

YOU CAN'T BE NEUTRAL!

The world has once more been horrified by news of further atrocities that have been perpetrated in Bosnia. There still seems to be no end in sight and no clear way out of the entrenched positions, hostilities and inhumanities. What shame on our humanity! How helpless it makes us all feel, and how pained.

The fall of the designated "safe areas" around Srebrenica and Zepa has revealed how hollow the promises of the United Nations have been and how impossible their position has been to maintain. Some are suggesting that this may have come about partly as a result of devious political and military manoeuvring of which we presently know very little, but even if that should prove to be the case, the main reason must surely be that the UN has had an ill thought out policy. It has made claims which it has not been prepared or able to support in any active way.

Vastly complicated though the position is both presently and historically in the former Yugoslavia, what has been made very clear is that you can not be neutral. - This is not to say that one must, therefore, be fully allied to one group or another. Right rarely resides entirely with one side in any conflict, and certainly not in this case. But to seek to be neutral is tantamount to condoning aggression and the horrors of the war machine.

However much we try to assist with the aid that war torn Bosnia needs, we also must seek to learn lessons as they are appropriate to our situation. It is every bit as true for us that we can not be neutral. We have to stand for what we believe to be true and right. To turn a blind eye, to regard issues as nothing to do with us, to pass by on the other side is no way of responding. "All that is needed for evil to flourish is for good people to do nothing."

Making the right assessments of a situation is never easy, - but making no assessment is worse. We have to struggle to perceive where truth and right are - present, or, at least, more present. We can not assume in our own society that these values will continue unless the struggle to uphold them is entered into by everyone of us. We are continually faced with choices. We have to be committed to choosing what is right and good and true and honourable and loving and just. How we make these choices in little issues, day by day, shapes who we become and how our society is. The choices at times demand sacrifices, but then, that too is part of the way of God.

Anthony Piddis.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services

Five special services were held during June and July. On Sunday May 14th the Little Cottage School planned the service, and on June 11th it was the Brownies' turn to contribute. On Sunday June 25th a "commissioning" service was arranged to confirm the work of all those taking responsibility in the life of the church, whatever their particular contribution might be.

The evening service on July 2nd was one of dedication of the beautiful new stained glass window donated by the Curling family in memory of David and Roseanna. Facing the door on the North wall, its clear colours and simple design enhance the atmosphere for those entering the church. Roseanna's brother and sister read the lessons in a very moving service, attended by many of the family, and friends.

July 9th was the turn of children from Coleshill School to plan and take part in the service, helped by Miss Dollemore, who is retiring from her post as Head of School this term. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers at the end of the service as a mark of the Church's appreciation of her wonderful leadership in the school for so many years.

Pastoral Care

A group of 16 have met under the leadership of Mrs Ann Faulkner to explore their responsibilities with regard to pastoral care, and decide how best these might be met in practical terms.

Future Events

"OUR PLACE IN CREATION". A follow-up Workshop developing some of the themes introduced at the Forum in February, will be held on SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER from 9.30 to 12.30 in Coleshill First School. If you would like further information please let Ann Trotman know on 433545, and some background notes on the group discussion topics will be sent to you. These will include Creation Centred Spirituality; relationships with the Third World Countries (pollution, trade, debt, population control, genetic engineering) local response to the United Nations recommendations to the Earth Summit (Local Agenda 21).

Autumn Retreat

We are planning a Parish Retreat this coming Autumn. This will be the first such retreat that we have organised and it follows on from the Quiet days that have taken place during the last few years. The intention of the retreat is that people may have some space with some quiet but also with some input of some thoughts and opportunity of worship. The dates will be from Friday evening 15th September to Sunday afternoon 17th September and we have booked places with the Nuns at Clewer Nr Windsor. Further details are available on the form at the back of the Church. One of the Clergy will be very happy to explain more of what is involved.

The Churchyard.

Work has been carried out to maintain the Churchyard, which is looking particularly attractive: now that areas have been set aside for wildflowers which will only be occasionally mown. This gives a country churchyard atmosphere, with much more variety and interest than a close mown sward, and wild flowers like ox eye daisies, bluebells and cowslips will continue to be introduced to increase the diversity.

R.A.L.T.

HOLY BAPTISM

On 28th May 1995, THOMAS CAMERON HUGH, son of Nicholas and Christine Philbedge of Winchmore Hill.

On 18th June 1995, JOHNATHAN CALLUM, son of David and Carol Lauder-Ross of Village Road, Coleshill.

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 3rd June 1995, Richard John Hiscocks of Croydon married Helen Margaret Wicks of Coleshill.

IN MEMORIAM

May 1995, Charles John Gibbon How of Village Road, Coleshill

June 1995, Freddie Krebbs of Village Road, Coleshill

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ALL SAINTS' HARVEST CHARITY

You are in for another enjoyable evening if you come to the Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Friday, 22nd September. First of all you will get supper (again provided by Mary Sadler, so you know it will be a good one!) There will be a licensed bar and, after supper we shall have an Auction of Promises. What do you have to do to be a part of this highly desirable and enjoyable party?

1. You need to buy a ticket (at the astonishingly low price of- £6.50, "which includes supper, available from 1st September"); -- "
2. You have to come along on 22nd with the wallets and cheque books;
3. In order to have something to bid for, you may feel moved to offer a promise. firm promises so far received range from baby sitting to a batch of home made fudge; from a load of manure to a neck and shoulder massage (probably needed after you have spread the manure!); from a lift to and from Heathrow to an original painting by Kathy Priddis.

Offer of promises to: - and tickets available from: -

Patsy (433356) Rosemary (725794) Mary (726277) Ann (433545)

Last year we sent enough money to Raphael to treat and cure 60 people suffering from tuberculosis. Let's try and make it 70 this year, shall we?

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CHURCHYARD =====

There is a need for more villagers to adopt and look after a small area of the churchyard. This could be a bank, border, path, or perhaps a few graves. The work of keeping it tidy could be done at any time to suit yourself.

if you could help, please" contact one of the names below

David George

Dick Ware

Chris Wege

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

Our Summer Fete was held on 24th June and, despite the appalling weather, we took even more money this year than last year and made a profit of £735. Our very grateful thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who has been sending us their Tesco vouchers - as always your support is much appreciated.

As part of VE Day celebrations in May we displayed memorabilia, including 'rationed food in wartime', made by the children, at the exhibition in the Village Hall.

Other events this term include a visit to Odds Farm of Rare Breed Animals and a visit to the X-Ray department of Amersham Hospital. We also had a very interesting visit from Mr. Peter Hall, a pupil at the school from 1919 to 1921 now living in New Zealand, who gave a fascinating talk, with lots of visual aids, about New Zealand. The children, once again, put on a country dancing performance at the Church Fête this year and also took part in the annual country dancing event at Jordans school. A new venture this term was weekly swimming lessons at Chiltern Pools, which the children have all enjoyed.

At the end of this term Miss Sylvia Dollemore, Headteacher, will be retiring after thirty years at the school. The staff extend their heartfelt thanks to Miss Dollemore for her dedicated service to the school over the years and wish her every happiness in her retirement. Miss Dollemore is to be replaced by Mrs. Louise Stallwood, at present a teacher at New Town First School in Chesham, and a sincere and warm welcome is extended to her.

Leonard Barker, Headmaster of Coleshill School 1961 to 1973, died in February. Coleshill School at that time was a primary school, for children aged 5 - 11 years. From 1973 to 1978 he was Headmaster of Hyde Heath School, after which he retired to Newmarket, where he lived until his death. He was a member of the Amersham and Chesham Bois Choral Society and a keen badminton player.

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CHRISTIAN AID

I would like to thank all those who supported this charity either by donations, attending the village school or joining in at the Quiz Night.

In total we raised £840, which is slightly less than last year, but still very admirable.

C.G.

MAGPIE CLUB - SUMMER 1995

All children must be accompanied by an adult except at Lighthouse '95.

*Swimming : Please bring arm bands for all non-swimmers. An adult must be responsible for each child.
The pool may be unheated.

Daily 24-28 July 10.30am - 3.15pm

Lighthouse '95. Christian holiday week at Great Missenden.
Children 5-11 years. Lots of fun, games, craft, music etc. Take a picnic lunch.
Pre-booking required. Free

Michelle Denyer 724696

Tuesday 1 August 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Swimming* at Stonelea

Nikki Miles 721724

Eleanor Stillwell 721610

Wednesday 2 August 11.30am

Picnic at Barn Meadow, Old Amersham.
Meet at Village Hall at 11.30am.
Bring picnic lunch, bikes, ride on toys, fishing nets, footballs, cricket bats, skipping ropes, tennis rackets etc. Small stream and small children's playground.

Carol Rhodes 431758

Jane Stainer 725671

Monday 7 August 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Picnic and games on Coleshill Common.
Bring a picnic tea, footballs, skipping ropes, cricket bats, tennis rackets etc.

Lynne Woodgate 728224

Friday 11 August 11.00am

Visit to Bekonscot Model Village.
Meet at Coleshill Village Hall at 11.00am. Bring a picnic lunch and entrance fee.

Sue Robertson 721758

Carol Rhodes 431758

Tuesday 15 August 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Swimming* at Stonelea

Nikki Miles 721724

Margaret Butler 727519

Thursday 17 August 12.00 - 2.00pm

1. Cycle gymkhana in the paddock at Friars Vane.
Bring a picnic lunch and cycle. Children aged 5 and over.
2. For the younger children.
Farm picnic at Upper Bottom House Farm.
Meet at Village Hall at 11.50am. Bring a picnic lunch. A pony ride may be available.

Rosemary Valentine 725794

Lesley Swerling 872492

Tuesday 22 August 11.30am

Walk to Magpie Pub for pub lunch and use of play equipment.
Meet at Village Hall at 11.30am.

Kim Hilton 432465

Thursday 24 August 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Swimming* at Stonelea

Nikki Miles 721724

Lynne Woodgate 728224

Wednesday 30 August 3.00pm - 5.00pm

1. Teddy Bears Picnic at Coleshill Lodge. Bring picnic tea and teddy bear.
2. For the older children.
Roller Skating at Chalfont Leisure Centre.
Entrance price plus boot hire. (size 1 minimum) phone beforehand to confirm.

Toni McGuinness 727763

Madeleine Murray. 728561

Friday 1 September

A visit to a museum in London, travelling by train.
Times and destination to be confirmed at a later date.
Rail fares, entrance fees, cost of lunch.

Madeleine Murray 728561

Sue Robertson 721758

Friday 29 September 10.00 - 12.00

Coffee morning/Bring & Buy at Coleshill Village Hall

Margaret Butler 727519

VILLAGE FETE

We were fortunate to have a dry if cold day on 10th June, and despite competition from the Rugby World Cup, Test Match cricket, the Derby and various other local fetes, lots of people came along and enjoyed themselves.

•A net sum of £1502 was raised for church funds after deducting expenses, of which the insurance at nearly £1,000 is by far the largest cost.

Some 50 people or so are involved in helping to organise and run the fete and thanks are due to all of them.

Donald Urry is retiring as treasurer after serving for many years and a special note of thanks is due to him.

Mary Sadler joined the Committee this year, and I am very pleased that Ian McCallum has agreed to join in 1996.

N.J.S.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Great news! This year the Annual Show is being held on Saturday, September 2nd.

The schedule for the show together with entry form will soon be delivered to every house in the village. It costs a modest 20p per class to enter and there are classes for every interest - well almost - : flowers, vegetables, flower arranging, crafts, baking, preserving, wine making, and new this year Photography; and of course classes for children of all ages. So please enter and enjoy the Show. Many prizes and cups to win and its fun.

For more information, contact: Ewart Smith; Helen Hitchen; Lindsey Haubner; Heather Hollamby; Kezia de Winne; Dick Ware; Howard Green; Kate Barber or John Savory.

J.S.

N.S.P.C.C.

We were very delighted with the result of our recent cookery demonstration by Thane Prince where we raised over £1,000. Thanks to everyone who supported us.

We shall be having our annual coffee morning and sale of Christmas 'goodies' on THURSDAY OCTOBER 19th, and this year it will be held at Bowers Farm with the kind permission of Mr and Mrs David Codling.

Our house to house collection will be during the first fortnight of October as usual.

S.H.

N.O.S. Cheese & Wine Party 29th June

We would like to thank everybody who supported us raising funds for the National Osteoporosis Society. We have been able to send £578 to the Society and this is entirely due to the wonderful support we were given - by the 100 who came on the evening, by donations and by Ginny and Geoffrey Jordan, who very generously gave so many plants for us to sell.

We were blessed with a wonderful summer's evening and everybody was in a party mood.

A very big Thankyou to everybody.

Mary Sadler & Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter

COLESHILL W.I.

The Institute and Bucks Federation between them have offered a variety of entertainment in which members have been keen to participate.

A talk on "Unmentionables" and a Craft Day at which an 'Heirloom for the Future' was chosen were both very much appreciated. Nature walks with Ann Trotman and tea in a beautiful garden in Long Crendon were blessed by fine weather, and provided opportunities for friendly get-togethers.

May heralds Resolutions, this year concerning the introduction of Identity Cards and more comprehensive Food Labelling. Both were carried at the Intermediate General Meeting in Blackpool.

This year, May also heralded V.E. Day, and a fine exhibition of Wartime Memorabilia was mounted in the village hall by Lindsey Haubner. Members made their contributions, and some also presided over the 'Canteen' teas.

The fund-raising luncheon in June was a great success, and thanks must be extended to those who produced it, and the nearly one hundred very generous guests who attended.

Group activities to come are the Garden Party in August, again at 'Old Wells' thanks to Joan Adamson, and the Autumn Meeting, which will be hosted by Coleshill W.I. Speakers have covered subjects as divergent as Extra Sensory Perception, the History and Farming of Coffee, glimpses into the past of a Bucks village and a talk on Badger watching.

Looking ahead, preparations are being made for entertaining our friends from St Saviours on their annual August visit to the institute, and in September the County is organising a big Fundraising Car Boot Sale, when it is hoped members will contribute all those things they hope someone else will find a use for.

J.P.

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB-

Coleshill Tennis Club has had an excellent take up of membership for its first full year and, as a result, we have been able to erect a new chalet style clubhouse.

The Tuesday and Thursday Club nights; have been well supported.

Jason Collins, the club coach, is still offering a free coaching service on Friday evenings for juniors, and is running a coaching school every Saturday morning also for Juniors for a cost of £2 per session. It is not too late to join these and all future hopeful Wimbledon champions should take advantage of the extremely competitive rates. It may be too late for winning a Wimbledon title, but the women on Monday mornings are also benefiting from Jason's coaching.

The team has been doing well in the Aylesbury League where we have tried to get as many interested players as possible participating.

The annual Coleshill Tournament was enjoyed by everyone who entered and was well attended despite the poor weather. The winners were Susie Turner and David George after an extremely tight match against Helen Spencer and Kevin Sears.

We are planning to run a Junior tournament with a barbecue this summer so watch the notice board.

D.G.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTION: A NEWCOMERS' PARTY IS BEING ARRANGED FOR SEPTEMBER 14th
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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

The Revd Dr William Brierley Tel: Amersham 433198

St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.15 am	Family Service (Creche, Sunday School)
	11.45 am	Matins
	6.00 pm	Evensong

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services:	9.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.00 pm	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)

Pro-Wardens	- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottage	433356
	- N. Sadler, Clivia, Coleshill	762277
Hon. Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	- 727420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss A. Trotman, Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane	433545

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

The Mobile Library calls in Coleshill every Wednesday morning: 9.35 - 9.50 am
stopping alternately at Village Hall and Village Way

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PLEASE NOTE:

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER: The next issue of the newsletter will be in December,
when the Christmas Greetings are included.

A reminder will be put on the noticeboard, and the
cost will be £1 per entry.

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

At the Local Government elections on 4th May, the same seven Parish Councillors were returned to serve for another four years - presumably a vote of confidence in their performance over the last four. The Annual Parish Meeting and the first Council meeting were held on 16th May. Julie Burton was again elected chairman and David Hall, vice chairman. Councillors accepted the following special responsibilities:

Planning - Richard Valentine

Open Spaces - Tony Barber

Richard Valentine (Chairman of Common Management Committee)

Footpaths - Jean Dover

Peter Lawrence

Village Hall Management Committee - Julie Burton

Children's Play Area - Jean Dover

School Governor - Gillian Bungey

Adult Education - Gillian Bungey

Highways - Peter Lawrence

Association of Local Councils - Julie Burton

COLESHILL COMMON

The Management Committee is now planning the programme of work for the autumn and winter. We shall once again start the season with a walk round the Common led by Ann Trotman on Saturday, **23rd September at 2.30pm**. Work will then start on revisiting the sites where we have already done some clearance for maintenance including tidying up around the pond on the Common after it has been dredged and the willow stumps removed. Apart from widening some more paths and completing the ditching and the work at the lower end of Barrack Hill, it is not proposed to start in any new areas this season. Dates for the working sessions will be as follows:

October 1st, 14th and 29th

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November 11th and 26th

December 9th

January 7th and 20th

February 4th and 17th

Any changes will be posted on the village noticeboards. -

Work will be taking place on both sides of the Common. Many new people joined us for the work last year. They and those who have worked with us in previous years, and new people who wish to join will be very welcome. We cannot do the work unless we have the people, so do please give it serious thought. What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning? Ask your neighbour who is a "regular". They will tell you what fun it is!

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Sadly, inspite of our best efforts, we did not get to the final this year. When the final judging is over, I shall try to find out what it was that let us down, so that we can do better next year and WIN IT. (Incidentally, have you noticed our two new litter bins by the telephone and the bus stop? Do you approve? Will they encourage people not to distribute their litter? Do we need them elsewhere?)

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The Parish Council is on the point of taking over ownership of the children's play area in Hill Meadow. The whole area has been upgraded and suitable surface put down under the swings and seesaw. This is a big step for the Council to take, but we feel that it is right and that we shall have the support of all children, parents and grandparents in keeping it safe (and hopefully free of dog mess!) so that it is a joy and a pleasure to use it.

END OF WW II

The village events of May 7th and 8th, to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe and the Far East, were generally considered to have been a great success. The newly restored War Memorial, for which 50% of the cost was met by donations, has been greatly admired and was the focus of the special church service on the Sunday evening.

That afternoon and on the Monday, the exhibition in the Village Hall must have attracted about 200 visitors, who not only came to look but stayed to have a thorough examination of the papers, photographs and other memorabilia which people had taken great efforts to produce and display.

On Monday evening it was on to the street party by the pond in Village Road which had been closed to traffic. From mid afternoon the children had been enjoying swings and roundabouts and a fancy dress competition and later they were entertained by Punch and Judy - an old favourite but; still with compelling appeal to judge from the children's faces. By this time it was getting chilly, but there was a warm spirit and plenty of good cheer from the barbecue and other refreshments, solid and liquid, all backed by forties music. The charges for the barbecue and the donations were enough to cover the expenses for the whole event. The climax of the evening came as the sun went down and the beacon was lit in the Valentines' field, reflecting into the still water of the pond. From such a high vantage point, it may well have been appreciated far beyond the bounds of Coleshill.

These two days showed Coleshill at its best with the whole village working together and making a big effort to ensure that everyone had a good and interesting time. So many people were involved that it would be invidious to name individuals, but all the events, under the guidance of the Parish Council, were co-ordinated by Lindsey Haubner with her usual energy and enthusiasm. Thanks Lindsey!

There were lots of people around with cameras and camcorders. We are! arranging to see the results after the Harvest Lunch on October 1st so if you were one of those people, do please get in touch with me so that we can decide how to make the most of our efforts for the benefit of all, and especially those who were not there.

V-Patsy W-W
Clerk-
(433356)