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DANCER & HEARNE'S at PENN STREET

Our biggest single local industry and employer is to close down entirely, probably by Christmas. This must be one of the greatest pieces of local bad news for years. The factory has indeed been going for a hundred years, and some of the 250 workers have been there for almost half that time. There must be twenty who work there living in Coleshill, and fifty in Winchmore Hill. And this redundancy has hardly happened at a good time. Other sections of the furniture industry at Wycombe are suffering more than usual, and some are laying men off. And when a man has been a chairmaker all his life, it is hard for him to find similar work within travelling distance at a difficult time like this. Some of them indeed might be able to go in for the government retraining scheme, but once they are equipped for other work, how can they expect to have the same standing in pay and promotion as they had before? Once they find another job most local men can expect to have to travel further to work. But we all know the difficulty unemployed men over forty, and most certainly men over fifty, have in finding work in this harsh society of ours.

If in the event it turns out that I've painted too black a picture, I shall be among the first to be delighted. But my main point is that such a situation should be the concern of all thoughtful Christians in our two villages. You will find elsewhere in this newsletter a report of how prayer can work; if we christians are worth our salt we shall remember the workers at Dancer & Hearne very much in our public and private prayers. And it may be that there are some of us in positions of responsibility in our own work who can ease the transition from one job to another. J.S.N.

W.I. ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Committee of the W.I. has great pleasure in announcing that Mr. D. Pusey has consented to open the W.I. Annual Bazaar which will be held on Saturday 29 November.

MR CHARLIE JERRAM

We are sorry to hear that Mr Charlie Jerram of 6 Manor Way went into hospital towards the end of last month, and hope he will soon be his old self again.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On October 1st, the Women's Institute entertained the ladies from Coleshill House & Rushmead to tea, followed by a most delightful programme of music rendered by Mrs Gerhardi, Mrs Collins and Mrs Morris.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

At the Village Hall Committee meeting on Monday 13 October, members were delighted to see Mr Browne - his first appearance after his severe operation.

The Secretary reported that the proceeds from the Jumble Sale on 26th September amounted to £53, a result, the Chairman added, largely due to the many helpers on the evening. The floor - a hardy perennial - was the next item on the agenda and members were amazed when Mr Rann left his seat and produced a floor cleaning apparatus, not a toy but the sort used by professionals, which he and Mr Adams had reconditioned and offered as a gift. The offer was most gratefully accepted and before members could regain their breaths Mr Rann, by invitation, said that he and Mr Smith had taken up some floorboards. Damage was quite repairable, not a major operation - and he and Mr Smith agreed to carry out the necessary repairs providing no unforeseen hazards arose.

There were no more sensations. Arrangements were made for the Hallowe'en Party, when music will be provided for dancing, and it was arranged to hold a whist drive - almost traditional - on Friday 12 December.

It is important that the Hallowe'en Party be well attended because the floor repairs may cost a lot for replacements and the Committee wishes to add some gadgets to its latest toy.

MISS BOYLE

Coleshill and Winchmore Hill people will want to join in wishing Miss Boyle, our local health visitor, much happiness in her retirement which begins this month. Many local babies who have long since grown up have been supervised by her, and she will be very much missed by elderly people as well. We are glad that she will continue to live at her house in Whielden Street.

VILLAGE BONFIRE

As part of the celebration of our patronal feast of All Saints, there will be a bonfire on Coleshill Common on November 5th with the permission of the Parish Council. The church youth club have built it but everyone is invited. For safety's sake we ask that all fireworks be handed over to the person in charge of them, as grave injuries can be caused when fireworks go off in crowds. Please warn your children not to carry fireworks in their pockets or have them in open boxes; and not to throw them when they're alight or hold them unless the instructions definitely say so. Every year on 5 November there are tragedies through people's thoughtlessness or downright foolishness.

We shall light the bonfire at 6.30.

It's not that Christianity has been tried and found wanting; it's been found hard and not tried.

G.K. Chesterton.

PAY INCREASE AFTER A WEEK'S PRAYER.

A group of 252 protesting Spanish workers have won their battle for more pay and ended their eight-day 'pray-in' at a Roman-Catholic convent church in Seville.

The workers, many accompanied by their wives and children, filed out of the church after a spokesman for their employer, the Colomina G. Serrano Company, announced that their demands for back pay would be met.

Madrid, 22 October 1969.

MEETING OF THE W.I.

'Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey came to the aid of the Colleshill W.I. meeting held on Thursday, October 9th, when the speakers Mr. & Mrs. Millar phoned to say they could not manage to come and tell us about their round-the-world trip to New Zealand. Mrs. Harvey told us of her life in Dockland, where she was warden at the "Missions to Seamen" in Victoria Dock Rd. for 11 years.

'She held her audience enthralled with tales of her "difficult" Seamen, and touching ones of sailors who really admired her for all the help and advice she gave them.

'They call the Mission "Plying Angel", and that is a very appropriate name for Elizabeth Harvey, a very remarkable Lady.'

(Contributed by a member of the W.I.)

THE PRAYER HYMN OF MARTHA (The Mothers' Union)

'Thou sweeps a room as for Thy laws
makes that and the action fine.'

Lord of all pots and pans and things, since I've no time to be
A saint by doing lovely things or watching late with Thee,
Or creaming in the dawn light or storming heaven's gates,
Make me a saint by getting meals and washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary mind,
And when I black the boots and shoes, Thy sandals, Lord, I find;
I think of how they trod the earth, what time I scrub the floor.
Accept this meditation, Lord - I haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love and light it with Thy peace;
Forgive me all my worrying and make all grumbling cease.

Thou who didst love to give men food, in room or by the sea,
Accept this service that I do, for I do it unto Thee.

ART EXHIBITION.

There will be an exhibition of paintings by Mr. Jago Stone at the Red Lion, Coleshill, during licensing hours from Friday 7 November until further notice.

ONGAR-HILL COTTAGE.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Hall who have moved from West London to live in Ongar-Hill Cottage, which Mr. & Mrs. John Harrison have just left. We hope they will be very happy in their new home and will quickly find new friends.

RECOVERING FROM AN ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Miriam Brazil of Little Shardeloes, the daughter of Mrs. Adams of Amber Cottages, had a serious car accident on the Missenden by-pass on Monday evening, 20 October, but we are glad to hear she is making a satisfactory recovery in hospital.

VILLAGE-HALL DANCE.

A dance will be held at the Village Hall on Friday 14 November from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a licensed bar. The proceeds will be given towards the repairing of the hall floor. Tickets may be had at the Red Lion.

WEDDING AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH, OLD AMERSHAM.

Congratulations to Bruce Riley of 11 The Bit, Coleshill, on his marriage to Miss Margery Pratt of The London Road, Amersham, on the morning of Saturday 18 October. We wish them all God's blessing and every happiness in their new home at Freeman Court, Chesham.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Nov.

- 2 (Sun.) Our Patronal Feast, ALL SAINTS' DAY. Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. Evensong at 6 p.m. - preacher Fr. Day, priest at Downley.
- 3 (Mon.) ALL SOULS' DAY - HC: 10 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
- 4 (Tues.) Baptist Sisterhood at 2.45 - speaker: Miss Standing.
- 5 (Wed.) Coleshill Village bonfire from 6.30 p.m.
- 6 (Thurs.) Mobile Library.
- 7 (Fri.) Art Exhibition in the Red Lion from to-day.
- 13 (Thurs.) Annual Gen. Meeting of the W.I. and trading stall - 2.30.
- 14 (Fri.) Village Hall Dance: 8.30 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- 20 (Thurs.) Mobile Library.
- 29 (Sat.) W.I.'s Annual Bazaar.
- 30 (Sun.) ADVENT SUNDAY.

Remembering those who have died in the wars. As the national pattern of this observance is officially changing and because we are already committed to the monthly service at Winchmore Hill at 10.30 on 9 November, prayers will be said at Coleshill war memorial at the end of the 9 o'clock service.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Priest-in-Charge: The Revd. J.S. Nightingale, The Parsonage (tel. 4229)
Pro-Churchwarden & Secretary: N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House (tel. 6734)
Pro-Treasurer: R.G. Stubbings, Springfield, Tower Road, (tel. 4738)

Every Sunday: 9.00a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
10.15a.m. Sunday School
6.00p.m. Evensong
Every Tuesday: 10.00a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Every Wednesday: 7.30p.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Every Friday: 12.00 noon HOLY COMMUNION
Morning and Evening Prayer each day at 8.00a.m. and 6.00p.m.

For other services, please see the weekly notices in the church porch.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH, WINCHMORE HILL

HOLY COMMUNION on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.30 a.m.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Rector: The Revd. A. Campbell, M.A. (Cantab), Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham ((tel 7135) or St. Mary's Parish Office, Church Street (Tel 471)

Sunday Services: 8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
10.00 a.m. Children's Service
11.00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays:
HOLY COMMUNION (New Service)
2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins
6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong
Every Wednesday: 10.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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