

September/October 1971.

The Rector's Letter.

My dear Friends,

We all regret the fact that there has been no Newsletter for some time. The technical and other difficulties which have brought this about have now been overcome and it is hoped that a regular letter will again be a feature of the Village.

I am sure you are all very pleased to hear that I have appointed Mr. Richard Love as Assistant Curate. He will live in the Parsonage and have the special responsibility of pastoral work in Colehill. Mr. and Mrs. Love, with their nine months old child, will move into the Parsonage in time to take the Service on Sunday, the 3rd October. At present he is Curate of the Church of the Ascension, Balham, in the Diocese of Southwark, where he was ordained. This will be his second Curacy. I hope you will all make them very welcome and show them every kindness.

In future, there will be a 9 a.m. Family Communion at All Saints' every Sunday. There will be Evensong on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and a weekday celebration of Holy Communion every Thursday at 10 a.m. following the School Service in the Church every Thursday at 9 a.m.

There will also be a weekly celebration of Holy Communion at Colehill House and Rushmead.

All arrangements for Baptisms, Burials and Weddings are in future to be made directly and personally with Mr. Love.

It is suggested that Harvest Festival and All Saints' Patronal Festival this year be held together on Sunday, the 31st October. There will be Services at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., the latter followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. This will probably be the first social occasion for you all to meet and talk to Mr. and Mrs. Love and to make them feel welcome and at home.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell.

BAPTISMS

10th July Andrew Alexander Marshall - son of John Simon and Lavinia Rose Turton Horsburgh-Porter.

MARRIAGES

3rd September Miguel Felipe Thridgould de Sousa and June Carol Ruperti

4th September Richard Charles Attridge and Susan Mary Rounsley

10th September Richard Maurice Weller and Sandra Jacqueline Susan Nicolas

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

The hard work put in by the Chairman Mr. J.D. Cossey, the Hon. Secretary Mr. S.M. Rann and members of the Committee of the Coleshill Horticultural Society was well rewarded on Saturday, the 11th September, when a large attendance turned up to support a fine display of flowers, fruit, vegetables, cakes and jams, in a most attractive setting.

Owing to holidays and illness, the entries were down on last year - 360 compared with 398. The standard of individual prizewinners was as high as ever before but the recent adverse weather showed itself in the vegetables for example.

The Grindley Cup	for vegetables, open to residents who cultivate their own gardens and allotment holders	Mr. R. Woolacott
The Jerram Cup	for vegetables, open	Mr. R. Woolacott
The Cotswold Cup	for flowers	Mrs. C. Stanton
The Coleshill Cup	for preserves	Mr. C. Prouse
The Edmund Waller Cup	for pastries	Mrs. A. Jamieson
The Wheatsheaf Cup	for children	Shane Riley
The Ovington Rose Bowl		Mrs. R. Woolacott

The show was opened by Mrs. Post who graciously accepted a box of chocolates from Miss Suzanna Davis, and an auction was most persuasively conducted by Mr. S. Clifton.

JOTTINGS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS.

At the request of members, the Clerk of the Parish Council had enquired from the County Council as to whether Coleshill should be among the villages deemed suitable as a Conservation Area under the Civic Amenities Act 1967 and a reply had now been received that the Village had been put on the Conservation List. This decision was a happy one, as we can now look forward to preserving the beautiful outward looking views from many points in Coleshill.

One Councillor raised the problem of rabbits in gardens, and the consequent loss of so much garden produce. It was explained by the Clerk that gardeners are responsible for seeing that their gardens are made rabbit proof. The Parish Council has decided to continue membership of the Rabbit Society despite the increase of the fee from £1.00 to £4.63 as the Parish Council is then able to call upon this Society to clear the Common and the allotments of these attractive little pests, should the need arise.

The Clerk had received a note from the Amersham R.D.C. regarding a further complaint about the re-planting being done in Hodgmoor Woods and asking for members to attend a Meeting in the Woods on a Saturday in July, Mr. Rann and Mrs. Stevens represented Coleshill at this Meeting, and it was quite clear that the complaint was entirely unfounded, and that the planting was in accordance with the plan accepted by all bodies concerned in 1969.

CONGRATULATIONS.

are extended to Mr. Timothy M.W. Weedon upon obtaining a Ph. D. of the University of Warwick, and to his sister Mrs. Vaughan Smith upon the birth of a son, Philip David, at Kidderminster on April 26th.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.

The following letter has been received and forwarded to the Parish Council:

"Apparently under the current rules a village cannot enter under its particular class, e.g. for those with a population say between 500/1,000 if it has already won one of the other cups. It can only enter for the Michaelis Cup open to all classes who have previously won a prize.

At some distance in the future, one can imagine that there be entries from all the prizewinners for the Michaelis Cup, leaving perhaps one village in each class. The judges will then have to decide whether such villages can be considered up to standard, they cannot be considered the "best Kept" - they may be terribly untidy.

Could not the Parish Council inspire the donors to revert to entries as before, i.e. according to the size of the village and to allow prizewinners to enter for the Michaelis Cup - a sort of a "victor ludorum".

In a sense the winners of any particular class should be announced as the 'best kept village in say Class I less 3, the previous winners'

ANON (verified) "

The Chairman thinks that the suggestion has some merit and will discuss the matter at the next Parish Council Meeting.

BUT that does not disguise the fact that results of the recent competition have been announced and Coleshill is not even in the short list.

The principal reason that we failed is because of the appalling amount of litter. What good does it do for people to keep their verges tidy, and for the care and attention devoted to the Churchyard, the Common and the Village Hall, if they are to be let down. It is no good passing the blame on to lorry drivers who drop litter about the place.

If everyone in the village could make a special effort to discourage people - in particular children - from dropping litter, throughout the year and not only during the competition time, it is thought that there would be a great improvement.

And it is no good blaming the duckweed on the pond. That is a natural growth, which is expected - as long as the surrounds to the pond are tidy.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.

Amongst the pupils who were presented with prizes by Mr. Cyril Geeves on behalf of the Amersham Rotary Club was Paulina Antosiewicz who had been head girl and a prefect at Brudenell Secondary School and was commended for her integrity, enthusiasm and devotion to the school.

LONDON BRIDGE STONE AT AMERSFOORT
A LINK WITH AMERSHAM

Mr. Reginald Woolacott, as Chairman of the Association of Amersham and Amersfoort, accompanied Sir James Miller, a former Lord Mayor of London and Provost of Edinburgh, and other celebrities when they presented the Burgomaster of Amersfoort with a 4-ton piece of granite from the old London Bridge as symbolic of the friendship which has existed between the two towns since the Association was founded in 1953.

The ceremony took place on Saturday, the 21st August, to initiate 2 weeks' festivities in Amersfoort known as the Keifersten. The first stone (De kei in Dutch) dates back to the ice age and is first mentioned in historical records when it was lying between Utrecht and Amersfoort. In 1661 a man accepted a wager to pull the stone to Amersfoort by man power alone and won by rolling the stone on cannon balls. The celebration was in memory of this event, and to forge another link in the chain of friendship between the two towns.

TEA PARTY AT LUCKINGS FARM.

Thanks to the kind invitation of Mrs. H. Grindley, a very successful tea party was held at Luckings Farm on the 12th August. Had the weather been better the party could have been held entirely in the garden, but the rain and drizzle could not prevent the success of the party which was well and generously supported.

Two "Mystery Parcels" also containing a "Treasure" were quickly sold out. The Raffles, household and cake stalls all did good trade, and the picture post-card competition "Do you know England" was well supported. Mrs. Gow won the first prize and Mrs. Weller was second.

The afternoon ended with a delicious tea, and the financial result was £43.50 which has been allocated to Church expenses and also to the Church kneeler fund.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS AND A REPORT ON MAGILA HOSPITAL
SENT BY SISTER EDITH FRANCES.

"In 1970, 1,049 babies were born in the hospital including 45 sets of twins, 2 sets of triplets and one set of quads. The child care clinics flourish with over 3,000 children on the books. Fortunately they do not all come at once."

"Four lovely parcels of cot blankets arrived lately. When I look round the wards at the gay cot blankets and other nice things I do wish my thanks could be a bit more adequate. One blanket went straight into use to warm a baby not two days old who was brought in from a village nearby with a temperature of only 91 degrees. The baby's life was saved."

"Little baby Ngala in the Coleshill cot went home at the end of May as his father had married again. The father was most grateful for Coleshill's help with the fees and said that because of this he could afford to re-marry and take his baby home." (The help given by Coleshill refers to a £20 donation sent by All Saints' Church together with other generous donations from friends)

"The cot is now occupied by a very poor little boy - Omari Ally. His mother has died, his father has T.B. and is out of work and Omari himself is infected with T.B. He is 1½ years old and weighs only 13 lbs. He indeed needs help."

Magila Hospital (Contd.) Sister Edith Frances' report is on the board in the Church porch and gives news of some of the other children. There is also a photograph of the babies taken at the Christmas party which was paid for by the Christmas present sent from Coleshill.

COLESHILL C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

At the Annual Open Day at Coleshill School the principal guests were the Earl Howe, C.B.E., J.P., D.L., Chairman of the Education Committee and the Countess Howe, who gave away the prizes. The prize-winners were:

Stefan Junger	Clare Creber
Andrew Tilson	Karen Gordon-Giles
James Wright	Sharon Reavey
Henrietta Forbes-Wels	Lynne Truett
Karen Payne	Caroline Bowler
Debra Reading	Ian Street
Alien Edwards	Colin Gordon-Giles
Jennifer White	Neil Payne

There were more than 100 parents and friends present. The Headmaster introduced the principal guests and reminded the present Earl that the first Earl Howe donated an acre of land for the founding of the school in 1847.

In his speech the Earl praised the music of the school. "I cannot see the school closing with the numbers falling" he continued, "standards are high and there is a shortage of schools in the area for the number of children." He would assure parents of the continuance of the school and would actively look into any way in which he could revive the falling numbers.

Before the presentation of the prizes by Countess Howe, entertainment was provided by the choir and orchestra conducted by Mrs. Pauline Griffiths.

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= JUMBLE SALE - IN AID OF THE VILLAGE HALL =

= A Jumble Sale will be held in the Village Hall on Friday =

= the 24th September from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Admission 2 np. =

= Articles for sale should be sent to the Village Hall on =

= Thursday, the 23rd, from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and requests =

= for transport, if required, should be made to Mrs. Ovington =

= (Amersham 5233). =

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Fri. Sept. 24	Jumble Sale
Thurs. Oct. 14	W.I. Personal Experiences at an A.C.W.W. Conference.
Thurs. " 21	Mothers' Union - Mrs. Pierson "Family Matters" Winchmore Hill.
Sun. Oct. 31	<u>HARVEST FESTIVAL AND PATRONAL FESTIVAL</u>
Tues. Nov. 2	Meeting - All Saints' Church Committee 8 p.m.
Mon. " 8	Meeting - Parochian Church Committee
Tuesday " 16	Village Hall Committee - 8.15 p.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. 4712).

Sunday Services:	8.00 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.00 a.m.	Children's Service
	11.00 a.m.	3rd & 5th Sundays: HOLY COMMUNION (New Service)
		2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins
	6.00 p.m.	Sung Evensong
N.B.	1st Sundays	One morning Service only at 10.00 a.m.
	10.00 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION.

For an experimental period of six months starting on the 3rd January 1971 there will be one service only on the morning of the first Sunday in each month. This service will be a Holy Communion Service for families worshipping together, i.e. father, mother and children. It is hoped that parents will bring children up to the Altar Rail with them.

ALL SAINTS', COLESHILL.

Every Sunday	9.00 a.m.	FAMILY COMMUNION
	10.15 a.m.	Sunday School
2nd and 4th Sundays	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
Every Thursday	10.00 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION

St. Andrews' Mission Church, Winchmore Hill.

There is a celebration of Holy Communion on the second Sunday of each month at 10.30 a.m.

Assistant Curate; The Reverend Richard Love, -The Parsonage, Coleshill.

Pro-Churchwardens: N.N. Nicholls (and Hon.Sec.) Orchard House (tel. 6734)
D. Powell-Price, Coleshill Lodge (tel: 3949)

Treasurer: R.G. Stubbings, Springfield, Tower Road (tel: 4738)

Assistant Hon.Sec.: Miss Asher, Radnor Cottage, Magpie Lane (tel: 6866)