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ALL SAINTS' VILLAGE NEWSLETTER No 132

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WINNING PEACE

What a relief it is to everyone that the Gulf War is over! And what a relief that the freeing of Kuwait was achieved with so few casualties among the allied forces! We have yet to gain a clear picture of the scale of the loss of life among the Iraqis, but it is clear that it is horrific. It emphasises the horror and ugliness of all war, however just its waging may be.

There have been many people who, from the outset of hostilities, have been sure that although it would be difficult to win the war, it would be harder still to win the peace. The fighting has stopped. The cease-fire has scarcely been breached. So why is it going to be difficult to win the peace? The answer to that question clearly lies in the nature of "peace" itself.

If we think that peace is just the absence of war or disturbance of any kind, then peace is not so hard to achieve. But that would be a very shallow peace.

The real quality of peace is not just to be thought of as an absence, but a deep presence, the presence of an inner quality that is related to and dependent upon truth and justice and unity. This is true both of social peace and individual peace. Peace in the Gulf, -or Northern Ireland, or anywhere else in the world, is dependent upon a sense of justice and readiness to live with a settled order, recognising and working for the common good.

It is those very qualities of inner peace that Christ came to give us. His parting gift to his disciples was of peace. It is still his gift to his disciples, to all who follow him and call upon his Name. It is a gift that he gives in a way that is different from the world's peace because his peace alone has the true depth of inner presence of unity and harmony. This is possible because it is founded upon forgiveness and love and because it is based upon a victorious fight. Throughout his life, Jesus fought the ways of self-interest and indifference. He fought them with the weapons of love and he won. That is what the cross and resurrection are all about.

As we hope and pray that the world leaders can make possible the international setting for a permanent and lasting peace in the Gulf, so let us also look for that deepest of all peace in our own lives and work for it. No amount of international structures, however good it is, will create peace unless it is also being created inside individuals. And that is the work of God. "The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." And so to a joyful Easter and beyond.

Anthony Priddis

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Lent Study Groups. Two study groups have met in the village during Lent to discuss the Oxford diocesan's study scheme "First Steps in Evangelism". About 25 participated.

Stewardship. The next Coleshill Contact tea will be in the Eorsbrugh-Porter's home on Wednesday, 24th April.

Harvest Charity. It was decided in committee to continue to support the Raphael Ryder/Cheshire home's T.B. eradication scheme at Dehru Dun, India, for a further five years.

Church Fete. This will be held on Saturday, 8th June.

Confirmation. Five Coleshill friends were confirmed by the Bishop of Buckingham at St Mary's on Sunday, 3rd March. We welcome them into full church membership.

Updating of the Electoral Roll. If there is any one new to the village or church who would like to be included on the Church Electoral Roll, or if you missed out on the forms when the new list was made in 1990, there is an opportunity to do so up to the end of April. Please obtain a form from the Eon Secretary, Ann Trotman (Tel: 433545).

All Saints' Church Annual Church Meeting. This will be held in the church after morning service on Sunday, 24th April (about 10.00 am). An agenda and nomination form for committee members will be found posted on the Church noticeboard two weeks before the meeting.

R.A.L.T.

CHURCH FLOWER FUND

Over £100 was raised at the Coffee Morning held at 'Westlands' on 23rd January. A great effort. Many thanks to Pat for her hospitality.

HOLY BAPTISM

On 10th March 1991, FIONA CHARLOTTE, daughter of Colin and Gillian Sach of Stockings House, Coleshill.

IN MEMORIAM

January 1991, Mrs Wyn Grindley, of Claymore House, Coleshill.

CHRISTIAN AID

During Christian Aid Week, 13th - 18th May, there will be a house to house collection as usual. Coleshill C of E First School will be presenting an interpretation of the theme for the week "We believe in life before death, do you?" on Tuesday afternoon, 14th May.

Our main fund raising event will be on Friday, 17th May, when Pauline Griffiths is arranging a concert by the Owlswick Wind Quintet in the Village Hall, 7.15 for 7.45 pm. The tickets will include refreshments, and there will also be a bar. We are grateful to Pauline and her colleagues for giving their time for Christian Aid. Don't miss it!

MAGPIE CLUB - EASTER HOLIDAYS

TUESDAY 26th MARCH. Trip to *Tring* Zoological Museum - a fascinating place for children. Adults: £1, Children & OAPs: 50p
Under 5s - Free.

THURSDAY 4th APRIL. Walk across fields to the Magpie Public House. Bring a picnic. Children can play in the garden.
Leave Village Hall 11 am.

ALL CHILDREN UNDER 8 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Madeleine Murray (728561)

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS') BROWNIE PACK.

The highlight of this term was the return of *Brown Owl*, Anne Lake, from Zimbabwe. The whole pack made a *Welcome Back* banner and organised a surprise party for her return. She came back with lots of photographs of Zimbabwe and the Brownie pack she helps with and many stories of her travels.

22nd February was Thinking Day. A service was held for the Amersham Bast district Guides and Brownies at St Mary's Church with the theme of Friendship. The 1st Colleshill's flag was carried by Kate Woodland and prayers were read by Holly Woodland and Rebecca Pyle.

We have two new additions to the pack this term, Helen Connolly, who was enrolled on 25th February, and Carla Chases who will be enrolled on 15th April.

With the kind help of Rosemary Valentine, Natalie Christian, Susannah Pond, Victoria Proddow, Malia Sampson and Kate and Holly Woodland passed their Cook's badge. Susannah Pond also passed her Swimmer's badge.

Sadly, *Brown Owl* is returning to Zimbabwe, but she will be back soon to see how we are all getting on.

ALL SAINTS' FETE COMMITTEE

Another year has flown by and we are making preliminary arrangements about the Fete which will be held on SATURDAY JUNE 8th at the CBICKET FIELD.

The following have kindly agreed to run stalls:

TOMBOLA	Sharon Hall	Am 725231
HOUSEHOLD & BRIC-A-BRAC	Jean Croydon	721208
PRESERVES	Gill Bungay	726234
BOOKS	Ann Trotman	433545
GREENFINGERS	Jean Smith	725402
CAKES	Hazel Pearce	726482
SWEETS	Rosemary Valentine	725794
TOYS	Madeleine Murray	728561
RAFFLE	Lindsey Eardley	433815
SECOND HAND CLOTHING	Alex Pond	726623
BROWNIES	Green & Yellow Stall	
	Kim Clarke	721854
CATERING	Barbara Plumridge	433044

If you are new to the village and feel you would like to help in some way with the fete, please contact any of the following

Chairman	David McCammon	726126
	Donald Urry	727420
	Nick Sadler	72627?
	Dumpy Swerling	726414
	Helen Spencer	725857

COLESHILL VILLAGE MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT - SUNDAY 9th JUNE

Everyone over 18 interested in playing, please contact:

David and Ineke McCammon Tel: 726126

COLESHILL W.I.

When the last newsletter went out, we were looking forward to our annual Christmas Lunch. It was a great success, cooked for the first time by an outside caterer, thus giving the committee, who usually do the honours, a well-earned rest. It provided everyone with a very pleasant meal, and time to relax and exchange news. The afternoon ended with everyone singing carols, encouraged by Ruth Murphy at the piano.

In the New Year, one of the Founder Members (1949), Mrs Ivy Redding, decided to retire from the Institute. She served for many years on the committee, through the fifties, sixties and seventies, and was Vice President in 1964-5. She is well known for her contribution to Craftwork - embroidery, rug-making and crochet being amongst her skills. The Institute hopes she will continue to enjoy her hobbies.

Outings so far this year have been a visit to see Tom Conti in "Otherwise Engaged" at Windsor Theatre, and a walk with Ann Trotman to Chalfont Park Lake. It was a cold, frosty, misty morning, which hindered the bird watchers somewhat. However, there was plenty of wild life on and around the lake. Fortunately Ann's trained eyes hoped the rest of the party to see much they might have missed without such a helpful companion.

The Institute has bought a croquet set which should prove popular this coming summer, particularly as for a modest fee, members will be able to hire it for their own families' use.

Joy Hicks has found a variety of speakers so far this year. In January Keith Chatfield told the interesting story of how he left Yogurt marketing to become a writer of children's books. In February Mrs Barnes presented a beautiful slide show with her own commentary on the swans on Langley Park Lake. In March, Mrs Hill gave a very light-hearted talk on "Love & Marriage", ranging from her experience as an Agony Aunt through her own long and happy life with what she stressed was ONE husband.

There's a busy time ahead with the group meeting and competitions and the first Triennial General Meeting in Birmingham, as well as more leisurely pursuits. There are two new members already this year to share in these forthcoming activities, and more will be very welcome.

J.P.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

Spring is now officially here, so once again minds are looking forward to the cricket season. The first working party is meeting at the ground on Sunday 24th March, although our groundsman, Vic Baldwin, has already been hard at it - he never really stops.

Last season was successful, both on and off the field and was enjoyed by all. The highlight was the 2nd Eleven winning the Mid-Bucks League 2nd Eleven Knock out competition in an exciting game which wasn't decided until practically the last ball.

This season we are once again playing League cricket on a Saturday and Club Cricket on a Sunday as well as the usual Knock-out competitions. We have also entered the National Village competition.

If anyone is interested in doing some umpiring on a Saturday or becoming a Playing Member, Social member or Vice-President, please contact me on Am 722143. We shall be pleased to hear from you.

Kate Barber

COLESHILL FIRST TIME SEWERAGE

I am pleased to report that considerable progress has been made for the provision of mains drainage in Coleshill.

In this connection, I have arranged for a meeting to be held in the Village Hall on THURSDAY 18th APRIL at 8 pm to enable the District Engineer and his team to explain the proposed sewer routes and give all residents concerned the opportunity to question and obtain further details of the scheme.

I am grateful to the Council Officer for agreeing to address this meeting and hope villagers will attend and find it informative.

Julie Burton
Chiltern District Councillor

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council on 26th March will be the last of the present Council members. At least four of them have said that they will not be standing again, so there will be four vacancies to be filled. Nomination papers, which can be obtained from the Clerk, have to be in by Friday, 5th April. With over half the members standing down there will, in any case, be considerable changes.

There has been only one meeting since the last Newsletter. The following are the main items that were discussed:

Road Safety. Information from the County Council about traffic calming measures was not encouraging as none of them seem to be suitable for Coleshill. Some of the councillors subsequently met outside the school to consider the possibilities and a meeting with a representative of the County Council will take place shortly. In the meantime, the many damaged road signs in the village will be replaced, repaired or improved any day now (so we are promised!)

Litter. Representations to the District Council about the Bottrells Lane lay-by have resulted in the placement of two litter bins and a 'NO DUMPING' sign as well as the regular clearance of larger items, so the situation is greatly improved. They have asked that we should help them by letting them know if the rubbish starts piling up again, so do phone the Clerk who will pass on the message.

The County Council is again mounting a Litterblitz campaign in May and it was agreed that we should have a major effort on Sunday 21st May. Lindsey Haubner has kindly agreed to organise it but she will need everyone's help if we are to clear up the village thoroughly. More details nearer the time.

Honours Board. The Council has been considering an honours board listing the names of chairmen and clerks since the Council was set up in 1896, to honour the service they have given to the village.

Village Pond. There are two conflicting arguments as to the optimum level of water in the village pond. On the one hand it is aesthetically desirable that it should be kept full, even in a dry summer. On the other, it is believed that it contains a rare plant which can only germinate in dried out mud. To resolve the problem, some members of the village have very kindly offered to donate a dedicated water supply so that the pond will be kept topped up automatically, but, if next summer should again be a dry one, the level will be allowed to drop somewhat to see if the starfruit reappears. An environmental grant has been applied for to help meet the cost.

. Planning. Planning applications continue to be scrutinised and none have been agreed against the advice of this Council.

Bulbs. Over 1,000 daffodils, crocuses and bluebells donated by the County Council were planted by members of the Horticultural Society and friends, and are now beautifying the village.

Remembrance Sunday. Many people attending the War Memorial service were upset by the number of cars that passed without even bothering to slow down. The police have been approached and next year the roads will be closed off during the service.

DC/PW-W

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

We are very pleased to announce that Jean and Alan Dover have agreed to come back to the Hall to undertake the *cleaning* for us. We have missed them during the last year and we are delighted to have them back together with their fund of knowledge on running the Hall.

In addition we are also pleased to welcome Madeleine Murray as the new Bookings Secretary. She will start on 1 July and we look forward to her taking care of the bookings and to supervising the various things that need to be done from time to time. Madeleine lives at 6 Hill Meadow. Before 2 July Ann Lawrence is acting as Bookings Secretary on a temporary basis and we are grateful to her for continuing to fill the gap.

Separately I mention that the A.G.M. of the Hall will be held at 8.15 pm on Thursday 25 April at the Hall. All people living in Coleshill and the surrounding area are entitled to attend and will be most welcome. If you have views about the way the Hall is run please come and express them so that the Committee can take them into account. We shall be pleased to offer you a glass of wine after the meeting.

After the A.G.M. a separate meeting will be held to see if there is interest in forming a '*Steering Committee*' for the purpose of following up on two suggestions that were included in the recent questionnaire. The first enquired about additional fundraising events in the village to finance a deficit that would arise if the use of the Hall was restricted. 100 people replied that they were in favour of this idea. The second question asked whether some form of Membership or patronage *acheme*, under which villagers were invited to contribute on the basis that money received would reduce bookings to an equivalent value. 50 people gave a *positive* response to this question. The *steering Committee* and its subsequent activities would be separate from those of the Hall.

P. M. L.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

Despite the snow, we were pleased with the number of people who supported us at the *pantomime*.

Auditions will be held shortly for the next play which is '*Separate Tables*', which will not be performed until late autumn.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

In December our Christmas Bazaar was a great success, attended by a large number of people, and raised £507 for the school and £31.34 from the Children's stalls for the Christingle Service held in Church on the following Sunday.

Also in December our concert took place, again being well attended and enjoyed by all who came. The children's Christmas party was held the day before we broke up. End of term Service was held in Church, conducted by the Reverend A Priddis.

A Book Fair took place in school in January, when books were on sale to parents, local people and play groups who had been informed. Mrs Jean Archer has been to school again this term to give another of her delightful talks, with slide show, on Amersham and the surrounding district in Victorian and Edwardian times.

The older children visited Elgiva Hall, Chesham, to see a scientific play 'Gremlins at Work' sponsored by British Telecom. We all went to the Chair Museum in High Wycombe, and took part in a Music Morning at Jordans School.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On FRIDAY 19th APRIL our Spring Meeting will be held in the village hall at 7.45 pm. We are very fortunate indeed that Ann Trotman will be coming along to speak to us and show slides on Natural History around Coleshill. Please do put this date in your diaries and come along to a very enjoyable evening about the beautiful area that we live in.

For our Summer outing we have a coach arranged to take us to the Festival of Gardening at Hatfield House and gardens. We have been to this Festival some years ago and it was very popular as the arena events are very entertaining, the gardens beautiful, and, if wet, the House, in which Elizabeth the First lived as a child, displays over four centuries of history. The outing is at 11 am on SUNDAY 23rd JUNE. More details and a booking list will be available at the Spring meeting.

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER is ANNUAL SHOW DAY, so please get growing, arranging, preserving, pickling, jamming, caking, knitting, needleworking, painting, crafting, etc. The schedules will be sent round in early August, and don't forget, please, that the more entries the better, and everyone in the village is entitled to have a go.

J.S.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MARCH	Tues 26th	Tring Outing - Magpie Club
APRIL	Thur 4th	Walk - Magpie Club
	Thur 18th	First Time Sewerage Meeting - Village Hall
	Fri 19th	Horticultural Society Spring Meeting
	Thur 25th	Village Hall A.G.M.
MAY	13th-18th	Christian Aid Week
	Tues 14th	Christian Aid - Village School
	Fri 17th	Christian Aid Concert - Village Hall
JUNE	Sat 8th	Church Fete
	Sun 9th	Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament
	Sun 23rd	Horticultural Society Outing to Hatfield House

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

The Reverend Anthony M. Priddis, The Rectory, Church Street, Amersham, Bucks
Tel: Amersham 729380

The Reverend John Baker, 31 Piggotts End, Amersham, Bucks.
Tel: Amersham 726089

St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Family Service (with Sunday School
& Creche)

11.45 am Matins

6.00 pm Evensong

2nd Wednesday of each month

10.00 am Holy Communion

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

8.00 am Service

Good Friday

2.00 pm

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

EASTER SERVICES:

GOOD FRIDAY

11.00 am Holy Communion

EASTER DAY

9.00 am Holy Communion

Tel

Pro-Wardens - J. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill 725439
- Mrs D. Swerling, 14 Woodland Park, Chesham Bois 726414

Hon. Treasurer - D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill 727420

Hon. Secretary - Miss A. Trotman, Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane. 433545

Brownies - Monday Evenings: 5.50 - 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

The Mobile Library is in Coleshill every Wednesday between 9.35 - 9.50 am, calling alternate Wednesdays at Village Hall and Village Way, as follows:

Village Hall

Village Way

MAR 27
APR 10, 24
MAY 8, 22
JUN 5, 19

APR 3, 17
MAY 1, 15, 29
JUN 12, 26