

November 1982

The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

I wish you a very happy Christmas, you and your family. This is my earnest wish for you all. It is a glorious occasion, and essentially a family one.

There are always two sides to every situation, and Christmas is no exception. I hope joy and happiness will be the side which comes your way; but let us remember those on the other side, broken homes and bereaved families. I ask you, when you come to church on Christmas Day, to do two things - thank God for your own good fortune and happiness, however meagre it may seem, and then pray for all those who are not as fortunate as you are. But whatever your side is at Christmas, remember the words of the Carol:-

The Angel of the Lord came down
And Glory shone around
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
To you and all man-kind".

Let us do our best to spread these "Glad tidings", remembering that its source is our meeting with Jesus at the Altar on Christmas Day.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell
Rector

FORTHCOMING EVENTSSt. Mary's

Sat	11th Dec	South Bucks Choral Society	7.30 p.m.	St. Mary's
Thurs	16th Dec	Dr. Challoner's - Carols	7.30 p.m.	St. Mary's
1983 - Amersham Musical Festival				
Fri	15th Apr	South Bucks Orchestral Concert		
Sun	17th "	Special Choral Evensong		
Wed	20th "	Dr. Challoner's Grammar School Concert		
Thu	21st "	Recital in Dr. Challoner's School by Alison Hargan and Iain Ledington		
Sat	23rd Apr	Saul by Handel.		St. Mary's

Coleshill

Thurs, Fri & Sat	)	Coleshill Village Drama Group
11th, 12th & 13th Nov.	)	presents °. ANASTASIA
Sat	20th Nov	H.A.R.P. Clothing Sale - Village Hall. 11 - 1 p.m.
Sat	27th Nov	W.I. Bazaar - Village Hall
Mon	13th Dec	Brownies' Christmas Evening

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Fri	4th Mar	Women's World Day of Prayer. Speaker: Margaret Young
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HOLY BAPTISM

On 19th September 1982, Rebecca Jane COLE, daughter of Mr & Mrs M.J. Cole, White Haven, The Common, Winchmore Hill.

On 19th September 1982, Douglas Charles PUSEY, son of Mr & Mrs Charles Pusey, 4 Crosspath Cottages, Magpie Lane, Coleshill.

On 19th September 1982, Richard James STEPHENS, son of Mr & Mrs P Stephens, 188 Stanley Hill, Amersham.

On 26th September 1982, Juliet Rice HESTER, daughter of Mr & Mrs P.D. Hester, The Old Stores, Coleshill,

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 18th September 1982, Mr Stephen Derek DUNN to Miss Simone Elizabeth GRIGG, 78 Charnfield Road, Aylesbury.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Kathleen RICHMOND of South Glebe, Coleshill. Died suddenly on 18th September 1982.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL SUPPER

The Harvest Festival Supper was held on Friday, 15th October, and, for the first time, of course, in our new Village Hall. We were delighted to meet again three former members of the village community, Elizabeth Harvey and Miriam and Nigel Nichols. Canon & Mrs Hicken were also welcome. It was sad to hear that Mrs Pusey, who for so many years organised the catering, was not well enough to come.

An excellent supper was provided by Dumpy Swerling and her team of helpers. Delicious 'puddings' were made and given by various ladies of the village.

After supper John Chenevix-Trench and his choir entertained us with a variety of spirituals, Celia Hankinson and Sandra Weller acted an amusing sketch entitled 'The King, the Queen and the Dairymaid', and Lindsey Haubner also made us laugh with an impersonation of a producer after the style of Joyce Grenfell. Community singing followed.

The organisation was in the capable hands of Don Urry whilst Pat and Alastair Panton kindly dealt with the selling of tickets again. Our appreciative thanks are extended to all who worked so hard to make it such a happy occasion.

H.M.

THE BELLS OF ST MARY'S

In the last issue of the Newsletter we included an appeal for help towards the repair of the bells and frame of St Mary's, Amersham. It was felt that as Coleshill is part of the parish of Amersham there would be some parishioners who would wish to contribute to this appeal.

There has been a most generous response from Coleshill residents, but it was clear that the general wish was that Coleshill should present one of the re-cast bells rather than contribute to the repairs of St Mary's bell frame.

If we were to endow a Coleshill bell it was obvious that we would have to act quickly, and as there was sufficient income available for Church repairs, the Trustees were consulted and readily agreed to authorise this expenditure. Parishioner contributions are still needed, however, to replace this expenditure.

The following letter has been received from the Chairman of the Bells Appeal. It is hoped it will thank those who have already contributed and encourage others.

A.P.

Dear Mr Panton,

We were delighted to hear from Mr Nelson that he has received the very generous donations sent on behalf of All Saints, Coleshill for the purpose of endowing a new bell at St Mary's. On behalf of the Bells Appeal, I should like to thank you, the other Church Officers of All Saints and all who have contributed so magnificently and, in particular, we owe you personally a great debt of gratitude for your unstinting efforts in this matter and for bringing it to fruition.

The prospect of an All Saints or Coleshill bell at St Mary's has been warmly welcomed as a tangible expression of the link between the parishes. The Fund is sufficiently advanced, that we have now placed an order for the new bells with Messrs John Taylor of Loughborough and we are working towards the following timetable:

Existing bells and frame to be dismantled - Week beginning 8th November
New bells and frame to be installed - Last two weeks in February 1983
Structural work and repairs in the tower - November to mid-February

We need to give thought to the inscriptions on your bell, as they have to be submitted to the bellfounders by the end of October and I propose for your approval:

Around the shoulder: THE GIFT OF ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

On the waist: } CHURCHWARDENS
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 } TREASURER

ALL SAINTS

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For your information, and although the final details are not yet settled in all cases, the endowments of all eight bells are as follows:

Treble: Mrs M.A. Montgomery
Second; All Saints, Coleshill
Third: The Mayor, Council and People of Amersham
Fourth: Church Officers of St Mary's
Fifth: The gift of Ringers
Sixth: Past and Present Ringers of St Mary's
Seventh: Francis and William Tyrwhitt-Drake
Tenor: Dedicated to John Brazil, by his family

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

S.E. Darmon

NEW VILLAGE HALL OPENED

Every letter-box in Coleshill received an invitation to the opening of the new Village Hall on the 9th October, and nearly 200 people attended. They heard David Curling, Parish Council Chairman say that this was Denis Hall's "triumphant day". In spite of doubters and fainthearts he had never lost faith in Coleshill's ability to raise the money and secure a grant, and he had steered the whole project through to this splendid vindication of his confidence.

Denis, in his turn, paid tribute to all those who had helped to bring it about; the County Council officers who had advised and been so co-operative, the contractors (Guildway) who had completed on time in spite of many problems, the Parish Council, who had allowed the old Parish Room to be demolished and granted a new lease of a larger site at the same rent as the old one, and the Church Committee who had donated the entire proceeds of last year's fete. Of individual Coleshill people he singled out Reg Woolacott, chairman of the building sub-committee, Sidney Clifton, the Treasurer and Peter Hook, who had done the demolition and the sewage works, and all the host of people who had organised fund-raising events and contributed in cash and kind - many of them anonymously.

For his own part, he thought it was quite enough of an honour to have the place named after him! Just in time, he remembered to declare the hall open and unveil a plaque commemorating the occasion (generously donated by Guildway),

The Rector then closed the speeches with a quotation from the prayer of Sir Francis Drake asking that we should remember that "when it is given to thy servants to endeavour any great thing, that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same until it is thoroughly finished, that yielded the true glory",

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The following have advised that they do not propose to send out Christmas Cards locally, but extend to all their friends their very best wishes for Christmas and a happy New Year:

Jack Adams
Peter & Joan Allan
Geoffrey & Nancy Alpe
F.G. Appleby & the girls
Sybil Boston
Eva Brackley
Leonard & Jean Bristow
Trixie Browne
John & Ann Chenevix-Trench
The Coales Family
Hilda Collier
Nancy Collier
Mrs Cossey & family
Geoffrey & Hilda Creber & Family
David & Marigold Curling
Norman & Minnie Darvill & Family
Ann Davidson
Jan Day
Christina (Deaky) Deacon
Jim & Alison Dening & Family
Charles & Anna-Marie Descutter
Keith & Natalie Dipple
The Dover Family
Jonathan & Lindsey Eardley
Louise E. Edwards
Jack & Pat Emblow
Robin & Jacky Ferguson & Family
Peggie Gow
Maisie & Andrew Grant
Win & Harold Grindley
John Guest
Rodney & Renee Gunn
Dennis & Chloe Hall
Graham & Colia Hankinson
Florence Harris
Elizabeth Harvey
Jack & Lindsey Haubner & Family
Eric & Anne Hearne
Desmond & Margot Hesford
Michael & Li Hesford
Roger & Jean Higgs
The Horsbrugh-Porter Family
Bill & Barbara Houlton & Family
Sandy Laing Hutcheon
Hugh Jones

Anne Kempster
Joan Kunzer
Peter & Anne Lawrence & Family
Marjorie Long-Brown
Pat McCann
Judy McLean
George & Ruby May
Henry & Diana Maynard
The Menist Family
Kathy Monk
Nigel & Miriam Nichols & the boys
Willie Northcliffe
Nita Ovington
Alastair, Pat & Christopher Panton
Hazel & Philip Pearce
Tom & Stella Platzner
George & Barbara Plumridge
Peg Pomeroy
Dora Post
Margaret Price
Mickey & Huw Prothero
Roger & Ann Pusey
Jim & Pleasance Riley
Eric & Dorothy Rodnight
Nick & Mary Sadler & Family
Ewart, Jean, Beryl & Colin Smith
The Spencer Family
Marjorie Steel
Mollie K. Stone
Bob & Pam Stubbings
Anne Swain
The Swerling Family
Peggie & Ann Trotman
Donald & Anita Urry
Richard & Rosemary Valentine & Family
Betty Waite
Sidney & Ann Ware & Family
Chris & Mary Wege
Doreen Weldon
May Williams
Peter & Yvonne Williams & Family
Mercie & Martin Williamson
Reg & Betty Woolacot
Spike & Phyllis Wright
Patsy Wright-Warren

Grateful thanks for several anonymous donations towards the Newsletter, and with the proceeds from the above greetings, a cheque is being sent to the Hon. Treasurer, All Saints' Church.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

We were very fortunate to be allowed to book our usual 'first-Saturday-in-September' date for the Horticultural Show which meant we were the first organisation to use the New Hall, one month before the official opening. The new layout gave us only a few problems - such as where to pin up pictures without damaging the new walls - but Di Hesford came to our rescue with some staging for which her husband, Mike, rigged up some very good lighting. Then the massed blooms of Coleshill welcomed Mrs C. Cossey, who opened the show. Despite a rather rainy week which had water-logged several prize blooms, the standard of entries was as good as ever and the craft-work was especially good, both in the children's section and the adults.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

The Grindley Challenge Cup	-	Mr J. Chenevix-Trench
The Jerram Challenge Cup	-	Mrs DO Heimann
The Woolacott Vase	-	Mrs JO Ferguson
The Cotswold Challenge Cup	-	Mrs D Heimann
The Coleshill Challenge Cup	-	(Mrs P Griffiths
		(Mrs D Hesford
The Edmond Waller. Challenge Cup	-	Mrs MO Darvill
The Wheatsheaf Children's Cup	-	Emma Norcliffe
The Ovington ROSE Bowl	-	Mrs P. Griffiths
The Windmill Bowl	-	Miss M Stone
The Clifton Cup	-	Miss A Stefanovic
The Wand-Tetley Book Award	-	Jo-anna Ferguson

The Society would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Di Hesford for all the hard work she has given as Show Secretary. This task starts at the beginning of the year when the judges have to be booked, then the entry cards etc have to be printed, the schedules designed and printed, prizes organised, cups insured and inscribed, publicity and refreshments delegated, guest and hall booked etc., etc., all of which takes a great deal of organisation, at which Di excels. She was instrumental in the purchasing of new tables, which we have now donated to the hall, and her methodical mind and systematic approach have created a routine which ensures everything runs very smoothly. She has decided that the job is a little too demanding on top of her family and business commitments, though, and after this year will be handing over the reins to Ann Kempster. She will continue to serve on the committee and will, no doubt, be just as busy on the day next year. However, we do extend to her our very grateful thanks.

The other annual event in our Autumn Calendar is a perpetually soggy morning spent by the village pond selling plants to help with the cost of the show. The rain appeared, right on cue, as usual, but didn't keep everyone away as we managed to raise £17.00 towards our expenses,

L.H.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

During July the Parents and Friends Group organised a very successful Sports Day, Bazaar and Barbecue, making £150 for funds.

The Summer Concert took place in front of a packed audience and we joined Ashley Green School for sports. We held a farewell party in the school garden for Miss Davidson, giving her gifts to mark her retirement from the school after 35 years, eight of them as Headteacher, Miss Dollemore took over as Acting Headteacher in September, with Mrs Bayley as part-time assistant teacher and Mrs Barker as Welfare Assistant.

Our Harvest Festival was held in school in October and the sale of produce afterwards raised £24 for the National Children's Homes.

THE MAGPIE CLUB

We had quite a number of activities in the summer holidays. These included two cricket matches with the boys -v- the Mums. In the first over the boys put up a very good performance and very luckily the Mothers were saved by the rain, with about six wickets down for only about 20 runs. Once again, Jean Dover, Ann Jamieson and Helen Spencer were our star turns.

We had a picnic lunch by the River Chess, which was lovely. This proved by far and away the most popular activity with about 58 people coming along. We picknicked by the river, played rounders along with a couple of horses and about six other children, complete outsiders, who decided it looked fun and joined in. We really did look like Uncle Tom Cobley and all!

The under 6's had a picnic tea and sports in the Valentine's garden. We also hiked round Burnham Beeches. We had a Scavenger Hunt on the common, followed by a picnic lunch and then swam at the Valentine's or Ferguson's pool.

Our village outing this year was to Hayling Island. It was a pretty dismal looking day when we set off and it didn't really improve! Some of the braver ones swam in a very cold looking sea and the funfair proved a very popular amusement.

We ended the holidays with a barbecue at the Cricket Club and the second game of cricket. Once again we would like to thank the Cricket Club for the use of the clubhouse and of course the cricket ground.

D.S.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

Another season over! The club had average success. We are lucky to have many young players who are progressing favourably. We have held several social evenings, making use of our pavilion facilities and have arranged dart matches between Perm Street and ourselves during the winter months.

We would like to thank the members of Coleshill W.I. for their kindness in presenting the club with a silver cup in appreciation of their using the pavillion. This is to be given annually to the 'Clubman of the Year' and will be presented at the dinner-dance to be held in the Village Hall in November.

M.E.T.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Coleshill's Guide Company is flourishing with a reasonable number of girls. In March, Amanda Valentine, Alison Mead and Elizabeth Timms were enrolled at a candle-lit ceremony. On one of the very few fine evenings at the end of June, Mr. Mead led a nature walk beside the River Chess.

The Kingfisher Patrol (Ruth Bayley, Victoria Hesford and Amanda Valentine) gained their Patrol Purpose Patch, and we held our weekend camp beside the River Misbourne.

At the end of the summer term we had a presentation and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Coales for the use of their Mill Room and we returned to the Village Hall this term.

Mrs. Mead takes over the Company in January but we still need an Assistant Guider. Offers of help please to either Mrs. Bagehot (Little Chalfont 3742) or Mrs. Mead (Little Chalfont 2957). Our meetings are held on Mondays 6.45 to 8.15 p.m. during term time in the small Hall.

D.J.B.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

We have been delighted to welcome Mrs. Norman, who has just come to live in Coleshill, she is kindly coming to help us. We have been joined by Joanne Gregory, Amanda Stratford, Georgina Hutchins, Victoria Timms and Natalie Newton. Natalie is a great-niece of Mrs. Darvell, one of the first Guides in Coleshill. All the girls made their Promise on 11th October, Emma Norman and Joanne Jack will be joining us after half term, so we continue to have a full Pack with two girls waiting for a space.

With the Guides we held an enjoyable and successful cake stall at the Village Hall for the World Assn of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Week when Guides and Brownies all over the world raised money for the Olave Baden-Powell Memorial Fund for a world centre which is gradually becoming a reality in London. Very many thanks to everyone who supported and helped us to achieve £61 for this Fund.

During the summer holidays Tawny, two Sixers, Anne Rimmer and Jo-anna Ferguson, and two Seconds, Philippa Wyatt and Melinda Vicary joined another Pack for a Pack Holiday which they all enjoyed.

On Monday 13th December we propose to hold a Christmas Evening when we should be delighted to see anyone who would care to come along.

Badges Gained

Fpp.tp.ath Kirsty Goode, Nickola Brown, Sarah Dover.

Swimmer Caroline Matthews, Kirsty Goode, Philippa Wyatt, Laura Harvey, Lucy Long, Annabel Horrocks

Cook Jo-anna Ferbuson, Melinda Vicary, Philippa Wyatt, Anne Rimmer

H.J.M.O.C.

Was she or wasn't she

A N A S T A S I A

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If the young would-be suicide was really the Grand Duchess Anastasia, youngest daughter of the last Tsar of Russia, how had she escaped the Bolshevik firing squad?

If she wasn't, how did she know so much about the private life of the Imperial family?

These are the tantalising questions at the heart of Anastasia, Coleshill Village Drama Group's next production.

Come and see your favourite actors and actresses in this tense drama of the clash between high politics and love

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* A N A S T A S I A *
* 11th, 12th & 13th NOVEMBER . 8 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL *
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Tickets from Peggie Gow at Stock Grove. Tel: Amersham 3534
Price: Thursday - £1.00 Friday and Saturday - £1.50

H.A.R.P.

GRAND SALE

VILLAGE HALL

20th NOVEMBER

Clothing from well known High Street Chain Store and famous Mother and Baby Wear Store available.

Sale of end of season articles and seconds,

In aid of the Village Hall 'Extras' Fund.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Entrance: 20p. Small children: 10p

COLESHILL W.I.

The W.I. meets on the second Thursday of every month, from 2.30 - 4.30, in the Village Hall. They are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members.

W.I. BAZAAR

The annual Bazaar will be held on SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER.
The W.I. is a self supporting organization and this is their chief fund raising event. It is hoped everyone will come along - many items on sale will make ideal Christmas presents,

THE COLESHILL CLUB

The Coleshill Club is now being resumed and will meet on the last Thursday of the month in the Village Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs May, Amersham 22344, will be pleased to give further details.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

Rectors The Reverend Allan Campbell, M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham. Tel. 7135
and St. Mary's Parish Office. Tel. 4712.

St. Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday in
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (month)

Each Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
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Christmas at St. Mary's: Christmas Eve	11.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
"Christmas Day	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH. COLESHILL

Sunday Services	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)

Christmas Services:

19th December	3.00 p.m.	Carol Service
Christmas Day	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
26th December	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
2nd January	5.00 p.m.	• Christingle Service
9th January	9.15 a.m.	Family Service
13th February	9.15 a.m.	Family Service
13th March	9.15 a.m.	Family Service (Mothering Sunday)

St. Andrew's Mission Church, Winchmore Hill

2nd & 4th Sundays	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
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Pro-Wardens	- J.G. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill.	Tel 5439
	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	Tel 7420

Hon. Treasurer	- A.M.V. Panton, Waller's Oak, Coleshill	Tel 6183
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Hon. Secretary	- Miss H.C. McLean, 8 Amber Cottages, Coleshill	Tel 3361
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Brownies	- Monday Evenings	5.30 - 6.45 p.m.
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Guides	- Monday Evenings	6.45 - 8.15 p.m.
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Mothers' Union	- 3rd Tuesday in every month (weather permitting)	
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Coleshill Club	- Last Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.	
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W.I.	- 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.	
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