

June 1993

CARING FOR CREATION

We are privileged to live in a very beautiful part of the world. We surely cannot look around us without a sense of wonder at the hills and valleys, the woods and fields, the trees and plants, the birds and animals: so very much to delight us and make us marvel. Our wonder at it all needs to lead us to give thanks to the Creator Himself, and to seek His way of caring for His creation.

Some while ago, we began a group in the parish to think and plan about our Christian Concern for One World (there is a national organisation with this title). We seek to learn more and to heighten the consciousness of ourselves and others about issues to do with world poverty, mission and the environment.

Recently, our CCOW group came across a pamphlet entitled, "Simple ways to save the earth". It lists 173 ideas and quotations to think about and help shape our response. Here are a few of them:

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little." Edmund Burke

Every 100,000 car owners who have their cars tuned regularly keep 90 million pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.

We each use on average 10,000 gallons of water every year. People in India use 20.

Together each week in Britain we put 1000 tonnes of paper into our dustbins; only 20 tonnes is recycled.

You can stop receiving junk mail by writing to the Mailing Preference Service, Freepost 22, London W1E 7EZ.

Government officials reckon that 60% of British household rubbish could be reclaimed.

Growing trees reduces carbon dioxide and global warming. Urban trees absorb 15 times more carbon dioxide than those in the country.

If 100,000 people each plant a tree in '93, in twenty years time they will be absorbing over a million pounds of carbon dioxide in a year.

A garden water sprinkler uses 200 gallons an hour. The more you use it, the more quickly the Misbourne dries up again or a country valley is turned into a reservoir.

These and many other gems are included in this pamphlet which is not only thought-provoking but encouraging too. Copies may be obtained from the Revd Christopher Hall, The Knowle, Deddington, Banbury OX15 OTB - please enclose three 1st class stamps.

One final thought from the list:

"All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing."

Anthony Priddis

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Churchyard. Following the March working parties, the Churchyard now has a very well groomed aspect, and another two working days are planned for July. Areas of individual responsibility have been allocated, and if anyone would like to help, they should contact: David George, Dick Ware or Chris Wege who are organising the maintenance programme.

Church Fitments. The new noticeboards are now in use in the Church porch, and when the new bookshelves are fitted opposite the south door, the table which has been in this position will be moved. If anyone knows where this table originated, would they please get in touch with Patsy or Dumpy, so that the All Saints' Church Committee can decide its future.

Harvest Arrangements. The Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday, 3rd October, at 11.45 am. A harvest lunch will follow immediately after the service, in the Village Hall.

Presentation Bible. The Bible presented to the Church by the Forbes family of Rushymede has been donated to St Mary's Church, since All Saints' also has another Bible donated by the Tyrrwhitt Drakes. St Mary's were in need of a new Bible so it will be put to good use there.

Easter Day Breakfast. Mrs Alex Pond organised a very successful breakfast after the Easter Service which was greatly enjoyed by all who took part. The funds raised went towards the Mount Vernon Chemotherapy Unit, and with the Prize draw, has raised between £6,000 and £7,000.

R.A.L.T.

IN MEMORIAM

15 May 1993 Norman Darvill of The Bit, Coleshill.

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ALL SAINTS' HARVEST CHARITY

This year's fund raising event for the TB work at Raphael will be a CHARITY GALA EVENING to be held in the Village Hall on FRIDAY, 8th OCTOBER. It is being organised by Teddy Joseph and the Drama Group and there will be singing, drama, dancing, both humorous and moving - in fact something for everyone. There will also be a tombola. Do come and support this event. You will not only have an enjoyable evening but will be contributing to a very worthwhile cause that the village has been supporting for the last eight years. Let's make it another record this year!

P.W-W.

CHURCHYARD TIDY

The next work sessions will be held on the Saturday afternoons of JULY 3rd and JULY 10th, from 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

Please come and help with any general tasks, or tend your own adopted plot.

C.W.

COLESHILL VILLAGE FETE

Many people ignored storm clouds and showers and came to the cricket ground in large numbers on 12th June.

The marquee housed 16 stalls offering a wide range of goods and produce, whilst outside there were a further 15 attractions. Takings were £2,546, about 10% down on last year's record, but nonetheless a creditable outcome.

N.J.S.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

The children have been on a number of outings, including to Jordans School for a Music morning, to Langley Park Environmental Studies Centre and Denham First School for a performance by Peter Cutts, a poetry dramatist. They also performed a short play about Fair Trading for Christian Aid day, which was followed by a video and a talk, after which there was an opportunity for people to have tea and make purchases from the Traidcraft stall. In all a sum of £97.85 was raised.

We once again held our annual Whist Drive, which, as well as being an enjoyable evening, was a profitable one, with us raising £60.10 for the School Fund.

A service in church at the end of term was followed by the parents and younger siblings joining us for an indoor picnic, egg hunt and singing and games. An Open Assembly was also held in honour of our secretary, Jean Powell, who retired at the end of the term.

P.S. from JEAN POWELL

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Sylvia Dollemore, Governors, staff and pupils, past and present, and everyone who attended Open Assembly on the occasion of my retirement at the end of last term, who sent good wishes, or contributed towards my lovely presents. I was very surprised and touched and the figurine will always serve to remind me of my happy years in Coleshill School. With the cheque I purchased two stone tubs and a bird-table - this pleased my husband very much too, as it seems to have inspired (in me!) an interest in the garden", which hitherto has eluded me - I am now weeding with gusto, long may it last! My thanks, too, to the Parents and Friends Group for the delightful photograph frame. I still come up to Coleshill (I can't keep away) so I hope to see everyone from time to time. All good wishes go to the School for its continued success. J.P.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid fundraising resulted in £1,000.10. The children at Coleshill School gave us an illustration of fair trading, and Mrs Barbara Sparkes gave a short talk, telling us how some of the goods on sale at her Traidcraft stall were produced.

The concert on Saturday, May 22nd, was areally lovely evening, with Julia Morby, joined by Phillipa Cash, giving a very varied collection of arias and songs, accompanied by Pauline Griffiths, whose wind trio completed a well balanced programme.

The breakdown of fund raising was as follows:

	£	P
Raffle		81.00
School Teas		4.60
Concert		421.56
House to house collection		492.94
In addition the Traidcraft stall raised		97.85

Many thanks to all who made this result possible

R.A.L.T.

MAGPIE CLUB SUMMER 1993

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT, EXCEPT AT LIGHTHOUSE 93

TUESDAY 13th JULY - 12.30 pm LUNCH in the Village Hall. Please bring a contribution of food and a donation towards hall hire. Everyone welcome.

Michelle Denyer (724696)

FRIDAY 23rd JULY - 2-4 pm SWIMMING at Stonelea. Nicky Miles (721724)

DAILY 26th - 30th JULY - 10.30 am - 3.15 pm LIGHTHOUSE 93 Children 5-11 years
Christian Holiday week at Great Missenden. Lots of fun, games, craft, music etc. Meet at the village hall 9.45 am prompt with picnic lunch. Pre-booking required before 16th July. Free. Sue Colacicco (722068)

MONDAY 2nd AUGUST - 2-4 pm SWIMMING at Stonelea. Nicky Miles (721724)

WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST 2.30 - 4.30 pm. PLAYTIME at Hillcrest.
Children aged 0 - 5 years. Bring Picnic tea. Margaret Butler (727519)

ROUNDERS AND OTHER GAMES at the Cricket Field. Children aged 5 years and over. Bring picnic tea. Madeleine Murray (728561)

TUESDAY 10th AUGUST - 2.30 pm. BOULTERS LOCK Adventure playground & crazy golf. Bring picnic tea and some money. Meet at the Village Hall at 2.30 pm
Phone if you need transport. Madeleine Murray (728561)

TUESDAY 17th AUGUST - 2-4 pm. SWIMMING at Stonelea. Nicky Miles (721724)

THURSDAY 19th AUGUST - 12-2 pm. CYCLE GYMKHANA in the paddock at Friars Vane. Bring picnic lunch and cycle. ONLY children aged 5 and over.
Rosemary Valentine (725794)

FARM PICNIC at Upper Bottom House Farm Meet at Friars Vane 12 noon. Phone if you need transport. Bring picnic lunch. Children 0-7 years. Lesley Swerling (872492)

MONDAY 23rd AUGUST - 11 am. CASSIOBURY PARK WATFORD. Huge paddling pools, little train etc. Meet at the village hall at 11 am. Bring picnic lunch, some money and swimming things. Phone if you need transport.
Judy Herbert (433534)

THURSDAY 26th AUGUST DAY TRIP TO BOURNEMOUTH. Ring for further details (evenings only) Dumpy Swerling (873931)

FRIDAY 27th AUGUST - 12-2.30 pm. TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC on the Common. Bring picnic lunch and teddy bear. Lynn Woodgate (728224)

THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER - 11 am. ADVENTURE WALK to Stockings House. Meet at village hall 11 am with picnic lunch, cover legs. Return transport if needed.
Gillian Sach (728955)

FOR WET DAYS Don't forget to make things for the Horticultural Show on Saturday 4th September. Schedules available from Rosemary. The Magpie Club Prize is awarded for effort and enthusiasm.

1st COLESHILL BROWNIES

Summer Term 1993. We have fifteen Brownies in the Pack at present, but at the end of term we will sadly be saying goodbye to Ellen, Jennifer, Rachel and Susannah who have been in the pack since 1990. We will miss them.

We have been fairly busy since my last report. Georgia was enrolled on the 14th June - we hope that she will enjoy being with us. During the fine weather we have been able to spend time in Rosemary's field which has meant more time for games and not too much for work! However, Rebecca, Catherine, Elizabeth and Angela have gained their footpath badge, Laura her Road and Ellen her Highway. Natalie gained her Hostess and Rosemary has kindly offered to test the girls for their Cook's badge (will her kitchen ever look the same again!).

On the 15th May eight Brownies, plus Brown Owl and Judith joined in a District outing to Cotswold Wild Life Park. It was a rather cold, windy, and at times, wet day, but we enjoyed it (except for the ride on the bumpy double decker bus). Some of the Brownies will be going to Thame on July 17th to join in the County Fun Day.

The Brownies had a stall at the Village Fete. Thank you Mums for your contributions. We raised £30.15. The following day was Church Parade, where, as usual, the girls ably read the lessons and prayers.

I would like to thank the parents for their continued support. We will have room for a few more girls next term, starting on 13th September. If your daughter is seven and would like to join us please phone me on (0494) 726852 or come up to visit us at the hall any Monday 5.30 - 7 pm.

Anne Lake
Brown Owl

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Since Easter we have been trying to get on with our summer programme, but the weather has not been kind to us. Nevertheless we seem to have achieved a lot. For example we held a jumble sale and made £110, which we split between Save the Children and NSPCA. Special thanks to the bowling group in the hall who not only bore with noise in the hall that evening but made a generous donation.

More recently we held a fancy dress party to which we invited the girls from Rayners School in Penn and the brownies who are old enough to consider coming up to guides. We had a lot of fun with games and a competition for the best costume. We also helped at the Coleshill Fete by running the Wet Sponges and discovered a niche market for people to release their energies by firing wet sponges at us or their parents or their best friends!

The badges we have worked for this year have been First Aid (and thanks to Jan Cutler for all her help), Caring for the Elderly, Hostess and Country Dancing.

I write this on the eve of our departure for a weekend camp at Longridge in Marlow. We have been practising erecting tents etc with help from Mrs Olga Griffiths and now we are keeping our fingers crossed for favourable weather!

Anyone interested in joining guides, please call me on Amersham 433419, or at work on 0784 474575.

Kaye Hughes

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

Our AGM was held at the end of April and I am very pleased that so many of our village 'organizations' continue to send representatives to serve on our committee, and I thank both old and new members for so doing.

Several residents have expressed to the Village Hall Committee and to the Parish Council their concern over the number of cars parked in the village when two charity luncheon functions were held in the village hall in May. This concern has been discussed very fully by the Village Hall committee so that we can put forward in detail to the next meeting of the Parish Council our proposals to reduce inconvenience to residents. Our proposals will take note of suggestions made by residents.

In the meantime may I please advise you of the following:

1. There are a limited number of lunches already booked during 1993. We will advise you of these dates in advance. We are putting to the organizers of these events the residents' concern and they are being told that they must take steps to help minimise the problem.
2. We are preparing a fuller statement on these and related matters for the Parish Council meeting and we undertake to advise residents of what we aim to do.
3. We hope that residents will not be inconvenienced too much in the future and we apologise for problems in the past.

A new Car Park sign has been made (to replace the one that "vanished" a few months ago), and we are very grateful to Jack Haubner, John Holland, Kerry Ferguson and Jim Truett, who gave their expertise and time FREE OF CHARGE to produce it. Hopefully this one is burglarproof!

G.D.S.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Spring Meeting in the Village Hall on 14th May was enjoyed by a good sized audience. Mr Maurice Young spoke very fully on the preservation of endangered species of wild flowers being undertaken by the Plant Life organisation. He further elaborated on the work of BBONT.

Miss Ann Trotman then gave us an inspiring account of the work being done to improve Coleshill Village common together with amazing statistics of bird and tree life. The committee worked very hard to make the evening a great success. Their efforts with the raffle, a plant stall, and flower arrangements meant that the Society was able to give a worthwhile amount to the Mount Vernon Chemotherapy Unit appeal and still keep a useful contribution towards the expenses of the Annual Show.

We had hoped to run an outing to the Summer Gardening Show at Capel Manor, but this had had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

The Annual Show will be held in the Village Hall on SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER. We shall be putting the Show programme through your letterbox in August, and you will see that there is something for everyone to enter. All are welcome - seasoned campaigners - earnest beginners - even those who just think life is a bowl of cherries. Every resident of the Society is a member of the Society so we hope for a really bumper show in this superb growing year.

J.S.

COLESHILL W.I.

At the Spring Council Meeting of the Bucks Federation of WIs, it was reported that changes at Denman College have led to welcome improvements to the Bucks Room. It has been up-graded from single to double, with facilities, if required, for a disabled occupant and carer.

Some members of the Institute met Councillor Pam Appleby at Rushmead House to be shown around the part which has been very elegantly refurbished for use as a Hospice. It will provide for day care only initially, and apart from employing professional Medical staff, it will be run entirely on a voluntary basis. As part of Coleshill, Miss Appleby hopes it will attract local help.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at Chenies Manor admiring the grand display of tulips, and marvelling at the sight of many fine hostas, without a slug bite amongst them.

An open meeting was held in June, which attracted guests and welcomed new members. A display of members' skills in patchwork, quilting, painting and wood sculpture caused considerable interest, as did the excellent tea-time spread. One of Coleshill's own members, Muriel Jones, was speaker for the day, choosing the intriguing title "Leeks, Daffodils, Gymslips". No-one was surprised to learn she was born in Wales, and the ensuing talk painted a nostalgic picture of a childhood dominated by major events, from the Abdication of Wales own Prince, the uncrowned King Edward VIII through the years of the Second World War. There were memories of making friends with Czech Refugees, and learning to speak Welsh, and beginning a lifelong appreciation of Welsh Choirs.

In April Mr Hill and his wife presented an illustrated talk on "Growing and showing Dahlias".

A big event in August (Friday and Saturday. the 6th & 7th) will be the Festival of Feasts and Flowers at Haddenham. There will be open gardens, Exhibitions, Demonstrations, Music, Games for children, Flower arrangements in the Church, Food, Drink and WI markets with a variety of goods. Do go and support this major fund raising effort.

J.P.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

We. are now starting to rehearse for a gala evening of drama, song and even some dance which Teddy Joseph will be putting on in the village hall for one night only - SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER. Proceeds for charity, and supper will be served.

Before that a number of us will be going to Hall Barn for an open-air production of 'As You Like It'; and for all members, the annual Bar-B-Q will take place on Sunday 5th September chez Sharon and David Hall.

Future plans include two full-length productions. In January Peter Shaw will be directing and is currently engaged in deciding on what! And next spring, Marion Horrocks courageously aims to undertake "Tom Jones".

Any newcomers to the village(or indeed oldcomers who have suddenly developed an interest) are invited to contact Dick Ware (722486) or Julia Murray (729266).

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

The tennis club has recently sent letters to every household in the village to establish exactly who is interested in becoming members of the tennis club. We are extremely pleased with the positive response shown in that there are already over 100 prospective new members including a strong potential junior section.

As a direct result of Coleshill Tennis Club being affiliated to the Bucks L.T.A., we received 4 pairs of tickets for this year's Wimbledon Championships. All prospective new members were asked if they wished their names to be entered into the draw - the lucky winners were: Bernard Frost, Dumpy Swerling, Lindsey Eardley and Lavinia Horsbrough-Porter. We hope that they all enjoy their respective days out.

We now have sufficient funds to commence building which will hopefully be in August.

We recently held our first social fund raising event in the village hall, which was a 60s style disco where the fancy dress was jointly won by Graham & Linda Pyle alongside Derek & Marion Horrocks, although as Lindsey Haubner commented in her village voice column "she always thought that Derek dressed like that!!" The evening raised over £450 towards club funds.

We hope to run a junior tennis tournament once the courts are completed; further information will be available nearer the time.

David George

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

In the December issue there will be the usual list of Christmas Greetings. Please let me know if you would like your name included in early November - 50p per entry. A reminder will be put on the notice-board nearer the time.

Barbara Plumridge (433044)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

See Page 4 for Magpie Club holiday activities and dates.

JULY	Sat	3rd	Churchyard Tidy
	Sat	10th	" "
SEPT	Sat	4th	Horticultural Society Annual Show
OCT	Sun	3rd	Harvest Lunch
	Sat	8th	Charity Gala Evening

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 Service (Creche, Sunday School)
	11.45 am	Matins
	6.00 pm	Evensong
2nd Wednesday of each month	10.00 am	Holy Communion

SUNDAY 4th JULY 10.30 am - Ordination of William Brierley at Christ Church
Oxford

6.00 pm - at All Saints Church - Evensong
followed by Reception for William Brierley
in Village Hall

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 3rd 11.45 am Harvest Thanksgiving
followed by Harvest Lunch in
Village Hall

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Pro-Wardens	- Mrs D. Swerling, Hobbs Hole Cottage, Bottom House Farm Lane, Chalfont St Giles	873931
	- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottage	433356
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 - Due to holidays the next visit of the Mobile Library
will be 14th July at Village Hall. Thereafter they
will call alternately at Village Way and Village Hall
each Wednesday at 9.35 am

Village Hall July 14 & 28; Aug 11 & 25; Sept 8 & 22

Village Way July 21; Aug 4 & 18; Sept 1 & 15

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held on 18th May, 1993.

Present: Mrs Burton, in the chair, Mr Barber, Mrs Bungey, Mrs Dover, ~~Mr Hall~~, Mr Lawrence, Mr Valentine and the clerk.
14 members of the public were present.

Before the meeting started, the chairman asked all present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to Mr David Curling, the previous chairman, who had been killed in a car accident.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Mr Barber, seconded by Mr Hall and agreed unanimously that Mrs Burton should become chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs Burton gave a report of the activities of the Council over the past year, during which she paid particular tribute to Mr David Curling, who had been chairman of the Council for 22 years and to Mr Spike Wright, who had been a member for eight years and had resigned at the last meeting.

INSPECTOR MORGAN

Inspector Morgan had been invited to attend the meeting and he was accompanied by PC Dave Postyn, the area beat officer who covers Coleshill. He described the new arrangements for policing the Amersham Sector of the Amersham Police Area. He stressed the importance of the public being always on the alert and ready to report any suspicious circumstances to the police. This was particularly important as Coleshill had opted not to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, a decision which he regretted but understood. There was a police presence in the village at some time during every 24 hours. During discussion, some of those who had recently suffered from burglary or violence described their experiences. Inspector Morgan undertook to notify the Clerk the number of criminal incidents that there are in the locality. The Chairman thanked him for addressing the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Concern was expressed by some members of the public, especially those living near to the village hall, at the number of cars parked for two charity lunches during the past week. The Chairman undertook to ensure that this would be raised at the next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was proposed by Mrs Burton and seconded by Mrs Dover that Mr David Hall should become Vice Chairman.

It was proposed by Mr Hall and seconded by Mr Barber that the special responsibilities of councillors for the next year should be as follows:

Planning - Mr Richard Valentine	Village Hall - Chairman
Open Spaces - Mr Tony Barber	School Governor - Mrs Gillian Bungey
Mr Richard Valentine	Mult Education - Mrs Gillian Bungey
Footpaths - Mrs Jean Dover	Ass Local Councils - Mrs Jean Dover
Highways - Mr Peter Lawrence	Public Relations - Mr David Hall

Mr Tony Barber would take over as chairman of the Common Management Committee and Mr Richard Valentine would become the second member from the Council.

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

Members considered the financial statement put forward by the Tennis Club. They wished to know who would be the Trustees. It was pointed out that the rent agreed was £150 per annum, not £100 as in the statement. It was agreed as acceptable that the demolition fund, which might be better termed a "restoration fund" should be accumulated over the first four years, as proposed in the statement. The Club should be asked to collect the Honorary Life Membership fees before work started on the courts.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Valentine and agreed unanimously:

"The Coleshill Parish Council approves the financial statement put forward by the Coleshill Tennis Club and, subject to the naming of the Trustees and collection of the fees from Honorary Life Members, will proceed to draw up a lease for agreement by members and for signature by the chairman, vice chairman and clerk."

The Clerk was asked to approach Messrs Francis and How to draw up the lease.

It was agreed that Mr Barber should put some wooden posts across the lay bye in Tower Road to prevent cars parking there.

BOUNDARY ENCROACHMENT

Mrs Gillian Bungey expressed concern that there was boundary encroachment in many places in the villages which made the verges too narrow to walk on. It was agreed that the situation needed to be watched.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that quarterly meetings would be sufficient in future.

The following dates were agreed for 1993 and 1994:

1993	13th July	1994	8th March
	14th September		14th June
	14th December		13th September
			13th December