

ALL SAINTS' VILLAG NEWSLETTER No 117

May 1986

As most of you know the Rector retired on 31 May, and the Bishop of Buckingham has appointed the Reverend David Smith, at present Vicar of Wing and Rural Dean of Mursley, to succeed him.

David Smith was born in Vermont in the United States of America in 1948. He holds two degrees, including Master of Divinity from Harvard University. He was ordained in the Church of England at Wells Cathedral in 1972 and held two curacies from 1972 to 1980, the second being at Marlow. He was appointed Vicar of Wing in 1980 and Rural Dean in 1983.

He is a keen musician and plays the oboe in a London Orchestra. His wife's name is Pamela and they have two children, Jonathan aged 11 and Benjamin aged 9.

The date of his induction will be announced when arrangements are complete. We hope it will be in August. The Churchwardens and Pro-Wardens are sure that the congregation will give a warm welcome to Mr Smith and his family.

A.M.V.P.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

Two longstanding members have left the Church Committee. Bob Stubbings had been a member since 1949 and was treasurer from 1969 to 1972. He was a loyal and staunch member, as was Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter, who resigned after ten years of service. They have been replaced by Nigel Rogers and Ann Trotman.

The Committee has prepared a newsnote about the village organisations and activities to welcome newcomers to the village and details from this are shown below.

During the interregnum, services at All Saints will continue as at present, with a morning service at 9.15 each Sunday and Evensong at 6 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

P.W-W.

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### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Miss Ann Trotman . Am: 3545

The meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. and new members are always welcome.

### COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mrs C Wicks

Am 4922

A very good Show is held on the first Saturday in September and there are other activities during the year. If you have green fingers, do get in touch with the Secretary.

### COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

Mrs L Haubner

Am 22589

A very lively group which puts on plays or pantomimes and other entertainments.

### COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

Mr B Tilson

Am 6005

We have a cricket club which is really thriving and the clubhouse and cricket field are in beautiful surroundings at the Water Tower end of the village.

### COLESHILL CLUB

Mrs R May

Am 22344

This is the over 60s Club held in the Village Hall on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2.30. There is usually a guest speaker or a film show, followed by tea.

### FOR CHILDREN

The MAGPIE CHILDREN'S CLUB meets in the holidays with varying activities for young children - mothers usually come along too and we have family activities.

Mrs D Swerling

Am 6414

As there is no Sunday School at present, there is a MAGPIE FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP which meets every other Friday in term time in the Village School at 5-6 p.m.

Mrs H Spencer

Am 5857

Coleshill BROWNIES and GUIDES are two thriving groups.

The Brownies meet every Monday evening 5.30 - 6.45 in the School (7-11 year old)

Mrs M Tilson

Am 6005

The Guides meet every Monday evening 6.45 - 8.15 in the Village Hall.

Mrs Hughes

Am 3419

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 ALL SAINTS CHURCH FETE  
 SATURDAY, 14th JUNE 1986  
 MAGPIE LANE 2 p.m.  
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Your contributions will be most welcome for: Amersham

TOMBOLA Mrs Sharon Hall 5231, .

HOUSEKEEPING Mrs Urry, Ardlair 7420  
 Household and Provisions

PRESERVES Mrs Bungey 6234

BOOKS Miss A Trotman 3546

GREENFINGERS Mrs Jean Smith 5402

CAKES Mrs Collier, Romany Cottage 4842

SWEETS Mrs Valentine, Friars Vane 5794

TOYS Mrs Richardson and 5197  
 Mrs Barrett 22295

MAGPIE CLUB Mrs Ternantle 6441  
 (10p Bran Tub)

SMASHING CHINA Mr David Hall 5231

RAFFLE Miss Patsy Wright-Warren, Amber, Cottages 3534 ..  
 (Mrs Gow collecting)

CATERING The Mothers' Union, Mrs Bristow, The Bit 21831

SECONDHAND Mr and Mrs Sadler 6277

GARDEN EQUIPMENT

COMPETITIONS" - CHILDREN'S SPORTS - TUG-OF-WAR

ORDER OF EVENTS

2.00 p.m. GATES OPEN  
 2.15 p.m. OFFICIAL OPENING by Mr Alastair Panton  
 2.45 p.m. COUNTRY DANCING by The School  
 3.30 p.m. CHILDREN'S SPORTS  
 4.00 p.m. TUG-OF-WAR  
 4.30 p.m. RAFFLE

## COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

In December, Jordans School and some members of Colleshill Club came to a performance of our Christmas Concert, and in January, two police officers came with a video to show children the dangers of going with strangers.

We attended a Music Morning at Jordans School conducted by Joan Godfrey, Music Adviser, in March. The music consisted of songs from the BBC school series "Wind in the Willows." The same evening our Whist Drive was held and raised £42.70 for school funds. Mr N Meeks was M.C. The Spring term ended with an indoor picnic for all children, plus brothers and sisters and pre-school friends.

In April, the older children, accompanied by Mrs Bayley, visited Amersham Museum. Mrs Pat James, puppy walker, for Guidedogs for the Blind, brought Opal, her labrador puppy, to show the children.

On May 13th, as part of Christian Aid Week, Mrs Margaret Filer came to talk about 'Changing things for good,' after which the children presented home-made gifts to many of our older village friends. Refreshments were served by the Christian Aid Committee and a successful Traidcraft sale was held.

S.J.D.

## MAGPIE CLUB

We discovered that we had £120 in a deposit account which we had forgotten about! This was the proceeds of a disco we had when we first started the club nine years ago.

We decided that we would invest in some short tennis equipment for the children of school age. This has turned out to be a good investment as already it has been used quite a lot, and even the mums are playing!

The short tennis equipment cost £60. We sent a cheque to The Sick Children's Trust for £40. This is to enable Great Ormond Street Hospital and Barts Hospital to buy a house to accommodate the parents of very sick children, who are receiving treatment. Colleshill is luckily blessed with fit and healthy children so we decided it would be a good idea to help those less fortunate.

Of the remaining £20, £5 went to the hire of the Hall for the Christmas Party, £10 for expenses of running the club for the last nine years, and we now have £5 in the kitty!

The date of the Outing this year is THURSDAY, 28th AUGUST - so put the date down in your diary now. Destination - Bournemouth.

D.S.

## 1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

The Brownies sang carol's at Rushmead before attending the Christingle service in December, and once again prepared cards for the Chalfont Centre for Epileptics. We still collect tin-foil for the GuideDogs, for the Blind and postage stamps for Oxfam. We went on a Pack Holiday week-end in April and enjoyed warm weather. Tawny Owl, Mrs Hazel Haddock, left us at Easter but we have been very lucky to secure the services of Mrs Susan Miles as a Unit Helper.

Sarah Miles and Susannah Moss made their promise in January and Emily Jackson joined us in April. Elizabeth Eardley, Joanna Glover, Emma Norman and Victoria Radstone left us to become Guides. We have a few vacancies for girls 7-10 years who wish to become Brownies. Please contact me ON Amersham 6005.

### Interest Badges achieved

Hostess Nicola Barrett, Anna Bayley, Charlotte Bond, Alexandra Desoutter, Annabel Eardley, Sophie Hesford, Katharine Sadler.

Toymaker Elizabeth Freemantle

Agility Emma Norman

First Aid Nicola Barrett, Anna Bayley, Charlotte Bond, Joanne Glover, Sophie Hesford, Emma Norman

Artist Alexandra Desoutter, Sara Hall, Sarah Miles, Susannah Moss, Julie Puddephatt, Caroline Redstone, Katie Wood.

Cook Nicola Barrett, Anna Bayley, Charlotte Bond, Annabel Eardley, Katharine Sadler, Katie Wood.

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We would like to thank those who continue to test the Brownies for their Interest Badges. We appreciate their support.

M.T.

## COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very successful bazaar was held before Christmas and also a most enjoyable Christmas lunch. All the meetings since the New Year have been very well attended in spite of the indifferent weather. Mrs Joseph, the President, welcomed two new members.

The talks were all varied and interesting. Mrs Rose Miller described her visit to Tonga for a royal wedding; Mr Tony White spoke as Editor of The Bucks Examiner and our own member, Mrs Joan Whyte, talked of her visit to China. Miss M.E. Lowe described 'Life with the Rothschilds'.

Miss Ann Trotman took us on two interesting and instructive walks to the Nature Reserve at Stockton Park, Rickmansworth. A delightful luncheon party at the home of Mrs Hazel Pearce was attended by some twenty five members; and two theatre visits were made in March - to Windsor and Guildford.

Talks at future meetings will include 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf', 'The A.B.C. of Gardens' and 'The Story of Stoke Mandeville. In addition, arrangements have been made for visits to the show 'He and My Girl' and to Waterperry Gardens,

P.W.

Hey! Guess what we've been doing since Christmas! Well, we went on a trip" to London to see Michael Crawford in 'Barnum'; then there was the lovely party at Sue and Mike's. Oh, yes ... and we all played Trivial Pursuits at David and Sharon's one night and had a silly evening at Ann's playing Charades and the like. We read some hilarious plays at Peggy's and think we'll put some on in November. Who are we? We're drama group members.

O.K., O.K., I know the last time you saw me I was dressed as a Christmas pudding and my sister was a bloke but it takes all sorts (and most of them are in our group). What do you mean "Well, that's no good for me, I'm normal"? We're not all weirdos. You see, besides people with Streep and Redford delusions, we have set builders, costume makers, publicity and make-up people, tea-makers, curtain pullers and a pretty punctual prompt, and when we're not working towards our next production we have some very enjoyable meetings. However, some of our members have left recently and we could do with some new lunatics - er - faces. So, if you've been feeling bored lately or are new to the village and want to get in with the REALLY 'In' crowd (but the oversixties say you're too young!), try the Drama-we'll-take-anyone-Group - most survive the experience and most have a great time. Call me to find out where our next meeting will be and I'll arrange for someone to take you along. The show must go on .....

Lindsey Haubner Hon Sec. --Tel: Amersham 22589

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#### VILLAGE SUPPER WITH BINGO

The idea on this evening was two-fold. Firstly to try and get some of the many newcomers to the village to come along in order to meet some of the Coleshill people. Secondly to raise some money for charity.

I trust we succeeded with both. There was a good turn out of new people, and due to everyone's marvellous generosity we were able to give the Royal Marsden Hospital £220 and the Winged Fellowship Trust £214.

Many thanks to all who supported the evening. -Special thanks to all the people who hosted a table and for all their hard work; for those who ran the bar; and a special thank you to Jim Denning who was such an excellent caller for the Bingo.

## COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to report that the legal formalities in connection with the lease of the land on which the Village Hall is built, granted by the Colehill Parish Council have now been completed. The new lease runs for a period of 99 years at a ground rent of £10 per annum, which can be increased periodically by the amount of inflation. This new arrangement provides better security of tenure than previously when the old lease could be broken at seven year intervals.

We also report that David Curling has been appointed a Trustee in addition to the three existing Trustees, who are Dimitri Ruperti, Reginald Woolacott and Jack Adams, Chairman. We are very grateful to Richard Valentine for his kind assistance with the legal work in connection with both these matters.

Turning to the Hall itself, we are pleased to say that both the decoration of the Large? Hall and of the exterior has now been completed. The outside woodwork is well protected against the weather and the inside looks fresh and clean; Nick Gadler very kindly co-ordinated and supervised this work on behalf of the Management Committee. Our policy is to maintain the Hall to a high standard, and we have established a planned programme of maintenance and decoration. The redecoration of the kitchen and bar, followed by the toilets and small hall are next on the list.

Some development of the small piece of land at the side of the Hall has been started. Peter Hook kindly used his digger to pull out the hedge and to level the ground, and our thanks are due to him. Thereafter Ewart Smith and Peter Lawrence have raked and sown grass seed which we hope will turn into a pleasant grass area. The three trees that have been planted are flowering crab apple (Malus-John Downie); which should have white flowers and conical fruits. To put everyone's mind at rest, we have carefully researched how tall these trees will grow and whether there is any risk of their roots penetrating the nearby cesspit tank. The helpful Forestry Commission have confirmed in writing that we should have no problem with the tree roots and also that the height of the trees should not become excessive. Expenditure on the garden development has come from funds kindly provided by the Colehill Tennis Tournament.

An artist's impression of how the piece of land might look is on the Notice Board inside the Hall. The artist included a garden seat beneath the trees. If anyone has a spare seat or would like to make a donation for one to be purchased, the Management Committee would be most grateful.

The finances of the Hall remain satisfactory, although the Income and Expenditure Account shows a deficiency of £193 in the year ended 31 March 1986. Some modest increase in the charges will be put into effect for bookings from 1 October 1986. To improve revenues additional bookings are clearly beneficial and if readers could make appropriate recommendations to their friends this would be appreciated.

We would like to record our thanks to Jean and Alan Dover for the conscientious and dedicated work they do for the Hall. Jean accepts all bookings (Amersham 4831) as well as helping Alan with the cleaning, especially during the time of his injured ankle. We hope that his recovery continues to make good progress.

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Finally, we should mention that a Planning Meeting will be held in the Hall on Thursday, 5th June to which all Village organisations are invited. The purpose of the meeting is to plan Village events and the use of the Hall in the year starting on 1st October 1986 and running to 30th September 1987. We hope by repeating the Meeting that was held last year, any possible conflicts of dates can be ironed out and that all Village organisations will be able to make arrangements for their own programmes in the knowledge that there should be no clash with other dates proposed by other organisations.

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**COLESHILL CLUB**

In November we welcomed Mr and Mrs Richardson from Amersham showing us how to fold serviettes and lay tables for different celebrations, and Mrs Richardson gave a small talk on Christmas and the love it brings.

Mr and Mrs Len Bristow entertained us in January with slides of their holidays, and in February we welcomed Mr and Mrs Maynard who showed us slides of their trip to China. Both of these visits were greatly enjoyed by our members.

Mr Eddows came in March and gave a most helpful talk with slides on Fire Prevention. A Very well stocked Bring and Buy stall was run in April in aid of our annual lunch in September and games also were played.

Tea is served at each meeting. The club meets on the 4th Thursday of every month. We, thank all who help us each month.

R.M.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Our activities just before Christmas included joining the Brownies in both singing at Rushmead and taking part in the Christingle Service. We also put on "Cinderella" which raised £50 for charity. Finally our pre-Christmas activities included a visit to Windsor for our own pantomime treat which also involved a meal at MacDonalds as well as an evening seeing "Aladdin".

At the end of the winter term we farewelled Ruth Bayley and Angela Chalwin, our Patrol Leaders, who reached 15. Ruth and Angie contributed such a lot of knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm to our guide activities that we have missed them both. However, we are pleased to say that since Christmas our company seems to even be growing under the new leadership of Katie Dobey who moved to Snowdrops to replace Angie, and Nicky Chalwin who succeeded Ruth. They are assisted by new seconds, Julie Cox and Vicky Timms respectively. Our numbers have increased to 18.

We have enrolled Emma Hart, Emma Andrews, Alex Murphy and Elizabeth Eardley. Preparing for enrollment currently are: Mandy Coe, Joanne Glover, Emma Norman and Victoria Redstone.

Our activities in these past two terms have been varied and the highlight was definitely a visit to the Rayners School for the Deaf at Penn Street. We have also done tracking on the common, prepared for badges, and had games evenings.

K.H.

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# FESTIVAL OF GARDENING

on the South Front of

HATFIELD HOUSE, Hatfield, Herts

FLORAL DISPLAYS : TALKS BY EXHIBITORS : DEMONSTRATIONS

AUDIO-VISUAL LECTURES : QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY EXPERTS

HORTICULTURAL, GENERAL GARDENING ACCESSORIES AND SUNDRIES FOR SALE

ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDING ARCHERY - CROQUET - BANDS - MORRIS DANCING

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

In addition to the extensive formal and informal West Gardens, visitors will be able to view the East Gardens which are not generally open to the public.

Refreshments are available.

DEPART VILLAGE POND AT 11 a.m.

RETURN TO VILLAGE BY 4 p.m.

Tickets (including coach and entry) : £4.50 each (Children : £3.00)

Admission to Festival of Gardening, Hatfield Park and Gardens.

Anyone who wishes to go on this, outing please sign list in Village Shop.

Payment in advance, to Mrs C Wicks or any committee member.

Hatfield House, suitably decorated to complement the Festival will be open concurrently at special, reduced admission charges.

AN INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE DAY FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

## COUNTRY & WESTERN BARN DANCE & BARBECUE SUPPER

at 'QUARRENDON FARM

FRIDAY 13th JUNE 1986

7.45 p.m.

Tickets: £6.50 (available from The Red Lion)

Raffle

Licensed Bar

PROCEEDS TOWARDS THE RED LION GUIDE DOG FUND

First come, first served, as tickets are strictly limited.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Our first Christian Aid event was held in Coleshill School on May 13th. About twenty members of the Coleshill Club, and several other of our senior citizens, were invited, and heard a short talk by Mrs Margaret Filer, wife of the Vicar from St Thomas' Church, Holtspur, on the theme of Christian Aid Week "Changing things for good". The children then presented the visitors with gifts they had made, as a token of "togetherness", and the afternoon ended with tea. The Traidcraft stall set up by Mrs Filer took £92 - a record! and teas made nearly £7.00.

Our main fund-raising event on Saturday May 17th was the Dog Show and Sponsored Common Circuit race held on the Common. The rain presented a few problems, but the magnificent attendance and participation of both dogs and runners, particularly in the Dog Agility tests, made this our most enjoyable and hilarious effort yet.

Thank you to everyone who turned, out to give us such wonderful support.

Results for the teas, competitions, raffle and dog events realised about £115, and the Sponsored Common Circuit has yet to be added to this total. House to house envelope collections were also made, but have not yet been finalised. Including the Traidcraft stall total, we hope to equal, or exceed last year's total of £700.

## COLESHILL FIRST SCHOOL - LATE NEWS

The Beaconsfield/Chiltern Village Schools Group invite you to an exhibition of children's investigations into, their own environment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, each afternoon from 3.30 - 6 pm. This is to be held at Jordans County First School.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library calls at Coleshill every other Wednesday, stopping at:

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| The Village Hall | 3.45 - 4.00 pm |
| Hill Meadow      | 4.00 - 4.15 pm |

Next visits will be: June 4th & 18th, July 2nd, 16th and 30th

The Mobile Library carries a very comprehensive range of books, both fiction and non-fiction, and will always endeavour to obtain any special requirements.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|      |          |                                              |
|------|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| JUNE | 5th Thu  | Planning Meeting, Village Hall               |
|      | 13th Fri | Barn Dance & Barbecue, Quarrendon Farm       |
|      | 14th Sat | *** CHURCH FETE ***                          |
|      | 21st Sat | Horticultural Society Outing, Hatfield House |

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| JULY | 1st Tue | )                                                  |
|      | 2nd Wed | ) Beaconsfield/Chiltern Village Schools Exhibition |
|      | 3rd Thu | )                                                  |

AUG 28th Thu Magpie Outing, Bournemouth.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

St Mary's Church, Amersham

|                 |          |                                      |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday Services | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion                       |
|                 | 11.00 am | Matins                               |
|                 | 11.30 am | Holy Communion (1st Sunday in month) |
|                 | 6.00 pm  | Evensong                             |
| Each Wednesday  | 10.00 am | Holy Communion                       |

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

|                 |         |                                     |
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| Sunday Services | 9.15 am | Parish Communion                    |
|                 | 6.00 pm | Evensong (1st Sunday in month only) |
| Family Services | -       | 2nd Sunday in month                 |

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| Pro-Wardens   | - | A.M.V. Panton, Waller's Oak, Coleshill.               | Tel: 6183 |
|               |   | R. Valentine, Friars Vane, Coleshill                  | Tel: 5794 |
| Hon Treasurer | - | D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill                         | Tel: 7420 |
| Hon Secretary | - | Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages,<br>Coleshill | Tel: 3356 |

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|                |   | <i>Leaving Aug 27<sup>th</sup></i>                        | <i>Sept. 10 24</i>      | <i>Oct. 8 22nd</i> |
| Brownies       | - | Monday Evenings 5.30 - <del>6.45</del> <sup>7.00</sup> pm | <i>Coleshill School</i> |                    |
| Guides         | - | Monday Evenings 6.45 - 8.15 pm                            | <i>Village Hall.</i>    |                    |
| Mothers' Union | - | 3rd Tuesday in the month (weather permitting)             |                         |                    |
| Coleshill Club | - | 4th Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.                  |                         |                    |
| W.I.           | - | 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.                  |                         |                    |