

ALL SAINTS' VILLAGE NEWSLETTER No. 112

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The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

Easter Day is the greatest and oldest feast of the Christian Church - the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ. Its importance is emphasised by the Church with the long preparation of Lent and Passiontide, and the special Ceremonies of Holy Week.

In the early days of the Church it was the occasion when newly admitted members were baptised. They kept a vigil all Saturday night, and were baptised early on Easter Day and received the Holy Communion.

The original vigil, kept on Easter Eve, is still observed with the Mid-night Celebration of Holy Communion, in both the Western and Eastern Churches.

The popular custom of exchanging 'Easter Eggs' is of very ancient origin.

The date of the Easter Feast is determined by the Paschal Full moon, its extreme limits being 21st March and 25th April. Easter Sunday is the Sunday following the first full moon after 21st March.

All these pieces of history, and ancient customs, are very important and should not be overlooked or forgotten.

Also may I remind you of one of the Rubrics in the Prayer Book, which says - "Every confirmed member of the Church shall communicate at the least three times in the year, OF WHICH EASTER IS TO BE ONE."

I look forward to seeing you at one of the great Services of Thanksgiving and Praise on Easter Day,

They are:	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at St Mary's
	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	11.00 a.m.	Matins at St Mary's
	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St Mary's
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong at St Mary's and at All Saints*

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell
Rector

HOLY BAPTISM

On 20th November 1983, COLIN ALAN, son of Alan Clifford and Jacqueline POCOCK, of 1 Hoskins Cottage, Magpie Lane, Coleshill.

On 20th November 1983, DANIEL PAUL, son of Paul and Sarah Elizabeth STEPHENS, of Stanley Hill, Amersham.

On 29th January 1984, STEPHEN NEIL, son of Eric Sidney and Susan MILES of 3 Hill Meadow, Coleshill.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs Dorothy Sophia MEAD died in Norwich on 18th November 1983, aged 77, and was buried in All Saints* Churchyard on 25th November. She lived in Coleshill, where she was married 56 years ago, for a number of years before moving to Norfolk, and had expressed the wish to be buried in Coleshill where her parents are also interred. She is survived by her husband George and by two sisters Mabel and Ella, who still live in Coleshill. We extend our sympathy to her family.

CAROL SINGING - P.H.A.B.

£41.00 was raised by the carol singers, and was donated to P.H.A.B. towards a holiday for the physically handicapped. Many thanks to the people of Coleshill for their generous support.

C>E.S.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Service for the Women's World Day of Prayer will be on. FRIDAY 2 MARCH 1984 at 2.30 p.m. in ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL.

Speaker: Mrs Stowe of Penn Street.

The theme for the service is LIVING WATER FROM CHRIST, OUR HOPE, and is presented by the women of Sweden.

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*          C O F F E E  M O R N I N G          *
*   The Mothers' Union are holding a Coffee Morning   *
*           with a Bring & Buy Stall at               *
*   12 THE BIT. on SATURDAY 7th APRIL, 10.30-12 noon.  *
*           '...in aid of "AWAY FROM IT ALL"          *
*   To help buy a holiday Caravan for families in need *
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COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

Our Christmas Bazaar raised £117, some of which has already been put to good use" in new equipment."

We were pleased that the Rev A Campbell Was able to conduct a Christingle Service for us and that so many village people were able to join us. ∴ £38 was sent to the Church of England Children's Society.

We held a concert for parents and friends on 13th December, and in January the older children spent a very interesting day at the Wycombe Chair Museum with Mrs Bayley and helpers. We were invited to join Coleshill Club for their meeting to see some films. We sang some songs and very much appreciated the refreshments.

A Whist Drive will be held in the School on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30 p.m. Tickets: 50p (including refreshments). - Raffle - Prizes.

We have been without a caretaker since December and are at present being looked after for a few hours each week by the caretaker of a Beaconsfield School. This is, of course, not an ideal situation and we should be glad to know of anyone fairly local who would like to help. us. The job involves 14½ hours per week (not in school time) at £2.04 per hour + 13% bonus. Please ring Amersham 7206 if interested.

S.J. Dollemore

PARISH COUNCIL - A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th March at 8.30 p.m.

- Agenda:
1. The Report of the Chairman
 2. The future of the allotments
 3. Any subject raised by a member of the public

All residents of the village are invited to attend the meeting and may raise any subject they wish to discuss with the Parish Council.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

14th - 19th MAY 1984

This year we are focussing our aid on communities which are desperately in need of water for life, a commodity we find it difficult to imagine ever being short of in Coleshill!

We hope you will support the envelope collections, and visit the Water Project exhibit which will be held during the week at a venue to be decided.

Our main fund raising activity will be on Saturday 19th May, and at the moment we are looking into the feasibility of a children's pony gymkhana, with foot races and dog events included. More information later, but please keep the date free.

"LORD, WHEN DID I GIVE YOU SHELTER?"

"I don't know why but generally it's the folk who go to church who seem to make the best foster parents". This was said by a social worker who has no church connections herself and it was a quite unsolicited comment. My purpose in quoting it is not to set about answering the question of why it is so, but to show you why I am writing this article for your Church magazine. We are in need of more foster parents so I am expecting those who make the best foster parents to read this and apply!

In Social Services we try to avoid placing children in Children's Homes, preferring to place them with families. We also try to be careful about the families we use so that the children will not have to be moved hastily because of a breakdown in relationships. We are looking for those who can offer love, security and understanding to the children in the care of the Social Services Department.

The children in need of a family are as varied as any group of children. They are aged from 0 - 18, have a wide range of abilities and interests and could be anywhere on the introvert/extrovert scale! Each child needs to fit as naturally as possible into your family so we do try to match you if possible.

For instance there was Jasmine, a 14 year old West Indian girl whose mother remarried and could no longer care for her. Jasmine was placed in a family with three young children, she still goes to the same school, and sees her mother regularly. George was rejected by his parents because of his mongolism. Foster parents have cared for him for almost a year before he is to be placed with a family who will adopt him. Still waiting for a home are Jane and Peter aged 11 and 8. Their mother is no longer fit to look after them and the children need a secure environment where there is love and understanding.

Frequently, it is lodgings with a sympathetic family or landlady we need for older teenagers leaving our care or having to leave home suddenly and needing to learn independence. We still support these adolescents and guarantee payments in this situation.

Foster parents are paid, not very generously perhaps, but they certainly have all expenses covered. The rate varies with the child's age and can be increased if there are particular "difficulties such as very disturbed behaviour".

It would be impossible to answer all questions in an article such as this so if you want to know more, please ring the Fostering Officer, Anne Webster, Amersham 22351, or write to her at 24, London Road West, Amersham.

A PANTOMIME?

Oh yes, and thanks to a "dream" of Lindsey Haubner who wrote and produced it, this village, for the very first time, was treated to a real live "PANTO" - ALADDIN, with a 'Smartie' tree which grew larger and larger.

Many, many congratulations to Lindsey and to Ann Chenevix-Trench who composed and wrote some of the lyrics.

So, what can one say, and where to begin? .. ' . . .

The cast was absolutely SUPERB, and we were introduced to Pekin by the singing and dancing of 8 delightful little *girls*!

Natalie Codling
Elizabeth Eardley
Emma Norcliffe
Jennifer Codling

Sophie Dening
Victoria Hesford
Louise Norcliffe
Annabel Eardley

led on by their attractive school teacher (Diana Maynard).

That naughty boy ALADDIN (Nicky Sadler) instead of helping his 'Mum' Widow Twanky (Jim Dening) was ~~cor: up~~ wooing a Princess (Sally Codling) the beautiful daughter of the Tiger & Empress (John Horsbrugh-Porter and Ann Chenevix-Trench). We sat holding on to our seats whilst inside the Pyramid the wicked magician (Stephen Hitchen) tempted Aladdin, and a ghostly Mummy (James Dening) jumped with alacrity in and out of a coffin. However, all was well with the appearance of the lovely Genie of the Lamp (Patsy Wright-Warren) through a cloud of veal smoke!!

The two merry policemen (Martin Morlet & John Wicks) capered around eventually being chased into the washing machine and emerging from the mangle both flat as pancakes, a clever ruse designed and executed by the Producer.

The rest of the cast was made up of Handmaiden to the Princess (Georgina Collins), Grand Vizier (Henry Maynard), Genie of the Ring (Beryl Smith), Girl Friend of Widow Twanky (Piers Codling).

Ah 'adventure' such as this could not have been carried through without much help and the utmost tribute must be given to the gentlemen who so gallantly gave up their precious spare time to the building of scenery, enlarging the stage, painting, manufacturing the washing machine, etc, etc, etc.

Yet another 'pat on the back' to Stephen Hitchen who designed the posters, and the cover of the programme, and to Lindsey for the original contents of same.

Finally, the Costumes!!! Breathtaking, perhaps would be the most apt, designed and executed by rat Emblow and Peggie Gow.

My dictionary tells me that the word 'Congratulations' means PRAISE. What more can one say?

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

We were pleased to be invited to the Guides superb presentation of 'The Wizard of Oz' in December. The Brownies prepared cards for the Epileptic Centre in January. We attended the Family Service in February when Sarah Fribbens read the prayer and Natalie Newton and Emma Norman the lesson. We also attended the Thinking Day service at St Michael's Church. The Brownies made Valentine's cards for their parents.

Linda Boshier from Winchmore Hill made her promise, and Annabel Horrocks is now Sixer and Victoria Radstone the Second of the Imps.

Interest Badges achieved

<u>Safety in the Home.</u>	Nicola Barrett, Charlotte Bond, Joanna Glover, Sophie Hesford
<u>Animal Lover.</u>	Nicola Barrett, Joanne Glover
<u>Toymaker</u>	Nicola Brown, Sarah Fribbens, Laura Harvey, Annabel Horrocks, Emma Norman, Amanda Stratford, Louise Welch.
<u>Swimmer</u>	Emma Norman

M.E.T.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

The last few weeks of the term were kept very busy making scenery and rehearsing for a small Pantomime. The Guides really entered into the spirit of acting their own version of "The Wizard of Oz". The Coleshill Brownies were invited, also Guide families and friends. Mrs Kay Plumbly, our District Commissioner, also joined us to help make it a very enjoyable evening. After the performance home-made refreshments were served by the Guides. Special thanks to Nicola Axon for all her hard work producing and to Victoria Hesford for her help behind the scenes.

The Monday before Christmas we had an outing to Slough Theatre to see "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" with a snack at McDonalds before the performance.

The Guides decorated the church with flowers for Christmas.

We attended the Thinking Day Service at St Michael's Church, Amersham, on 19th February, this year combining with Amersham West.

Special thanks to Mrs Chalwin for all her extra help this term.

Badges achieved:

<u>Swimmers:</u>	Kate Andrews, Joanna Ferguson, Philippa Wyatt, Alison Mead.
<u>Green 8-Point:</u>	Ruth Bay ley

J.A. Mead

COLESHILL CLUE

In November we had a very helpful and interesting talk by Mrs Hazel Glover on her work as a District Nurse.

In January a lunch was enjoyed by all members, and our transport ladies were invited to join us. The school children entertained us after lunch with singing and sketches, which were very much enjoyed and appreciated by everyone. Also some films were shown.

A welcome cup of tea was served with mincepies, and a fruit cake kindly presented to us by Mrs Stevens.

We thank everyone who helps us each month. New members would be made very welcome. We meet on the last Thursday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

MAGPIE CLUB

Just before Christmas, as is our custom now, we sang carols and delivered mince pies or scones to some of the older residents of the village.

After Christmas we held a party for all the children in the village who were under ten. We also invited the children from the school. Thirty eight children came along and joined in the festivities.

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Nineteen eighty four got off to a good start with a talk by Lady Macleod on her experiences as the *wife* of a leading politician. We have other interesting speakers booked for subjects including "The 'Mary Rose' Trust", Local Ghosts, and a demonstration of Enamelling.

This is promotion year for the National Federation of Women's Institutes, and as one of our special events, we are holding a promotion day on Wednesday 23rd May. Members will be demonstrating some of the varied activities of W.I. groups, and this will be an opportunity for non-members to become better acquainted with the different aspects of the W.I.

We hope you will come and join us. New members would be welcome.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY- SLIDE SHOW & TALK 27th APRIL

We are very pleased to announce that Mr Richard Bisgrove (author of "Your Problem Garden") is coming to Coleshill on Friday 27th April to give us a slide show and talk entitled:

"The History and Design of the English Garden.

Mr Bisgrove is the Head of the Botany Department at Reading University and is a mine of garden information on all aspects, from plants for shady gardens to autumn colour and winter plants and indeed, design and history of gardens to which we shall be paying particular attention in April.

Everyone will be very welcome to come along and enjoy a glass of wine -- with us before his talk and an opportunity to swop garden gossip over coffee and cakes afterwards. The cost of the evening will be just £1.00 and promises to be most informative whether your interest in gardens is in doing or just looking at them.

COLESHILL DRAMA GROUP ENTERTAINMENT #
FRIDAY & SATURDAY - 11th & 12th MAY #
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To "be sung to the tune of 'TULIPS FROM AMSTERDAM'
(With apologies to Max Bygraves!)

When it's spring again, we'll bring again,
Entertainment for you.
We'll serve dinner first and quench your thirst,
Then on with the Coleshill crew.
There'll be comedy (you'll laugh with glee)
When we perform our plays,
For each time we pull the curtains,
There'll be laughter, that's for certain!
The eleventh and twelfth of May,
For the Drama Group's Springtime play!!

Or, to put it another way", for a really good night's entertainment,
come to the Village Hall and enjoy a lovely dinner, followed by
three of the Alan Ayckbourn plays from CONFUSIONS on 11th & 12th May.

Great Stuff!

CQLCSHILL CRICKET CLUB

As we approach a new season, we are practicing at the nets in Chorleywood on Sunday afternoons. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this opportunity for pre-season practice, please contact Bob Tilson on Amersham 6005 for more information.

This season we are ~~not competing~~ in the League, but have a full fixture list of very attractive games on Saturdays and Sundays. Anyone wishing to join the club as a playing or social member will be most welcome.

The area around the cricket ground now belongs to the village as a recreation area. Why not take advantage of this and come and watch cricket and have a cup of tea. After the game, if you are a social member, come into the pavilion for a drink.

R.L.T.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March

Fri 2nd Women's World Day of Prayer - All Saints' Church - 2.30 p.m.
Tue 13th Whist Drive - Coleshill School - 7.30 p.m.
Tue 27th Parish Council A.G.M. - Village Hall - 8.30

April

6th - 14th Amersham Festival of Music
Sat 7th Coffee Morning - 12 The Bit - 10.30- 12 noon
Fri 27th Horticultural Society Evening

May

Fri 11th) Coleshill Village Drama Group Entertainment
Sat 12th)
14th - 19th Christian Aid Week
Wed 23rd W.I. Promotion Day - Village Mall

June

Sat 9th CHURCH FETE

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
<u>Each Wednesday</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

All Saints', Colehill

Sunday Services	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)
1st April Mothering Sunday	9.15 a.m.	Family Communion
20th April Good Friday	11.00 a.m.	Service of Devotion
22nd April Easter Day	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong

2nd Sundays in the month:

13th May, 10th June (Whitsun)
8th July 9.15 a.m. Family Communion

St Andrew's Mission Church, Winchmore Hill

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

Pro-Wardens	- J.G. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Colehill.	Tel: 5439
	D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Colehill	Tel: 7420
Hon Treasurer	- A.M.V, Panton, Waller's Oak, Colehill	Tel: 6183
Hon Secretary	- Miss P. Wright Warren, 1 Amber Cottages Colehill	3274
Brownies	- Monday Evenings 5.30 - 7.00 p.m.	
Guides	- Monday Evenings 6.45 - 8.15 p.m.	
Mothers' Union	- 3rd Tuesday in every month	
Colehill Club	- 4th Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.	
W.I.	- 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.	