

ALL SAINTS COLESHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER No.9

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My Dear Friends,

I am **extremely** sorry to advise that the Revd. W.L.Holder, Priest in-Charge, had a **serious major** operation on Friday **14th** October and it is not thought likely that he will be able to return to full duty for some considerable time.

In view of this, the Sunday services at All Saints will be Family Communion at 9.30a.m. and Evensong at 6.00p.m. on alternate Sundays, as follows:

Sunday October 23	6p.m. Evensong	
Sunday October 30	9.30a.m. Family Communion	
Tuesday November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY		Sunday School
(Patronal Festival)	9.30a.m. Holy Communion	on all Sundays
	7.30p.m. Evensong	as usual
Sunday November 6	6.00p.m. Evensong	
Remembrance Sunday Nov.13	9.30a.m. Family Communion	
Sunday November 20	6.00p.m. Evensong	
Sunday November 27	9.30a.m. Family Communion	

Any alterations or additions will be posted on the Notice Board

Those who cannot attend any of the above services are invited to attend the Parish Church, St. Mary's, Amersham where the services each Sunday are: 8a.m. Holy Communion, 11a.m. Matins and Sermon, 6p.m. Evensong and Sermon. In case of difficulty requests for transport should be made to Miss Boston.

I shall be glad if people wishing to make arrangements in connection with baptisms, marriages or funerals will communicate with me direct at one of the above addresses.

I am sure you will all join with me in remembering Mr. Holder in your prayers every day.

Allan Campbell.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

We hope for a large gathering at the Evensong which will be held at 7.30p.m. (and not at 7p.m. as announced previously) and afterwards in the Village Hall for light refreshments. The Church will be decorated for the Festival on Monday afternoon, October 31st at 2.30p.m. and flowers should be brought to the Church on Monday

morning if possible. Gifts of cakes or money for flowers or refreshments will be appreciated and should be sent to Miss Williams, Miss Boston, Mrs. Harris or Mrs. Ovington.

IN MEMORIAM. Mrs. Rayworth

It was a sense of shock and sorrow that the Village heard of the death of Mrs. Rayworth on Sunday 23rd. September. Mrs. Rayworth was so much part of the village life that it is difficult to think of Colehill without her. She was always ready with help - whether with a W.I. old people's party or with the baby clinic - and perhaps some of our happiest memories are connected with her love of children and their love of her. She was a devoted member of the Church, serving for many years on the Committee and taking part in all its activities and it seems fitting that she should have died during an evening service in the Church she loved so well. May her soul rest in peace.

PERSONALIA

Best wishes are extended to Captain and Mrs. Platt who are now at Ford Farm, Holcombe Rogus, which is in Devon, although in the postal district of Wellington, Somerset. Captain Platt joined the Parish Council in August 1955, was made vice-chairman in 1956 and has been a most zealous chairman since May 1957. Both will be missed.

The Parish Council is also sorry to lose the services of Mr. C.A. Jerran who has been advised by his doctor to resign from the Council on which he has served since April 1946. May his health so improve that he may long help us with local activities.

At the 123rd. ploughing natch organised by the Royal South Bucks Agricultural Association, Mr. Hugh Jamieson, using a Fordson 4000/3 furrow plough, was awarded third prize in the section open to anyone who had not won a prize in the Association during the past 3 years.

Philippa Rann represented Dr. Challoner's High School at Knaresborough on October 8th at the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of King James' School by Dr. Challoner, who, some eight years later, founded the school in Amersham for twelve poor children.

COLESHILL WEEK

When a village hall is wanted for a local function, it is wanted urgently, but, understandably, the lettings of our own hall are not sufficient to cover its maintenance and renovation. Therefore the Committee arranged another "Coleshill Week", this year 1st - 7th October with the dual objects of encouraging interest in the hall and raising funds. And made it their purpose to cater for as many tastes as possible.

At the dance on Oct. 1st some 60/70 people divided their enjoyment between the tombola arranged by the W.I. and the waltzes, foxtrots and onesteps played by Eddie Friday's band, pop music being left for the younger generation on their own occasions.

On the Sunday, the weather cleared sufficiently for the cricket match to be played, when the young gentlemen, batting left-handed, did not quite make the 33 runs scored by the young ladies. The former were distinguishable from the latter as most of the former wore flannels.

The whist drive, with Mr. J. Ware as M.C., was the usual enjoyable function. There were six playing tables and a popular flirtation table; none would have been justified by the handsome prize list.

Unwanted finery and treasures flowed in for the jumble sale and at opening time there was the customary rush for bargains. Business was brisk although the local Mr. Steptoe had a vanload of remainders to collect on the Tuesday. At the sale Mrs. Harrison drew the winning tickets for the grand raffle.

The Treasurer reports a surplus of approximately £130 from the various functions, which will be sufficient for immediate needs.

It is a matter of sincere regret that Mrs. Browne was taken ill suddenly when getting the hall ready. Her health is now improving and we all hope that recovery will be complete and rapid. All this entailed more work falling upon Mr. Browne's willing shoulders and those of the Committee. As always on these occasions thanks must be extended to the gracious ladies who helped with the refreshments.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

November 6 Mrs. Aldridge
13 Mrs. Powell Price

November 20 Mrs. Weedon

GROVE MILL, COLESHILL

Residents are so accustomed to the sight of Grove Mill that they take it for granted, but visitors often try to find out something about it.

Technically it is a brick tower mill with an unusual boat-shaped cap and ran three pairs of stones. It was built by a Mr. Grove of Perm about 1856 and was used by local farmers to grind their corn. The last working miller was Mr. Bert Ware, who ran Perm Mill, High Wycombe as well as Grove Hill. He lived at Wycombe and had to drive in horse and trap at night to catch the wind at Coleshill and work through the night.

Some forty years of useful life came to an end when a sudden summer gale sprang up and as the miller had forgotten to set the brake, the sails started to revolve too fast. A local man ran across the fields and tried to stop them, but before he reached the mill the vanes of one sail had been stripped off completely.

In the second world war the old machinery was taken out, including an octagonal main shaft of Sussex iron, and used in the war effort. The mill now has a preservation order on it.

R.H.

AN UNUSUAL HOLIDAY

Usually I like my holiday to be very quiet and lazy, but this year when we were invited to make up the crew of a sailing boat and sail her back from the Kiel Canal, through Holland and across the North Sea to England, we accepted with avidity. The boat was a forty foot cabin cruiser, Bermuda rigged and really built for speed. In all probability, she was the most beautiful craft I shall ever sail in. She was roomy and comfortable, with nine berths (but we were only seven including a child of five) and had running hot water and a shower which did not work. We cooked by calor gas.

The trip took a fortnight and the weather was near miraculous with a good wind for sailing but not too much to make it uncomfortable. Our first two days and nights were spent sailing down the coast of Germany. The night passages were incredibly romantic - the sea was so quiet, the stars seemed tangled in the rigging and the only sound was the occasional flap of the sails.

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Once in the canals we could not sail any more but motored along between fields that were often lower than the canal banks. We saw no woods but only rows or clumps of trees and big open fields sometimes solid with flowers. Windmills soon became a commonplace but all were smaller than the one at Coleshill. None of us spoke any Dutch but when we went ashore for shopping people were extraordinarily kind, selling us milk and bread from their back doors if it happened to be early closing.

Negotiating locks sometimes was rather hazardous when we were crammed in with steel barges who did not worry about their own paint or anyone else's, but we managed to avoid anything worse than one snail scratch. The bridge at Rotterdam too, gave us some anxious moments as it was fixed and we wondered if our 54-foot mast would go under it. It did. The canal bridges all opened by lifting one side or swinging sideways on a central point. One bridge only opened at 6.00a.m. so we had to get up at 5.30 to be ready for it, but by that time we were used to early rising. Somehow it does not seem so bad on a boat, where there are only sleeping bags to be shaken out and no beds to be made.

After the canals came the 19-hour passage across the North Sea from Flushing to Harwich. We steered by compass and efficient charts and took bearings from lightships to check our course. Our echo sounder was a help, too, as it showed whether we were crossing the expected ridges and valleys on the sea bed. We did not have to change course at all as the wind blew steadily on the starboard quarter and we did a gentle 7 knots all the way.

"We got into Harwich at three in the morning and after a seven o'clock visit from the customs man, we motored to our mooring in the Orwell river and very regretfully left our beautiful boat. However, it was lovely when we got home to have a bath and proper sheets on a comfortable bed, even if it did seem to rock when I got into it. But after all, we still have a windmill to remind us of our trip,

A. C-T.

About 10,000 Green Shield stamps have been collected this year and forwarded to the U.S.P.G.. These represent a purchasing power of between £6 and £7. Very grateful thanks are extended to all helpers who are asked to continue their good work.

COMER KING 1966

This year Audrey Jerraa (5) won the annual conker contest at Coleshill School after meeting Andrew White (7) in the final round. For this she was crowned "conker King" and got a 205-er. Last year the winner was David Edwards.

The conkers came from a tree planted in the playground by Mr. P. Stubbings, then headmaster fifty years ago, and the children mark out a track round the tree with husks of conkers and fallen leaves chanting this incantation:

"Conker, conker off the tree
Tell me who will the winner be
Swing the string
And crack it hard
Pick up the pieces
From our backyard
Conker, conker off the tree
Tell me who will King Conker be"

The children march round the tree to form a circle within which the contestants attack one another's conkers. This is a popular custom and the children enter into the spirit with gusto.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1 Tues. PATRONAL FESTIVAL
8 Tues. Mobile Library Van - Coleshill
8 " Sisterhood - Mr. Shrimpton
10 Thurs. W.I. Annual General Meeting. Trading Stall
17 " Mothers' Union. Parish Room, Coleshill
22 Tues. Mobile Library Van - Coleshill
22 " Sisterhood
26 Sat. W.I. Christaas Bazaar
30/Dec.1/2 (Wed/Thurs/Fri) Performance of "Henry IV" Part 1
Dr. Challoner's Grammar School

ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

Services

1st Sunday in the month: 8.00a.m. Holy Communion
11.00a.m. Matins
3.00p.m. Sunday School
6.00p.m. Evensong & Sermon
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th 9.30a.m. Parish Communion
Sundays: 3.00p.m. Sunday School
6.00p.m. Evensong & Sermon
with (on 2nd, Sunday) 12.00noon Holy Communion

ST. ANDREWS, WENCHMORE HILL

1st. Sunday in the month: 9.30a.m. Sunday School
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays: 10.45a.m. Sunday School

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: Revd. W.L.Holder, The Parsonage, Colehill.
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PRO-CHURCHWARDEN: C. Saunders, Chapel Cottage, Colehill.

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