;
- to allow members of the Parish Council to hear all points of view before taking a decision.

He stressed that no decision and no referendum would be taken at the meeting.

He described briefly the current proposals for two courts in the north east corner of the ground which resulted from discussions between the Parish Council and the Tennis Club, the Little Abbey Bowmen and the Chiltern District Council. He urged that discussion should be on the basis of these latest plans and not on the history of the affair.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

18 people spoke during the discussion. The main points raised were as follows:

- the land given by Jack Adams in 1983 was intended for recreation and sporting purposes including tennis;
- the environment was all important; any reduction in the area of grass or any enclosed area would be detrimental; landscaping of the area would be important;
- planning permission for the previous scheme had been twice rejected by the Chiltern District Council but granted on appeal to the Department of the Environment; permission for the new proposals had not yet been sought but officers were aware of them and had raised no objections; access through Rushmead had received the approval of the Environmental Services Committee;
- given the number of private courts in the village the need for a tennis club was challenged; the Parish Council should consider one court, to be publicly owned and managed in the sports field behind the school; the original request for 3 courts arose from that being the minimum for a Sports' Council grant, which would no longer be available; matches could be played on 2 courts
- the response to the Parish Council's request for views on the previous 2 court proposal, a summary of which had been printed in the latest newsletter, showed 89 signatures in favour and 24 against; this did not take account of previous surveys;
- consultations with the Parish Council had varied with different groups and individuals according to their requests and the circumstances; the Council and its members had always been open to approach;
- the Coleshill Cricket Club had no objections to the present proposals;
- the Little Abbey Bowmen had seen an alternative site offered by Mr and Mrs Heimann which was acceptable to them if they had to leave the Cricket Field but they would prefer to stay if another spot could be found for them; an early decision was desirable, and necessary in applying for a grant;

- 75% of the committee of the Tennis Club would be residents of the village; half a day each week would be reserved for residents who were not members to play;
- any lease should indicate that there would be no floodlights, no transistor radios and no play before 8am, all points accepted by the Tennis Club;
- a fund would be raised so that, if the Club ceased to exist, the ground would be restored to its original condition;
- no expense would devolve onto the Parish Council;
- in taking its decision, the Parish Council should act fairly to all parties and consider what is in the best interests of the village, not on planning grounds; it is highly desirable that there should be a sporting facility for the young people in their own village; in due course the Cricket and the Tennis Clubs might merge to form a Sports Club.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending the meeting and said that the Parish Council would consider seriously all the points made before coming to a decision. He hoped that it would then receive the support of all, whatever their current views, so that it would not cause divisions in the village.

The Chairman was thanked for calling and chairing the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

DISTRICT WARD BOUNDARIES - Draft Scheme

At the meeting on 10th March, Mrs Burton reported on the proposed changes in the ward boundaries of the Chiltern District Council. The draft scheme has just been produced and the Parish Council is invited to submit its observations before 19th June. Mrs Burton will be raising the subject under the heading "Reports from Councillors".

Attached are extracts of the Report as it affects Colehill. From these it will be seen that, not only is it proposed to alter the ward boundary, but also to enlarge Colehill Parish by including a further 87 population from Amersham Road, Mop End, Woodrow, Cherry Lane and Whielden Gate, who at present are within the area of Amersham Town Council.

Councillors will wish to express their views at the meeting, so that they can be sent on to the District Council before the due date.