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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Opinions seem to vary on the merits of separating the Bank Holiday from Whitsunday. Some think it will allow people more time to concentrate on this great Christian Festival and enable them to worship in their own Parish Churches unaffected by the holiday. Others think that by the separation many people will not even know when Whitsunday is.

In either case, as Christians we have a duty, not only to know when Whit Sunday is but to make quite sure that we worship in our own Church on that day and give thanks for the Coming of the Holy Spirit, knowing that we have the Spirit and Power of God with us at all times.

For the record, and to recall the facts upon which you will all know that Whit Sunday is the feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the 50th day after Easter. It really ranks, after Easter, as the Second Festival of the Church.

The liturgical colour of the Feast is red. In most of the Western Churches the Sundays between Whit Sunday and Advent are reckoned "Sundays after Pentecost" and not "after Trinity" as in the Church of England, although the suggested new Calendar would fall in with the general practice and "Trinity" would not be included.

I wish for all a happy holiday and welcome to the joys and worship of Pentecost.

Yours sincerely,

• Allan Campbell
• Rector

PRAYER BOOKS

The Church Committee appeals to parishioners to bring their own prayer and hymn books to Church, not only on the occasion of Festivals but every Sunday, and so become well acquainted with your own book.

CONDOLENCES

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey on the death of her only daughter, Mrs. Patricia Smith, on the 27th April after a long illness bravely borne.

OBITUARY

It is with very deep regret that the death is recorded on Thursday, 23rd May 1974, of Miss Marian Baxter, who, for many years, was a staunch supporter of our Church and of our village.

PARISH COUNCIL A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, 25th March, when the Council was gratified to see a good number of parishioners present. The Chairman gave an account of matters which had exercised the Council during the previous twelve months, and mentioned the fact that the Parish Room had been repainted inside and outside, and two power points had been installed so that further heating could be provided. If the Parish Room were put to greater use than at present, the Council would at some time in the future have a fan heater fitted.

During the Open. Session, when the public were invited to ask questions, several points were raised including the footpaths on the Common. These were in a very bad state, which may have been caused by horses being ridden along the paths and in wet weather the paths became unusable by pedestrians. After a long discussion, during which several suggestions were put forward, it was decided to set up a Sub-Committee at the next Parish Council Meeting to deal with this problem. . People were asked to make it known that there were no bridle paths on the Common, and therefore horses and riders should not be using the paths.

The Chairman said that the Parish Council exists to help the residents of Coleshill, and welcomed any suggestions or criticisms there might be, or any requests for assistance.

In terms of planning applications, we do not take an entirely negative view. All applications are reviewed by the Council and we naturally try to take a constructive attitude, bearing in mind the character of the Village. The Parish Council feels that it is in everybody's interest to try and maintain the unique rural character of Coleshill.

E.S.

THE NEW PUBLIC SERVICES

The following information is extracted from the New Buckinghamshire Newspaper, which can be obtained from the Public Libraries or at the Entrance Hall, Elmodsham House, Amersham.

The Offices of the Chief Executive, Treasurer, Chief Technical Officer and Chief Planning Officer are all located at 42 High Street, Amersham. Tel. Am 4433.

At the Council Offices, the Broadway, Chesham (Tel, Chesham 2622) are to be found the offices of the Chief Public Health Officer and Chief Housing Officer.

All Council and Committee Meetings are now open to the public and are held in Amersham. Planning Committee Meetings start at 6 p.m. Other Committees at 6.30 p.m. Council Meetings start at 7.30 p.m.

The Registrar's Office is now at The Council Offices, Beaconsfield, but there is a sub-office at 146 Station Road, Amersham-on-the-Hill which is open all week-days except on Saturdays when the time of opening is from 9 - 10 a.m. - no weddings.

E.S.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Residents' Association on 1st May, the Chairman, Mr S.C. Clifton, welcomed the splendid number of people present and also the two new members of the Committee, Mrs. Heimann of Hertfordshire House and Mr. Plumridge of Highfield, The Bit. He also thanked Mrs. Stevens for her hard work and industry and congratulated her upon being elected as our representative on the Chiltern District Council.

The Chairman during his report read letters to and from the District Valuer regarding the new valuations in the Village. Many people had appealed against their high assessments, and were now waiting to know the date of the hearings.

Correspondence was also read from Earl Howe and the County Surveyor regarding the gypsy problem.

We also heard about the changes that had taken place in local Government and an explanation was given of the new Council's responsibilities.

The Chairman said how delighted we all were to have won the Most Tidy Village Competition last year and thought it was a pity that the event had to be dropped for the time being.

The financial state of the Association was very healthy and this report was adopted.

•At the end of these reports, the Chairman, Officers and Committee were all re-elected.

This completed the business for the evening, and the Chairman threw the meeting open to the public. Many questions were asked about the gypsy problem, and the Chairman said that until the required number of sites were provided by the County Council, there was little we could do to lessen the nuisance, but if people felt strongly about this subject, they should write to Earl Howe, who is the County Councillor for this area. The Association would continue to press the County Council to provide the necessary sites.

A question was asked about the separate charge for sewerage which had appeared in the Rate Demand f'r the first time. It was explained that this had always been a charge on the Rates, but because there is now a new Thames Water Authority, who are responsible for the sewerage, the charge has to appear as a separate item. It was suggested that people should not pay this rate, but the Chairman pointed out that everyone has to pay their part of the rates, including education, the police, highways, sewerage etc. We cannot opt out on one particular item.

It was a very good meeting and at the end Mr. Adams proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman and Officers which was enthusiastically adopted.

. E.S.

VILLAGE HALL A.G.M. - A New Chairman

. A well attended Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall was held on Tuesday, 23rd April 1974 when Mrs. T. Browne, Hon. Secretary, in the course of her annual report, said that unfortunately during the year the Committee had lost three members, two upon moving from the village, Mrs. Morrison and the Rev. Mr. Love, and a co-opted member, Mr. Farmer, who had resigned owing to pressure of other business. One new member had been appointed, Mrs. Richardson, representing the Brownies and Mr. Hall was appointed vice-chairman. Mr. Cave had resigned as a Trustee and it was hoped that his place would be filled by Mr. Rupert.

. A number of repairs had been carried out, steps with a handrail had been fitted to the stage, and, on the advice of the Fire Service, a switch had been added to the battery system providing emergency lighting to the exit notices. Many odd jobs had been done by our good friend, Mr. Dennis Harris, - all very necessary, attention to cisterns, etc.

A sub-committee had been formed to consider the idea of lining the roof with the idea of conserving the heat.

. A profit of some £51 was realized from the Jumble Sale held in September and we are grateful to Mr. Rann for taking the "best remains" to the East End Settlement where we heard they were greatly appreciated. Unfortunately the Whist Drive, provisionally arranged for December, was cancelled owing to the petrol crisis at the time. The Drama Group presented a most enjoyable entertainment in December and generously donated £25 from the proceeds. We also thank them for having painted the surrounds to the stage.

The Hall was used for all sorts of functions, receptions, dances and the like and was in regular use by Yoga, Girl Guides and Brownies. We are grateful to Mrs. Harris for her faithful attention to bookings, making sure that she gets in the cash, which is what we are after.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Ovington has expressed the view that she does not wish her name to be put forward for Chairman for the coming year, but we must all appreciate what she has done and I for one know that she will be hovering around like a Guardian Angel over the Village Hall.

From the chair, Mrs. Ovington thanked Mrs. Browne for her excellent report, and, indeed, for her splendid service during the year. Mrs. Ovington said she had been supported by a most wonderful Committee. Time did not permit her to mention them all by name but she would like to mention Mr. Clifton, the Hon. Treasurer, who was such a wizard at figures. In a recent appeal Mrs. Ovington had asked for volunteers to help with the surrounds outside the Hall and she thanked the Weedon family for their kind offer.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Clifton, then submitted a most satisfactory financial statement, and Mrs. Brown read a notice nominating the people to represent local organisations on the Management Committee. Other serving members were then re-elected en bloc, together with Mrs. Parkes and Mrs. Valentine.

Upon the suggestion of Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Clifton eloquently proposed a most cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Ovington for her most excellent services which was adopted with enthusiasm.

VILLAGE HALL (Contd)

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee the following were elected or re-elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman	Mr. D. Hall
Vice-Chairman	Mr. R.J. Woolacott
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. T. Browne
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. S.A. Clifton
Hon. Auditor	Mr. R. Stubbings

It was also agreed to hold the next Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 18th June, and to hold the Jumble Sale on Friday, 27th September.

RECITAL

We must be grateful to the Coleshill Village Drama Group for their contribution towards Christian Aid Week this year when on the evening of May 17th it presented its second recital in All Saints' Church.

The recital consisted of a unique and highly enjoyable programme shared between two excellent exponents of the spoken word and the classical guitar.

Miss Betty Mulcahy has a beautiful and perfectly produced voice and her selection of poetry and prose gave full scope to her talent.

Mr. Timothy Walker was, I thought, particularly lively and tuneful in his rendering of his own delightful composition "African Light Suite" and in "Three American Pieces" in which he produced great depth and tone.

Miss Wright-Warren thanked the performers for the pleasure they had given us and a collection was taken at the end of the programme, 80% of which will be sent to the Christian Aid Fund.

E.P-P.

In spite of many difficulties, not of their own making, the Drama Group put up a fine show when they presented excerpts from "The Hollow Crown" in the finals of the Bucks Federation of W.I's Drama Festival at Aylesbury on the 18th, and congratulations are extended to them upon being awarded a first class certificate.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Our first meeting this term was held at Cherry Tree Farm where Miss Anna Deane-Drummond gave us a carefully thought out talk on stable management. She showed us round their stables, and told us how to groom and feed horses and how to care for tack. Afterwards Mrs. Deane-Drummond regaled us with drinks and biscuits.

Two recruits have joined us, Joanna Swerling, Kingfishers, and Davina Curling, Snowdrops.

Jane Swerling, Guides, and Joanna Swerling, Brownies, represented us at the presentation of the Stoke Mandeville Hostel kitchen equipment. We were given a delicious tea, watched some indoor paraplegic games and ended up by being photographed by the press.

On May 13th, Mrs* Lodge, Commandant, Lmersham Red Cross, tested and passed Eileen and Julia Davis, Amanda Rees, Beryl Smith, Susan Ware and Rachel Wege for Home Nurse badge.

By the time this is printed, we shall have had a visit from about 150 Brownies and 17 Guiders from Paddington for their District Revels, The Guides will be helping with this event.

On 29th May, Mrs. Helps has kindly arranged a visit to the new Charing X Hospital.

Any contributions to the Guide Country Market Stall for the Church Fete on June 8th will be gratefully received at Grove Mill.

H.J.M.C.

BROWNIE NOTES

We started this term on the 29th April with 19 Brownies. On 4th May, four Brownies went to a party at Ellesborough with Tawny Owl. On 22nd June, two Brownies will go to a party at Beaumont End.

The 4th Chalfont St. Giles Brownies came to visit us on the 6th May. We also invited the 1st Coleshill Guides to join us. A conjurer came and after an indoor picnic we all enjoyed the entertainment. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Eyres for finding us our Conjuror.

On 18th May, 16 Brownies joined over a hundred Brownies from London for a sports afternoon at Grove Mill.

On 29th June a party of Guides and Brownies are going to Stoke Mandeville for the day. We will report upon that in our next notes.

Meanwhile all systems go for the Church Fete on June 8th.

Brown Owl

MR LOVE'S APPEAL

The Rev. Richard Love, 29, Vicar of Scotter, Lincs., is to beg from his parishioners to raise £5,000 for repair work at his mediaeval church in the picturesque village. Telegraph poles were put up as props five years ago to prevent the rotting roof timbers from giving way.

The Vicar will call at every house in the parish and ask for money so that restoration work can begin. Full restoration will cost about £14,000, but Mr. Love thinks £5,000 is enough to begin with.

(From The Daily Telegraph 15 April 1974)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June	Sun 2nd	WHITSUN
	Sat 8th	<u>Church Fete</u>
	Thur 13th	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill .
		W.I. - Mrs. Barbara Rees "Beauty in Bucks"
	Tues 18th	Village Hall Committee, 8.15 p.m." Village Hall.
	Thur 27th	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
July	Thur 11th	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
		W.I. - Miss Constance Alien "Dramatic Recitals"
"	Fri 19th } Sat 20th } Sun 21st }	<u>The Parochial Church of St. Mary's Amersham</u> <u>Summer Festival</u>
	Thur 25th	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
Aug	Thur 8th	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
	Thur 22nd	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
Sept	Thur 5th	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
	Thur 12th	W.I. - Mrs. Isabel Darby - "Serendipity - have you got it?"
	Sat 14th	HORTICULTURAL SHOW
	Thur 19th	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
	Fri 27th	JUMBLE SALE

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* ALL SAINTS', COLESHILL ;
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* F E T E
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* To be held on SATURDAY, 8th JUNE 1974
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* In the CRICKET MEADOW
* (By kind permission of J. Adams Esq.)
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* To be opened at 2.30 p.m. by LADY BURNHAM
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* Tombola * Refreshments * Stalls
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* Children's Fancy Dress * Sideshows
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* Admissions Adults 5p. Children 2p. Cars 20p.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY. AMERSHAM

SUMMER FESTIVAL 1974

There will be a pageant in Church showing the history of Amersham through the ages.
Producer: Mrs. Miriam Brazil

Performances:

Wednesday	July 10th	(Dress Rehearsal)	8.00 p.m.	25p
Thursday	"	11th	8.00 p.m.	50p
Saturday	"	13th	8.00 p.m.	50p

Reserved seats: 75p

Sunday, 14th July

There will be a concert in Church of choral and orchestral music.

Saturday, 20th July and Sunday, July 21st.

Exhibition of floral decorations.

Exhibition of registers and parish treasures 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Guided tours of historical interest,
starting from the Church 2.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Private gardens - Tickets from the Church 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Children's Art Exhibition,
at St. Mary's Church School 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Sunday, 21st July

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1662)
10.00 a.m.	Children's Church
11.00 a.m.	Mattins, Preacher: the Archdeacon of Buckingham
6.00 p.m.	Evensong, Preacher: the Bishop of Dorchester

THE PARISH OF MERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

Rector; The Reverend Allan Campbell M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham. (Tel. 7135)
St. Mary's Parish Office (Tel. 4712)

N.B. The Parish Office is now in the Church, North Side.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services:	8.00 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION	
	10.00 a.m.	Children's Service - 1st Sunday in the	month this service
			is Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	MATTINS	Series III
		(plus Holy Communion	
		on 3rd Sunday)	
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong	
Each Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	

ALL SAINTS' COLESHILL

Sunday Services:	9.00 a.m.	PARISH COMMUNION
	10.15 a.m.	Sunday School
WHIT SUNDAY	6.00 p.m.	Evensong

St. Andrew's Mission Church, Winchmore Hill

2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Pro-Churchwardens: N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House (Tel: 6734)
D. Powell-Price, Coleshill Lodge (Tel: 3949)
Hon. Treasurer; A.M.V. Pantou, Wallers Oak (Tel: 6183)
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Dryden, 14 Woodside Close, Amersham (Tel: 3449)

Brownies: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 5.30 p.m.

Choir: Thursday Evenings in Church at 7.00 p.m.

Mothers' Union: 3rd Thursday afternoon of every month at 2.30 p.m.