

March 1980

The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

We are very fortunate in this country that springtime and Easter coincide. For many months the trees and countryside have looked dead, and it all seemed impossible that they would ever again come to life and show colour and give fragrance. We know from past years' experience that this is a possibility and something that is almost certain to happen. What joy and happiness it gives us. Already the aconites, the snowdrops and the crocuses are in flower, the daffodils will soon follow and the sticky buds on the chestnuts are beginning to form. It is all very wonderful. So is the Resurrection. As Christians, we believe in this life to come.

At Christmas I asked you to read the story of the Birth of Jesus in St. Luke's Gospel. Now I want you to read the Resurrection Story in St. John's Gospel, Chapter Twenty. It is not a story that is known as well as the Bethlehem story, so read it two or three times, and make sure you notice the phrase which speaks of the disciple with Peter (i.e. John) saying - "Then went in also that other disciple which came first to the Sepulchre, and he saw, and believed."

As Christians, we also believe without any doubts. If by any chance you do have, or did have any doubts, read about Thomas (St John, Chapter Twenty, Verses 24 - 28).

The Church has always made Easter its greatest Festival and on that day ALL Christians have gone to Church to take part in the Family Service of HOLY Communion. May I remind you of the Rubric or instruction given in the Prayer Book. I quote: "Every confirmed member of the Church" shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."

I look forward to meeting you at the Lord's Table on Easter Day, Sunday, 6th April.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell

Rector

SERVICES IN THIS PARISH ON EASTER MY

8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's	11.30 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
9.30 am Holy Communion at All Saints'	6.00 pm Evensong at St. Mary's
11.00 am Matins at St. Mary's	6.00 pm Evensong at All Saints'

HOLY MATRIMONY

The marriage took place at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Amersham, on Saturday, January 12th, 1980, between Mr. Nicholas de Neufville DONALDSON, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P.E.K. Donaldson of Otford, Kent, and Miss Tessa Frances NURNEY, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Nurney of Coleshill. The service, which was conducted by the Rev. Allan Campbell, included, with his kind permission, a performance of Boismortier's "Trio Sonata in A Minor", played on bassoon, harpsichord and oboe. A reception was held afterwards at The King's Arms, Old Amersham.

On Saturday, January 26th, at All Saints', Coleshill, John Alfred HIGGS of 18 Hill Meadow, Coleshill, to Deborah Jayne WEEKS of Janeve, Coleshill Lane, Winchmore Hill. The reception was held at Coleshill Village Hall.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Victor CHALK, who lived in Coleshill since 1965, died on 14th January 1980. He was a precision engineer until retirement. Our sympathy goes to his widow, Joy.

Mrs. Joan NORTON, who was a Coleshill Parish Councillor for 20 years, died on 11th January 1980. She was the wife of Cdr. Herbert Norton, R.N.V.R. (Retd) and for 40 years they lived at Little Hertfordshire House, before moving to Penn Street 4 years ago. Our sympathy goes to her husband, her daughter Caroline and her son Jeremy.

THANKS

Mrs. Jessie Pusey would like to say a big
THANK YOU to everyone who so kindly sent
'Get well' wishes during her spell in hospital.
They were so much appreciated.

THE MAGPIE FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship continues to meet every other Friday during term time. We have recruited a few new members this term, all of whom have been most welcome. Anne Lee has very kindly offered her assistance and we are delighted to have Kathy Monk to play the piano for us. With a recent increase in the number of Family Services, the children are now beginning to take their own part in these, thereby linking their work in the Fellowship with that in the Church service.

COLESHILL SCHOOL

The Coleshill First School Christmas Concert was attended by well over 120 parents and friends. They all enjoyed poems, songs and carols performed by the children, and the top class acted a play called "Child of Bethlehem".

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GOLESHILL

All Saints' Church Committee met on 4th February and this was followed by an A.G.M. which took place in the Church on Sunday 10th February following the service of Holy Communion. The Rector was in the chair and some 40 parishioners attended.

The secretary reported that during the year The Parsonage had been sold and that from the proceeds it had been possible to make a start on the much needed improvements to the Church as recommended by the Church architect. These included the re-wiring, when the opportunity had been taken to install new lighting throughout the Church which had fortunately been available for the Christmas services.

Other matters included the loss of Penny Weedon as organist, the Service of Confirmation at Coleshill in April, the 1979 Fete, and that the Church Committee had agreed to donate the total net proceeds of this year's Fete to the Village Hall appeal.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for 1979 which were accepted and passed for the P.C.C.'s approval.

Elections and appointments for All Saints' Church officials and committee followed, as listed below:

Pro-Churchwardens:	Mr. Chenevix-Trench Mr. Urry	Local Committee:
Treasurer:	Mr. Panton	Miss Boston
Secretary:	Miss McLean	Mr. Hankinson
Synod representative:	Mr. Panton	Mrs. Harvey
P.C.C. representatives:	Mrs. Harris	Mrs. Horsbrugh-Porter
	Miss McLean	Mr. Kenerell
	Mr. Panton	Mrs. Ovington
	Mr. Chenevix-Trench	Mr. Plumbly
	Mr Urry	Sp
		Mrs. Stubbings
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		Mrs. Swerling
		Miss Wright-Warren

Committee representatives: Hall - Mrs. Harris

Oxford Diocesan Council for Social Service -
Miss Wright-Warren

School Manager: Miss McLean

Sidesmen: Mr. Hankinson
Mro Plumbly

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FETE

The Church Fete will be held on Saturday, 14th June and will be organised jointly by Mrs. Ovington (Tel: Amersham 5233) and Mr. Urry (Tel: Amersham 7420). The location will again be Wheeler's Orchard, by kind permission of Mrs. Heimann.

There will be space in the Marquee this year for an additional stall and the organisers would be very pleased to hear from volunteers who would like to introduce and run a stall of their own choice. Last year the following stalls were set up and all the holders have kindly agreed to run them again this year:

<u>Stall</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Stall</u>	<u>Holder</u>
Tombola	Mrs. Waite	Toys	Mrs. Eardley
Raffle	Mrs. GOW	Sweets	Mrs. Valentine
Household	Mrs. Grindley	Books	Miss Boston
Green Fingers	Mrs. Clifton	Magpie Club	Mrs. Swerling
Cakes	Mrs. Collier		

Suggestions regarding further sideshows are always welcome. Anyone wishing to help with the sideshows or, indeed, with the general administration of the Fete should please get in touch with the, organisers.

A small marquee or large tent to be used for serving TEAS is required -

CM. ANYONE HELP?

The net proceeds of this year's Fete will, with the unanimous approval of the Church Committee, be donated to the Village Hall Appeal.

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* N.S.P.C.C. Children's Clothes Sale *

* At FRIARS VANE - WEDNESDAY 14th May, 11 a.m. - 3.p.m. *

* Make money for yourselves, by giving us your children's *

* unwanted "good as new" clothes. We will sell them, giving *

* half the proceeds to the N.S.P.C.C. and half back to you. *

* Also Coffee, Snack Lunches and Bring & Buy Stall. *

* ALL ARE WELCOME *

* Enquiries - Phone Amersham 5794 *

* Rosemary Valentine *

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Committee met in January to report on the success of both the 1979 Village Show and the Green Fingers Stall held by the pond in October. (The latter event will be repeated this year on October 18th). We then set about organising our Spring Social, to be held on April 18th, the title being "Small Trees in Garden Design".

Our coach outing this year is going to Kew Gardens on Saturday, May 17th, leaving the village at 12.30 and arriving back between 6 - 7. If you have been to Kew you may prefer to take advantage of the coach trip to either visit the Steam Museum or just take a stroll along Strand-on-the-Green by the river.

We also started to make preliminary arrangements for the 1980 Show. It was decided to buy yet more tables to accommodate all the entries comfortably. These will also be available for hire at a reasonable charge.

Finally, we looked forward to our March Social evening in 1981 and discussed the possibility of photographing various Coleshill gardens through the seasons of this year for what should be a fascinating slide show next March. If your garden looks particularly beautiful/water-logged/snow-bound or in some way worthy of a photograph, either take a snap of it yourself or phone Anne Kempster (Amersham 6899) who will be pleased to take one for you.

Our A.G.M. will be on Thursday, 10th April, to which everybody will be welcome.

L.H.

THE COLESHILL CLUB

At our November meeting we held a small Bring & Buy Stall, followed by games. We were also entertained to a Musical Afternoon by the 1st Coleshill Guide Company followed by tea. Our sincere thanks to the Guides and their Guiders for such a happy afternoon.

In December we decided to try a new venture, and 32 members were served with a delicious meal including turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and hot vegetables followed by an assortment of home made sweets. A happy party was enjoyed by all present. After lunch a Concert of Christmas "Music was given by the Townswomen's Guild Evening Choir, a very delightful entertainment. A Christmas tea was then served, the highlight being a Christmas cake given by Mrs. Emily Stevens. The afternoon ended by singing Carols, accompanied by Mrs. Waite.

In January a happy meeting was held by members playing games. Also in January a coach-load of members with their grandchildren went to the Pantomime at Elgiva Hall, Chesham, which was voted a great success.

The February meeting greatly enjoyed slides and a talk by Mr. Everard on a holiday in Tunisia, which added a warm touch to a cold February afternoon.

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* PLEASE REMEMBER SATURDAY MAY 17th *

* CHRISTIAN AID *

* This year is organising a China Sale combined with Cake Stall and Competitions for Children. *

* In the Village Hall - 10.00 - 12.30 *

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COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

The work on the pavilion extension has progressed well. We hope to complete the main building by the beginning of the season.

As usual, we shall field a first and second XI on Saturdays, and one team on Sundays. We are pleased to welcome spectators to the ground and tea is always available.

Anyone wishing to become a playing member should contact Bob Tilson on Amersham 6005.

Future Events: Saturday 22nd March - Jumble Sale 10.30 a.m. Village Hall
 Thursday 27th March - Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. at Grove Mill End
 by kind permission of Mrs. R. Coales.

M.E.T.

THE MAGPIE CLUB

Once again we sang carols and delivered logs or scones to some of the older residents of the village just before Christmas.

On the Sunday after Christmas we held our Christingle Service which was very kindly taken for us by Mr. Hicken. We all held our breath as 35 children walked down the aisle with lighted candles - but all was well.

We rounded off the holidays with a party for the under tens. This was a well attended and rowdy afternoon but I think a good time was had by all.

D.M.S.

A CHRISTMAS GARLAND

On the evening of 21st December 1979, a Concert at All Saints' Church was well attended for a most richly varied programme of Carols, Music and Readings.

The Gemini Consort Singers sang splendidly, under the baton of their Director, Anthony Watts. Alison Hargan, soprano, gave a beautiful and moving performance of two songs by Peter Warlock. The five instrumentalists played their respective pieces most expressively.

The evening, interspersed with readings most ably rendered by members of the Coleshill Drama Group, was a memorable occasion and a fitting prelude to Christmas,

GOLESHILL DRAMA GROUP

The Coleshill Drama Group this year ventured bravely and successfully into the realm of murder and mystery in a 3-act play by Hugh Mills.

It started rather slowly with the early murder taking place before our eyes. We could only surmise that the entrapping of the culprits would be the main issue. Interesting red herrings were strewn across the trail. It was in the third act that a surprising climax held the audience really captive and gave a novel twist to the play. It was here too that the two leads gave superb performances. Hugh Jones as the doctor hypnotist (and as we already knew to be the original murderer) and Ann Chenevix-Trench as the hypnotised subject, were working out a suicide-cum-murder almost to its success. All extremely gripping theatre - but of course saved by the timely arrival of the detective.

As a cowed and ineffectual wife in the early part of the play, Ann Chenevix-Trench met the requirement of the role very well, but her skill as an actress was displayed in this final act.

One must give, great praise to the supporting cast. Lindsey Haubner in a major role as the villain's sister and accomplice really held the centre of the stage in the first act. Henry Maynard, as a visiting colonel, was as to the manner born and John Horsbrugh-Porter was a convincingly unpleasant character suited to be the murder victim. Stephen Hitchen was a very nonchalant detective, Penny Yallup a very distraught wife of the murder victim. Sandra Weller was a sturdy matter-of-fact nurse and Georgina Collins, as the maid, flitted in and out quietly.

Daphne Farmer produced the play with her usual skill and with an eye to detail and the limitations of the stage. Peggy Gow was her able assistant. The set was designed by Bertha James from Jordans and was carried out by Richard Farmer and Bob Collins.

With the help of those behind the stage as well, Mrs. Farmer gave us all a thrilling and memorable evening's entertainment.

P.McC.

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* 3rd MAY COLESHILL DRAMA GROUP *

* The Drama Group are pleased to announce a repeat of last *

* year's highly successful "Supper and Hilarity". *

* On Saturday, 3rd May, they will present "Supper and More *

* Hilarity" in the Village Hall. A fine dinner will be *

* followed by two plays which will provide an immensely *

* enjoyable evening. *

* Tickets at £3. 50 per head can be obtained from *

* MRS. GOW, Amersham 3534 *

* A fund-raising evening; *

* All Proceeds will go towards the Village Hall *

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1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

After an appeal from our District Commissioner, Mrs. Bagehot and Mrs Timms joined the Company, we are very grateful to them. Mrs, Bagehot is training to become a warranted Guider,

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Bristow as Unit Helper at the end of the Christmas term, we miss her. cheerful and invaluable help but she is still a Tester and takes great interest in us.

On 3rd December we entertained the Coleshill Club, each Patrol producing a short piece. Particular congratulations went to Hannah Roberts of the Kingfishers, who wrote an excellent play about Winnie the Pooh. The Company then sang Carols and provided refreshments. Some Guides went carol singing at Rushymead. For our last meeting in the Christmas term, we invited Amersham Guides to a Camp Fire (in this case well constructed by Elaine Timms with sticks, red paper and a torch) we finished the evening with soup and singing Taps. This term we had a Collage demonstration by Mrs. Timms and she helped Guides to make nursery rhyme collages, which was rather fun. On 22nd February when we celebrate Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's joint birthdays and call it Thinking Day, we invited Amersham Guides to "Grove Mill for a hike and English, Chinese, French and Dutch lunch. In the evening we went to a District Service held in the Methodist Church, Amersham followed by a campfire in the adjoining hall.

Sadly Michele Haubner and Miranda Menist have left us owing to pressure of school work and music, Lucy Hatch and Donna Denham have joined us. Elaine Timms is the new Snowdrop Patrol Leader, Martine Thompson the Bluetits.

Miranda Menist gained Baker and Friend to Animals badge, Alexandra Hesford Photographer, Elaine Timms Toymaker, Martine Thomson, Zoe Horsbrugh-Porter, Kim Fergusson, Alexandra Hesford, Elaine Timms, and Lois Plumridge .- Hostess. Susanne Davis 3rd year 8 point badge, Elaine Timms, Susan Williams, Martine Thompson, 2nd year 8 point badge, Catherine Menist, 1st year 8 point badge.

H.J.M.C.

1st GOLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

Three recruits have joined this terra, with two more to come, Phillipa Wyatt and Melinda Vickery, who are now enrolled, Laura Harvey, Sarah Oakden and Joanna Matthews. Ruth Bayley gained her Highway badge, Kate Lee, Sally Milnes, Emma Norcliffe and Rachel gained Roadway badges, Claire Bagehot gained her Footpath badge. Martine Thompson has become our Pack Leader.

On 10th December we had a party for younger sisters and prospective Brownies which was great fun. Some Brownies went carol singing at Rushymead, we also made crackers as Christmas presents for Rushymead. We attended the District Thinking Day Service at the Methodist Church in Amersham and the Carap Fire afterwards. Our Pack Thinking Day Venture was a short play about Spanish life by the Highway Brownies, and some of us flew to Australia to play an Australian Brownie game and. then to Brussels for a Belgian game. We were well looked after by the Captain of the aircraft and the air hostess. We finished up by singing Happy Birthday to us! and eating a 'There are Brownies Round the World' cake and -orange squash.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Attendance at the Parish Meeting on 29th January showed what a great interest there is in the future of our Village Hall. Fifty of the 'HELP' forms distributed at the meeting have been returned and many people have written with helpful suggestions and offers of support. All have been acknowledged. The response so far in both financial and practical terms is most encouraging.

It is evident from replies to date that the majority of those who have pledged support are anxious to ensure that the building produced will be of sound construction, be good value for money, give a long trouble free life, and be a credit to our unique and beautiful village. On the other hand there is a small minority which feels quite strongly that in these stringent times repair of the existing hall is the best solution.

This desire for a worthy building, which will serve our children, grand-children and great grand-children appears contrary to the wishes of the village as indicated by a *show of hands* at the Parish Meeting on the 29th January. However, that vote, taken early in the meeting, catered only for a choice between two alternatives:

1. Should we spend £20,000 on minimal repairs to the hall, which the County Architect says "is rapidly reaching the end of its useful life"
2. Rebuild on lines suggested by the County Architect at a cost of £30,000.

Of course, there have always been other options between these two extremes and the Parish Meeting brought to light many excellent offers of assistance which will increase the number of options and at the same time will hopefully reduce costs.

At its meeting on February 5th the Village Hall Management Committee decided that it was now duty bound to consider all options and costings in the light of financial and practical assistance offered at and since the Parish Meeting and report its findings to the village at the first opportunity. To make a final decision it will be necessary to know what grant aid will be available, and a formal application is being made now, but the result will not be available until the Autumn. Whatever the outcome of this application it is essential that local fund raising continues.

Planning, applying for grants, disseminating information to the whole village and fund raising, for whatever project is decided upon, will be a mammoth task, and to complete it various committees are being formed. It would probably be more correct to refer to these committees as working groups, and there will certainly be plenty of work. Those who have volunteered knowledge or skills and a willingness to serve will be called upon as these groups go into action.

Coleshill Village Hall Management Committee (Contd)

It is hoped that sufficient information will be available to provide updated proposals for consideration at the Village Hall Annual General Meeting on 29th April 1980. Notice of this meeting will be distributed to all households as will progress reports and other items of interest.

WOMEN'S WORLD MY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer was held on the first Friday in March - to coincide with similar services throughout the World. The service was drawn up by Christian Women in Thailand with the theme 'Responsible Freedom.' Our speaker - Dr. Ursula Hay M.B.B.S. from Beaconsfield, who has been a medical missionary in Africa, gave a helpful and instructive talk - encouraging us to accept responsibility with our freedom and reminding us how close all Christian women are to each other. We had 13 different readers for the Scripture portions and prayers in the Service - which we thought ~~were~~ up-to-date - and very understanding of today's problems - both in the home and in Society generally. The collection for Christian Societies Christian literature was £12.65.

S.B.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat	22nd MAR	Jumble Sale in aid of the Cricket Club. 10.30 a.m. in Village Hall
Thurs	27th "	Coffee Morning in aid of the Cricket Club, 10.30 a.m. at Grove Mill End
Thurs	10th APR	Horticultural Society A.G.M.
Fri	18th "	Horticultural Society Spring Social. "Small Trees in Garden Design"
Thurs	24th "	Whist Drive 7.30 p.m. Village School •
Tues	29th "	Village Hall A.G.M. 8.15 p.m.
Fri	2nd MAY	Bridge Drive in aid of the Village Hall. 8 p.m. Village Hall
Sat	3rd "	Drama Group - "Supper and More Hilarity"
Wed	14th "	Children's Clothes Sale in aid of N.S.P.C.C. 'Friars Vane', Coleshill. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri	16th "	Bridge Drive in aid of Christian Aid. Dewpond, Coleshill 2 p.m.
Sat	17th "	China Stall - Christian Aid. Village Hall 10 - 12.30 a.m.
Sat	17th "	Horticultural Society outing to Kew Gardens
Sat	14th JUNE	* * * ' C H U R C H F E T 3 * * *
Sun	12th OCT	Harvest Festival
Fri	17th "	Harvest Supper

Mobile Library: APRIL 10th, 24th. MAY 8th, 22nd. JUNE 5th, 19th.
JULY 3rd, 17th, 31st. AUGUST 14th, 28th.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services:	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday in month)
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
Each Friday:	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH COLESHILL

Sunday Services	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (1st & 3rd Sundays in month)
Mothering Sunday, March 16th	9.30 a.m.	Family Service
Good Friday April 4th	11.00 a.m.	Service of Devotion
Easter Day, April 6th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (The Rector)
Ascension Day, May 15th	11.00 a.m.	Parish Communion
Harvest Festival	October 12th	
Patronal Festival	November 2nd	

St. Andrew's Mission Church, Winchmore Hill

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays

Pro-Wardens	-	J.G. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill. Tel 5439	
		D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	7420
Hon. Treasurer	-	A.M.V. Panton, Waller's Oak, Coleshill	6183
Hon. Secretary	-	Hiss H.C. McLean, 8 Amber Cottages, Coleshill	3361
Brownies	-	Monday Evenings in the Village Hall	5.30 - 6.45 p.m.
Guides	-	Monday Evenings in the Village Hall	6.45 - 8.00 p.m.
Mothers' Union	-	3rd Thursday of every month at	2.30 p.m.
Coleshill Club	-	3rd Wednesday of every month at	2.30 p.m.
W.I.	-	2nd Thursday of every month at	2.30 p.m.