

The Rector's Letter

June 1968

My Dear Friends,

Whitsuntide is the birthday of the Church and we ought to celebrate it wholeheartedly. Certainly, first of all, by making our Communion on Whitsunday (this year June 2nd) and if that is not possible, by attending some service that day at Colleshill or the Parish Church. Colleshill services on Whitsunday will be:

9 a.m. Family Communion 10 a.m. Sunday School 6 p.m. Evensong

This always seems to me a great turning point in the year. We have followed the life and work of Our Lord for six months. Now full of the gift of the Holy Spirit we try to imitate that life. The second six months of the Church's year - no great highlights and festivals now, just the daily round, the common task done well.

The next meeting of All Saints' Committee will be on Tuesday, June - 11th at 8p.m. preceded by a School Managers' meeting at 7p.m.

You will not, of course, forget the Garden Fete on Saturday, June 8th.

The Reverend Ronald Arthur Thomson, M.A. (Cantab) has accepted my invitation to be Curate of Amersham with special responsibility for Colleshill and will begin his duties on Whitsunday.

Mr. Thomson is in his middle thirties and for the last five years has been a Chaplain in the Royal Air Force. He is married and has a family of two boys aged 9 and 7 and twin girls aged 3. I am sure you will all give Mr. Thomson and his family a very warm welcome and help them all you can in his new job and new home.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

The Church will be decorated for Whitsun on the afternoon of Friday May 31st commencing at 2p.m., when the help of as many volunteers as possible will be appreciated. Flowers etc. should be brought to the Church that morning if possible.

Sunday June 16 Mrs. Grindley
23 Miss Boston

Sunday June 30 Mrs. Rupert

MARY STUART'S PRAYER

The following beautiful prayer, which was used at the memorial service to the late Miss Howard, is reproduced at the request of members of the congregation:

Keep us, O God, from all pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off all self seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face without self pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement, and always generous.

Let us take time for all things, and make us to grow calm, serene and gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realise that it is the little things of life that create differences, that in the big things of life, we are as one.

And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind. Amen.

A copy of this prayer was found among Miss Howard's papers, Marking the page in the Apocrypha at Chapter 5, Wisdom of Solomon, which was read at the service. It is believed to have been written by Mary, Queen of Scots.

Mr. and Mrs. Gales Howard take the opportunity to express their very sincere thanks for the great kindness and sympathy they have received and for the beautiful flowers which were sent to the memorial service. Their thanks are specially due to the organist and choir who helped to make the service so memorable.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Wycliffe Taylor

By the death of Mrs. Wycliffe Taylor on May 13th at the age of 98, Coleshill has lost not only its oldest inhabitant but also a very generous friend. Though illhealth necessitated her leaving Coleshill about a year ago, up to that time she was a well known figure in the village as she went for her daily walk, come wind, come weather.

She was a devoted member of All Saints Church and a most regular attendant at its services. She was also a Manager of the School and its correspondent for many years. In countless ways she was a benefactor of both Church and village and her death has removed from us a most intrepid figure - the last remaining link with a generation that has

pa The funeral took place on Friday, May 17th, with cremation at Friston and interment in her husband's grave there.

CHURCH FETE

As you know, the Church Fete will be held this year on Saturday, June 8th at Little Bowers, Magpie Lane, Colehill, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs. Raymond Pusey and will be opened at 2.30p.m. by Mrs. Elkerton. Admission 1/-. Children 6d.

The object of the Fete is to raise funds to pay for costly repairs to the vestry roof and the Committee appeals for donations, which should be sent to Mr. Creber, for gifts in kind, which should be sent to stallholders and organisers of the tombolas and raffles, and for cakes for the teas, which should be sent to the Mothers Union.

The Committee hopes for a large attendance on the day and extends advance thanks to the helpers, the provisional list being as under.

A marquee is being hired for the day and the firm concerned say that they will do their best to put it up on the Friday. If they cannot do so, they say they will erect it early on Saturday morning, and helpers are asked to keep in touch with events and act accordingly.

STALLS

HOUSEHOLD: The Misses Boston, Mrs. Grindley

NEEDLEWORK: Miss Williams, Mrs. Aldridge and helpers

CAKES AND PRODUCE: Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Courage, Mrs. Grayer

CHILDREN: Mrs. Nicholls

ICE CREAM: Mrs. Ruperti and helpers

GREEN FINGERS: Miss Malyan, Mr & Mrs S. Clifton

COMPETITIONS

FORTUNE TELLING: Madame Zenobia COCONUT SHIES: Mr. N.N. Nicholls

SKITTLES: Mr. D. Ruperti, Mr. R. Stubbings

MYSTERY PERSONALITY: Mrs. Browne.

TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE

TOMBOLA: Mr & Mrs Gow, Mr & Mrs Kunzer, Mr & Mrs Young, Miss Asher

RAFFLE: Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Woolacott

CHURCH KNEELER DISPLAY: Mrs. Long-Brown

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

TEAS: by the good offices of the Mothers Union

CHILDREN'S CORNER: Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Williams

SMASHING CROCKERY: Mr Smith, Mr Williams. PUBLIC ADDRESS: Mr R. Woolacott

GATE: Mr J. Ware, Mr. Gibbon How.

HOOPLA: Mr. Steven Rann

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE: Mrs. Ovington.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FANCY DRESS PARADE. 1st prize £1.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

At the well-attended A.G.M. of the Residents' Association on 2nd May, the Chairman, Mr. S. Clifton, announced with regret that at the last minute Mr. Christopher Hall had been prevented from attending and speaking about the work of the Chiltern Society, of which he is honorary secretary.

In his report, Mr. Clifton said that the Committee, which had met six times during the year, had studied plans submitted to the Rural Council which concerned Coleshill and had considered them with a view to preserving the general character of the village.

The Committee had asked the Bucks C.C. to prohibit very heavy lorries coming through the village except on legitimate business but had had no success, and had registered a protest against what they considered to be a waste of ratepayers' money when one foot was added to the Beaconsfield/Amersham road from White Hill to the Magpies.

They had also protested to Mr. Ronald Bell, our M.P. about the additional burden falling on Bucks ratepayers as a result of the amalgamation of the police forces of Bucks and neighbouring counties. Mr. Bell had promised to air the views of the Committee when the matter is raised in the House.

Mr. Clifton referred to the proposed switching station at Mop End. A public enquiry had been held but the Minister had not yet given his decision. He has, however, asked the C.E.G.B. to have a closer look.

It was pleasing to know that the Bucks C.C. was preparing overall development plans for certain villages although as yet Coleshill was not one of the selected villages. Again Coleshill had been graded the Best Kept Village in its class and it was hoped that the high standard would be maintained.

Mr. Clifton concluded by referring to the recently published clarification about the legal position of the Common; registration under the 1965 Act was superfluous as it was subject to a scheme under the Commons Act 1899.

In this connection a member referred to a report that further work on the Common was contemplated to consolidate that already carried out and asked that the Association should make representation that the Common should not be developed in such a manner that it would attract undesirables and a congestion of motor cars,

Mr. Clifton said that this was a matter for the Parish Council and Mr. Curling said that such a situation was scarcely likely to arise as the Parish Council had only a limited amount of money with which to keep the Common in good order and make it available for children.

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RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (contd.)

The officers and Committee were re-elected and tributes were paid, in particular to the work carried out by Mr. Clifton as Chairman, Mrs. Stevens as a most energetic hon. secretary, Mr. H. Grindley as hon. treasurer and Mr. Ware who had helped so much in keeping the village and the surroundings of the pond tidy.

(It is hoped to publish a summary of the Bye-laws affecting the Common, approved by the Minsiter, in an early number of the Newsletter.
Ed)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on May 3rd, the hon. secretary, Mr. Rann, presented a draft set of rules which, after discussion, were adopted. In brief, the rules prescribe that the objects shall be to encourage and promote interest in all branches of horticulture and to hold annual shows at the discretion of the Committee. Membership shall be open to any adult resident of Coleshill and the payment of an entrance fee to any show shall constitute a membership subscription; alternatively, the subscription shall be 1/-. Donations in sponsorship of the show shall be deemed as subscriptions if the donors so wish.

Management shall be vested in the executive officers (Chairman, hon. secretary and hon. treasurer) and an executive committee of not less than five elected members (with power to co-opt), all of whom shall retire at each A.G.M. and be eligible for re-election.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Mr. E.H. Grindley, Chairman, Mr. J. Cossey; Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Rann; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E.A. Post, and it was agreed to hold the annual show this year on Saturday, 14th September. It was also agreed to apply for affiliation to the Royal Horticultural Society.

Members present took the opportunity of tendering their congratulations to the Officers and Committee upon the success which they made of the 1967 show. It was no easy task to follow Mr. Jerran, who had dedicated so many years to the task. After that, the Officers and Committee had given much time and thought to the constitution of the Society, resulting in the rules adopted that day and a vote of thanks was passed to them with very great enthusiasm.

WEDDING

At All Saints Church on Saturday, May 18th, Mary Elizabeth Grayer, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Grayer of Coleshill to Richard Adrian Stickley, elder son of Mrs Stickley of Salisbury.

NEW ARRIVAL

On April 28th, at Hong Kong, to Mr & Mrs Richard Dennis (née Diana Charrington) a son, James Anthony John.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Mr. G.T. Creber upon being elected to Schoolmaster Fellow-Commonship at Emmanuel College, Cambridge (Easter Term 1969)

MUSICAL SUCCESSES

It gives much pleasure to record the following successes in the Examinations of the Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music in April:
Marian Antosiewicz - Grade 2, Violin
Michael Griffiths - Grade 5, bassoon, with Merit.

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Coleshill Parish Council will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, June 17th at 8.15p.m. Residents will be welcome to attend and although they cannot take part in discussions, they can submit questions after the meeting. Advance notice should be given to Mr. S. Ware.

THE LATE FRED ALDRIDGE

The beauty of the flowering trees planted by the late Fred Aldridge in Coleshill reminds us of one of the village's best known gardeners, who passed to his rest early this year.

The rock garden at Rushyhead was far famed for its loveliness and on his retirement he brought the same love of perfection to his own garden. The beauty he has left is a fitting memorial to him.

RUBBISH

It was reported at a meeting of the Amersham R.D.C. that recent publicity has resulted in a marked increase in the requests for the removal of bulky refuse. Much use has also been made of the facility of depositing refuse and old cars at the London Road Depot.

In the first 4 weeks of the present financial year 29 old cars have been dealt with, compared with a total of 103 in the whole of the previous 12 months, and 124 requests for special collections have been made in the same period compared with 384 in the previous 12 months.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs May 23 Ascension Day
Thurs May 30 U.S.P.G.Rally, Royal Albert Hall, 8p.n.
Sun June 2 WHITSUNDAY
Thurs 6 Mobile Library Van - Coleshill .
Sat 8 CHURCH FETE
Tues 11 Sisterhood, Open meeting arranged by Mrs E. Chambers
School Managers meeting 7p.m.
All Saints Committee meeting 8p.m.
Thurs 13 W.I. Miss Mary Burchell
Fri 14 County Music Festival, Holmer Green C.S.School.1.30 - 3.30
Monday 17 Parish Council meeting 8.15p.m.
Wed 19 Mothers Union, Chenies. Overseas meeting
Thurs 20 Mothers Union Garden Party, Mrs Collier, Orchard House,
Winchmore Hill. Bring and Buy Stall
Mobile Library Van - Coleshill
Tues 25 Sisterhood. Mr. Illing - Dr. Barnado's Hones
Wed 26 Founder's Day, Dr. Challoner's Grammar School
Sun Sept 1 Cricket Match. Coleshill C.C. v. The Ladies
Sat Sept 14 Coleshill Horticultural Society 23rd Annual Show.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

Every Sunday
9.00a.m. Parish Communion
10.00a.m. Sunday School
On Whitsunday, June 2nd and
June 23rd (not on June 9th)
6.00p.m. Evensong

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, AMERSHAM

8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.00a.m. Children's Church
11.00a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Holy Communion (New Service)
2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins
6.00p.m. Evensong.

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