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The Rectory
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THE VICTORY OF LOVE

It is strange how a number of different events sometimes seem to pull together in creating a mood within a nation or among a particular group. In the last few months, we have witnessed three fatal train crashes, and two air disasters; there have been the murderous threats of an Ayatollah from another country and the promise of fanatics to carry them out. In a quite different area, we have seen the growing concern about damage to the environment, especially the ozone layer, but that simply heightens our awareness of how much harm is being done and, as yet, how little is being achieved to remedy the situation. It is hardly surprising if some feel less secure.

The works of darkness often look stronger than the forces of light. The murderer, the mugger and the burglar have an obvious power to destroy, to intrude and to violate, sometimes very suddenly. In contrast, the work of love takes longer to build up, to strengthen and mature. As a result, we are in danger of forgetting which force is the stronger, or failing to see the more hidden works of good because the works of evil attract the attention.

In the cross of Jesus the true perspective is revealed. The false accusers and the slanderers, the torturers and the murderers all do their worst and think that they have won. Indeed, for a while it seems that they have, but the perspective that thinks like that is mistaken, too short-sighted, too easily deceived. There is a deeper truth to be seen. It is already revealed on the cross by Jesus' cry of victory. "It is accomplished!" It is revealed in fullness three days later by the gloriously risen Jesus.

What Jesus accomplished was a life that managed to live out love in every situation, even the most terrible one of pain and anguish, both physical and mental. The quality of love that he showed was divine. The strength of it was unconquerable. God's love is the strongest power within the world or beyond it. Nothing can kill it. Nothing can overcome it.

This Easter calls us to do three things: to recognise a true perspective about evil and love; to rejoice in Jesus's victory in the power of God's love; to pledge ourselves to the way of that love. It is never an easy pledge but it is a joyful pledge, and the means to a more joyful world.

Anthony Priddis

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Hymn Books. - Just over half the 120 new hymn books have now been donated (at a cost of £4 each) by members of the congregation. The Church Committee is most grateful for their generosity. Anyone still wishing to donate one - or more - books should contact Donald Urry - Tel: 727420.

Churchyard. As stated in the last newsletter, some members of the village have kindly agreed to 'adopt' a part of the churchyard to keep it tidy. There are still a few spare plots and anyone willing to adopt one should contact John Chenevix-Trench - Tel: 725439.

Kneelers. Would anyone who is interested in working a tapestry kneeler contact Anita Urry - Tel: 727420. Wool and canvas are provided free, so you get the joy of doing the tapestry and the satisfaction of beautifying our church at no cost to yourself.

Guest Service. Our third guest service will be held on the morning of 23rd April, St George's Day. More details nearer the time, but in the meantime do put the date in your diary.

Assistant Curate. John Baker will be joining the parish straight after his ordination on 2nd July. Arrangements for welcoming him and meeting him will be made known in due course. He will be living in Pigotts End.

P.W-W.

CONFIRMATION Sunday 15th January by the Bishop of Oxford

Hazel Glover	3 Manor Way
Joanne Glover	"
Tessa Ware	Mount House, Village Road

HOLY BAPTISM

On 5th February 1989, HEATHER RUTH, daughter of Robert and Liz Haggis, 2 Pond View

On 19th February 1989, FIONA KATHLEEN, daughter of Pat and Tony Dawson, Grove Mill.

IN MEMORIAM

24th January 1989, Marion Lilly of 8 Coleshill House, Coleshill

11th February 1989, John Boer of 8 Cowley Cottages, Winchmore Hill

27th February 1989, Robert James Spackman of Hill Meadow, Coleshill

February 1989, John Arthur Levin of Old Tiles, Village Road, Coleshill

POPPY DAY

The village total from the collection last November was £281.48, an increase of £36.98 on 1987. Many thanks to the Collectors and all who contributed so generously.

A.G.U.

To be held at 'SOLOH', TOWER ROAD (Tony & Stella Platzer)

Ploughman's Lunch, Home Made Vegetable Soup, Tea or Coffee

Bring and Buy Stall & Raffle

Take a look at the Model Train layouts. Some model buildings for sale.

T & S.P.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

The Parents and Friends' Group held our Annual Christmas Bazaar last December and raised the magnificent profit of £346. Also in December a party of children and some parents went by coach to the Palace Theatre, Watford to see 'The Patchwork Girl of Oz' which was very much enjoyed. An end-of-term Carol Service was held in Church on 20th December and was conducted by the Revd A. Priddis.

On 15th March we joined Jordans School and Denham School at Jordans for a Music Morning, conducted by Mr G Perryman.

Forthcoming Event - everyone welcome. Whist Drive to be held on 19th April at 7.30 pm. Tickets 75p each available from school

S.J.D.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK : 15th - 21st MAY

The first event will be in Coleshill First School at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 16th May. The children will be illustrating the theme of the week "It's time to right wrong" in their own way, and there will be a talk and tea.

On Friday, 19th May, the main fund raising event will be a sponsored limited runs cricket match on the Cricket field, starting at 6.30 pm, followed by a barbecue. Participants will be asked to come in costumes on a circus theme.

There will also be a house to house (envelope) collection, and the Sunday 9 a.m. service on 21st May will be one of thanksgiving for Christian Aid.

R.A.L.T.

COLESHILL VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 10th JUNE

The Fete this year is being held on the 10th June at the Cricket Field. The following people have kindly agreed to be stall holders, and your contributions to assist them will be greatly welcomed.

Tel

TOBOLA	Mrs Sharon Hall, Red Lion Cottage	725231
HOUSEHOLD	Mrs Jean Croydon, Ambleside, Tower Road	721209
PRESERVES	Mrs Gill Bungey, "Punt Pleasant"	726234
BOOKS	Miss Ann Trotman, Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane	433545
GREENFINGERS	Mrs Jean Smith, Wheatsheaf Cottage	425402
CAKES	Mrs Hilda Collier, Romany Cottage	724342
SWEETS	Mrs Rosemary Valentine, Friars Vane	725794
TOYS	Mrs Jane McNeilly, Forge House	726736
RAFFLE	Miss Patsy Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages	433356
BRANTUB	Mrs Jean Freemantle, Ongar Hill Farm	726441
CATERING	Mrs Barbara Plumridge, Highfield, Village Rd.	433044

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS') BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

We were sorry to say goodbye to Katie Higgs at the beginning of term, she and her family have moved to Warwickshire. We also said goodbye to Caroline Redstone who has gone up to Guides.

We have been busy working for badges this term. Sarah McNeilly, Natalie Hall, Sarah Priddis, Zoe Head, Stephanie Newell, Katie Cannon, Gemma Ruskih, Nicola Hall, Suzy Bond and Sally Shearn have gained their Artist's badge.

Rosalind Pool, Katie Cannon and Sarah McNeilly gained their Cook's badge.

Other badges gained are: Jester - Rebecca Pyle; Dancer - Katie Cannon; "Country Dancing - Suzy Bond; Writer - Rosalind Pool.

Our latest recruit Sarah Bean has just been enrolled.

Brown Owl

MAGPIE CLUB

Easter Holidays:

Wednesday 29th March. 11.30 - 2.30/3 pm. Ramble. Meet at Village Hall. Please bring picnic lunch. (Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult).
Contact: Jean Dover, Tel: 724831.

Thursday 6th April. 3 - 5 pm. Easter Party - Tea and Games in Village Hall. Please bring contribution to tea and small donation to Hall expenses.
Competition: Bring a painted hard boiled egg. Prizes for the prettiest.
Contact: Madeleine Murray - Tel: 728561 or Rosemary Valentine - Tel: 725794.

Summer Holidays:

We hope to organize the usual coach trip to the sea. Let us know if you have any ideas for a new resort this year.

J.D., M.M., R.V.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

Last year was a good year all round with the 1st XI getting off to a shaky start in the League but soon coming into their own. The 2nd XI did very well and had a good run in the Mid-week Knock-out competition.

The highlight of the season, of course, was the club's performance in the Norsk Hydro Village competition when we became Bucks Area Champions. We did not quite make Lords but it was none the less a marvellous achievement and a thoroughly enjoyable experience. We would like to thank everyone for their support and for all the Good Luck cards & letters that we received. They were very much appreciated.

This year we are playing League Cricket on a Saturday and Club Cricket on a Sunday and have entered the Norsk Hydro Village Competition once again.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Club House once again this season.

K. Barber

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

We are now awaiting the outcome of the planning appeal. The tennis committee were all extremely pleased with the response shown by the many residents of Coleshill, Winchmore Hill and Penn Street, who made the effort to write letters of support, which were sent to the Chief Planning Officer and the Department of the Environment. We would like to thank Coleshill Parish Council for their continued support, and also Maureen Seymour from Winchmore Hill whose positive attitude and approach to our case, resulted in Penn Parish Council discussing the merits of three courts being beneficial for the residents of our neighbouring villages, and consequently a supportive letter was sent by them to the Chief Planning Officer.

It is at this stage that we would also like to thank the many villagers who have supported our cause, of whom there have been a vast number. Hopefully, it has not all been in vain.

D.G.

COLESHILL W.I.

Since the last newsletter, a great deal has been going on. In December, we had the Christmas lunch, which was very well attended. The menu was excellent, and the entertainment devised by Mrs Ivy Owen, first rate. However, a sad note was struck, as members learnt of the death the day before of Mrs Jan Day, who was much loved and will be sadly missed.

In January, some members went to the Pantomime at Windsor Theatre and had a very enjoyable time. In February, sadly, we lost another member, Mrs Marian Lilley.

Mrs Gill Pusey was asked to find out if the "young Mums" would like to join us, but although interested, the afternoon, when meetings are held, is not a convenient time for them, so we hope they will be able to form their own branch; to meet in the morning. The present W.I. is such a lively and outward-looking one, it is a pity they cannot take advantage of it.

In July the Institute will be celebrating its 40th Birthday with a party for all members.

Activities this year so far include a bird-watching outing to Tring Reservoir, a visit to the Horses Home of Rest at Speen, and there is a weekly meeting of the Craft Group, run by Lindsey Haubner, and this group is currently making a patchwork quilt.

We are looking forward to such diverse pleasures as a visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum and a concert at the Royal Festival Hall in April, outings to Lower Bottom Farm, Chalfont St Giles, and Chicheley Hall, to mention but a few. We have had most interesting speakers on Dental Care in Labrador, Sugar Paste Icing and Collecting Old China. Next month we look forward to hearing about Windsor Castle and Town.

Why not come and join us? Visitors are always made welcome. We meet on the 1st second Thursday in the month at 2.30 in the Village Hall.

J.P.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Spring meeting is now arranged in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Friday, 14th April. Do please come along, and have a glass of wine and listen to Mr Tony Lowe of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens at Wisley. Mr Lowe will give an illustrated talk on Lost and Endangered Garden Plants and the National Collections of Garden plants. How GREEN can you get! Tickets at the door or from committee members;

On Sunday, 28th May we have a trip to the beautiful gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society at WISLEY near Guildford which also offers a restaurant, a cafeteria, an information centre, shop and plant centre. Please put your name down for this trip when you come to the Spring Meeting - or let us know directly.

Another date for your diary is Saturday, 2nd September for the Annual Show. Hope everyone has a really good Summer.

J.S.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is now a Sunday School and creche in the village, catering for "children aged 0 - 11. The Sunday School meets every 4th Sunday in the month, with the exception of August and December. The children go to the village hall just before 9 am where they have their own religious instruction and activities. They then join their parents in church prior to the communion. Children unaccompanied can sit with the Sunday School and then be fetched from outside the church at 10 am.

For more details, please phone: Rosemary Valentine - Amersham 725794

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

Not all espionage takes place in luxurious settings with space-age gadgetry worked by James Bond heroes. In fact, there could be spies anywhere, quietly passing on" secrets while posing as ordinary men and women. And there WERE spies in Coleshill recently, when the Drama Group presented 'Pack of Lies' by Hugh Whitmore.

The story is based on the true happenings in a quiet street in Ruislip in 1960. The Jacksons and the Krugers are neighbours and best friends. Barbara Jackson adores the zany Helen Kruger who has brightened her life for the last five years and cannot believe the quietly-spoken 'civil servant', Mr Stewart, who calls one evening to tell them that a spy, Gordon Lonsdale, has been seen with them. The story is Barbara's. She cannot believe her friends can be mixed up with this man and her feelings change from confident disbelief, to suspicion, to despair as she has to continue as normal in front of them when she knows their dark secrets and has to maintain this air until the rest of these communist agents are rounded up.

Catherine Wicks, who has only played very small parts before, was perfect as Barbara - a part originally played in Londch by Dame Judi Dench. During the small intervals when she was not on stage acting her heart out, she was off getting changed, and returned each time to show such emotion that when the audience is told at the end that she dies, there were several handkerchiefs reached for.

John Horsbrugh-Porter, as her supportive loving husband, also gave a moving performance, and new-comer, Ruth Murphy, showed that her talents lie not only in her organ-playing fingers when she made her debut as the lookout who could sympathise with Barbara but could tell her nothing. Ruth's daughter, Alex Murphy, swopped 'Mums' to become Barbara's daughter, Julie, who likewise loves 'Auntie Helen' and cannot believe that the police have arrested her lovely friend. A terrific performance by a youngster who, also, had no previous acting experience.

Lindsey Haubner and David Hall, enjoyed their parts as the genial Krugers, giving nothing away about their sordid secrets, yet doomed - as all baddies should be! Stephen H. tchen had a difficult role as Mr Stewart, the uninvited stranger who comes into and shatters the homely lives of the Jacksons. He knows from the start that the Krugers are Russian agents, yet cannot tell their friends this. Instead he keeps calling and quietly, yet sinisterly, reveals a little more of the secret with each visit. Not much scope for change of pace or drama for Stephen but a very wordy role, demanding all of Stephen's experience and talent.½

Gill Pusey was only seen fleetingly as Sally, the stand-in lookout, but had a far more difficult job for the rest of the time, as the prompt, with this very wordy play.

We were all much indebted to Teddy Joseph, our producer/director, whose patient direction and organised approach made for an excellent production. His neighbour (not a spy!) Alan Hall and his team constructed a very effective set and the entire troupe, including all the backstagers, enjoyed working for this very efficient gentleman. Thank you, Teddy. Keep up the good work.

L.H.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

Balancing Act

I am pleased to report that the installation of the new ventilation system has been successfully completed and tested. We hope that users of the Hall will now have an adequate air supply without the need to open any doors or windows which might possibly have allowed noise to escape and neighbours to be disturbed.

Some serious concerns were expressed by near-by residents at the external visual changes and after a meeting of all parties, some design modifications were agreed and put into effect. This has prompted the Management Committee to wish to set out the dilemma it faces, and the balancing act it has to perform in managing the Hall.

On the one hand, it has a responsibility to run the Hall for the benefit of the people of Coleshill and of the surrounding area. This obligation is set out in the Trust Deed and was a requirement of the Local Authorities who provided 75% of the building cost of the Hall. In addition the Management Committee has to face financial reality in ensuring that the income covers the necessary expenditure of running the Hall. Thus the policy of the Management Committee is to encourage the use of the Hall for the benefit of people within its catchment area.

The Management Committee is also fully conscious of its responsibility to the neighbours of the Hall in respect of any undue noise or disturbance. We have stated this previously and we are pleased now to reaffirm our wish to be a good and reasonable neighbour particularly to those whose homes are sited very close to the Hall. However, this responsibility does have to be exercised in the context of running the Hall on a financially sound basis and for the benefit of the people of Coleshill and the surrounding area.

A very positive suggestion to emerge from the meeting with neighbours of the Hall was that they should put forward one member of the committee. We have welcomed this suggestion and we shall be pleased for Keith Glover to join the Management Committee starting from its next meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall is scheduled for Thursday 27th April 1989 at 8.15 pm. If anyone wishes to comment on the Management Committee's policies or on any other aspect of the running of the Hall, they will be most welcome. Wine will be served after the meeting.

P.M.L.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 MARCH	29th	Wed	Magpie - Ramble
APRIL	4th	Tue	Ploughman's lunch - 'Solon'
	6th	Thu	Magpie - Easter Party
	9th	Sun	Focus on Giving begins
	14th	Fri	C.H.S. Spring Meeting
	19th	Thu	Whist Drive - Coleshill School
	23rd	Sun	9.00 am Guest Service
			6.00 pm Annual Mtg - St Mary's
	27th	Thu	A.G.M. of Coleshill Village Hall
MAY	15th - 21st		Christian Aid Week
	16th	Tue	" " Coleshill School 1.30 pm
	19th	Fri	" " Sponsored Cricket Match & Barbecue
	28th	Sun	C.H.S. Outing to Wisley
JUNE	10th	Sat	Coleshill Village Fete
JULY	2nd	Sun	Ordination of John Baker
	9th	Sun	Parish Picnic at Cricket Ground - 3 pm

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 Communion (with Crèche, Sunday School and Young People's Church)
	11.30 am	Matins (with Holy Communion 1st Sunday in month)
	6.00 pm	Evensong
2nd Wednesday of each month	10.00 am	Holy Communion

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 1st Sunday in month
EASTER SERVICES: *1.00 ✓* *6.00 ✓* *October 1st*
GOOD FRIDAY 11.00 am Matins and Litany
EASTER DAY 9.00 am Parish Communion

Have Supper Friday October, 6th

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Pro-Wardens	- R. Valentine, Friars Vane, Coleshill	725794
	- J. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill	725439
Hon. Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	727420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages, Coleshill	433356

Brownies	-	Monday Evenings 5.30 - 7.00 pm	Coleshill School
Guides	-	Monday Evenings 7.00 - 8.15 pm	Village Hall
W.I.	-	2nd Thursday of each month (except August) 2.30	Village Hall
MOBILE LIBRARY	-	This calls at Coleshill every other THURSDAY, stopping at:	
		The Church	3.45 - 4.00 pm
		Hill Fleadow	4.00 - 4.15 pm
Next visits:		MAR 23rd; APR 6th & 20th; MAY 4th & 18th; JUNE 1st, 15th & 29th	