



Best Kept Village in Bucks

NEWSLETTER

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Spiritual Bungee Jumping

Looking at the bristling satellite dishes on your houses, like most people I have lost count of how many channels are available, but among them are several devoted to 'extreme' sports.

On one such channel some extreme sportsmen and women who had become Christians expressed a wish to be baptised while bungee jumping from a bridge over a river. This "Extreme Baptism" took some careful timing by the Vicar standing at the bottom on the bank. As the convert came whistling down he called out "I baptise you in the name of the Father" (SPLOOSH, BOING) and of the Son (SPLOOSH BOING) and of the Holy Spirit (SPLOOSH BOING). Those jumpers had to be pretty confident of their faith in more ways than one! Their jump is a powerful symbol of confidence in the resurrection. Are we as confident that Christ is risen?

It is the Holy Spirit who gives us confidence to make the leap of faith. I wonder if the tower of St Mary's Church and the river Misbourne could be pressed into service?

Christianity is a religion of extremes; there are no half measures. The resurrection of Jesus is the powerful truth on which the whole of our faith rests, and without it Christianity is so much tosh. Like the bungee jumper it can be scary pinning everything on this one hope. But don't worry; if you share it, the Christian faith is strong, elastic and powerful. Come Judgement Day you will be bouncing back up with the best of them.

Confident of this? If not, Whitsun is a good time to ask the Holy Spirit to make things clear. He delights in the challenge!

Tim Harper

Holy Baptism

Thomas Mahoney

Sunday 13th March 2005

You can find out more about All Saints' Coleshill by going direct to our page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/all_saints_church.htm



News from All Saints'

Mothering Sunday

The service on Sunday 6th March 2005 saw children from the Village School, and their parents, joining the congregation. Following the custom, posies were given to the mothers - of all ages - who were present.

Lent Groups

Two separate groups met in the village, one during the day, and the other in the evening. They were both led by Revd Derrick Carr, and the well-attended sessions produced some lively discussion.

Easter Services

An innovation at the two Churches this Easter was the holding of Services of Compline (a short service of prayer) on the evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Tuesday service was at All Saints, and took place by candle-light, which added to the feeling of contemplation. On Good Friday morning a Service of Meditation was held, and on Easter Day itself the Church was well attended for the joyful Family Communion. The Church had been beautifully decorated with flowers by Catherine Green and her team.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

This followed the morning service on April 24th 2005. The Pro-Wardens and officers will remain the same this year, but on the Committee Rosemary Valentine stepped down, and two new members (Pam Holden and Jennifer Brock) were elected. The Rector thanked the many people who help with the running of the Church, mentioning the Assistant Clergy, the Youth Worker, the Pro-Wardens, Organist Ruth Murphy and Flower Organiser Catherine Green, in addition to the Committee members.

The Flower Festival

The Flower Festival was a major event held in the Church this year, and this will be covered elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Christian Aid Week

Thanks to the dedication of Hazel Thomas and her helpers, the door to door collection this year raised a sum of £713, a very pleasing result. The Walk on Sunday 15th May 2005 was organised and led by Peter and Jennifer Brock. The forty or so walkers set off from the Red Lion and enjoyed a 'circular walk' towards Beaconsfield and back. The good organisation paid off, as all of the walkers returned to Coleshill. The event raised a further £241, giving a grand total of £954.

Chris Wege



In Memoriam

Sydney Cecil Ware

Sunday 17th April 2005

(A full obituary will be published in the next Newsletter)

All Saints' Charity

The All Saints' Charity, previously known as the All Saints' Harvest Charity, was set up by the Church Committee in 1985 to raise money to help very poor people in developing countries. It was felt important to find a charity where there was a personal link so that villagers could be sure that their money was being well spent. After much discussion it was decided to support the Mobile Tuberculosis Unit at Raphael – founded by Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder – in Dehra Dun in Northern India. From 1990, the Home was visited regularly by Patsy Wright-Warren, who worked for their Foundation and was able to see the Mobile Team in action and how effectively the money was being spent. The team had a remarkably high cure rate – between 70% and 80%.

The fundraising events held each year which varied from the initial coffee morning after the Sunday morning service to Harvest breakfasts, Indian and Scottish evenings, a charity gala and an auction of promises - grew in popularity and the money mounted up. Eventually a target was set of raising enough money for a course of treatment – at a cost of £50 – to be given by every man, woman and child in the village. So something over 600 sufferers had been cured of their life threatening disease when £33,209 was achieved in 2002. For five years a second charity with a local interest, recommended by someone in the village was added, and raised a further £4,074.

The latest news from Raphael is that the Indian government, which now has WHO support for its tuberculosis services, has take over the provision of services in the area.

It was then time to find a new charity that would attract equal village support and interest. The Church Committee decided that The Rosanna Hospital, founded by Marigold Curling in memory of her daughter, would be a suitable and popular cause for fundraising, and so it has proved. In just two years, £13,169 has been raised and has not only made it possible to make some payment to the head doctor, who works voluntarily, but also to buy some substantial, much needed medical equipment.

Future activities are publicised on the web-site, in the press and locally. We are planning a Cookery Demonstration on 21st October 2005 and, it is hoped, by popular demand, a third Murder Mystery Evening early in 2006.

Patsy Wright-Warren

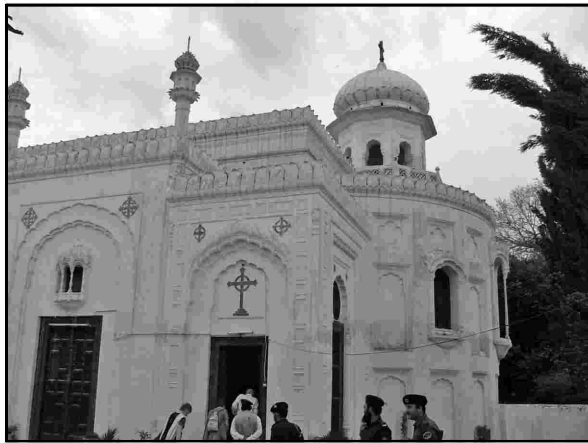
Global Village - Pakistan

Dear All,

Islamabad is stunning, the flowers are in bloom, the jacaranda trees are a brilliant blue, the bougainvillea heavy with purple blossom and the heavenly scent of roses hangs in the air. Shame about the weather which is at least ten degrees cooler than it should be.

We recently visited Peshawar and the North West Frontier Province on a business trip. Peshawar is a frontier town and the Pathans area a completely male dominated society. A tour of the old city revealed narrow streets with overhanging carved balconies, tradesmen in tiny wooden shuttered shops selling everything and the air redolent with the smell of cooked meats. We ventured into the bazaars and haggled for green tea which looks much like wood shavings but is delicious.

All Saints' Church is in the centre of the old city. It is a mixture of



church and mosque and visible beneath the cross is the bullet hole allegedly from the shot which killed the worker who placed the cross on top of the tower. St John's Cathedral was simple but stunning. I was privileged to meet the Right Reverend Munawar Rumalshah, Bishop of Pakistan to discuss the positions of christians in a muslim society and discovered that he and his father were connected to High Wycombe. His father was the incumbent in Bourne End, Anthony Priddis is a close friend and members of his family remain in the area.

The Khyber Pass was the highlight of the trip. Deep into the tribal areas of NWFP, the people live in walled enclosures where women are hidden from society. The terrain is rugged and brutal, the river beds were already dry and the landscape dominated by stone, shingle and rocky hills. No vegetation to be seen, so no wonder the people live by smuggling. We arrived at Torkham, on the frontier and gazed into Afghanistan - noise, dust, dirt and lorries.

Alex & Derek Pond *FCO Pakistan*

Red Lion



So far as the pub teams are concerned, an unprecedented year probably never to be repeated! The Crib and Dominoes Team have won five trophies in all this season including the Division 1 championship. They were closely followed by the darts team who won four, and were beaten finalists in two cup competitions. Finally our 'B' Quiz Team gained promotion to the first division by winning their league, and the 'A' Team although relegated were unlucky to lose in the final of the Knockout Plate competition. Chris and I would like to thank all those who turn out to play, particularly during those cold winter months.

St Patrick's Day, St George's Day and May Day were all celebrated in rousing style, Irish and patriotic songs were rendered lustily and in the main tunefully! A record 100 breakfast were served on May Day and those who attended on a clear (and dry) morning were entertained by a men's and ladies Morris Team, and the now familiar 'bellies'.

So now we move onto a quieter period. Two dates for



your diaries. Our sponsored rock cakes 'baked by a man unaided' class in the Village Show on the first Saturday in September. Later

in that month, on Friday 9th September, 'Straight Eight', the group who played here on Jubilee Day, will be giving a concert in a marquee in our back garden to celebrate their 15th Anniversary. Full details will be given

nearer the date and a barbeque will be provided.

Finally, for newcomers to the Village, if you run short groceries (i.e. bread, milk, butter, eggs etc.) we carry extra supplies and our doors are open from 9.00am to 11.00pm (3.30pm - 5.30pm excepted during the week)

John Ullman
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Parish Council

There was a record attendance of members of the public at the last Parish Council meeting, which was held on the 17th May 2005. At the beginning of the meeting the Parish Council held its AGM, where Cllr David Hall was once again elected as Chairman to the C.P.C. The other members of the Parish Council agreed to hold their previous appointed posts for another year, as did the Clerk. Cllr Hall delivered his Annual Chairman's report for 2004/05, in which he thanked the Councillors for their work on behalf of the village of Coleshill. The Chairman reported that the proposed speed limits are again subject to delay by BCC but we are assured that new speed limits will be a reality in 2005/06. In response to villagers concerns over burglaries and break-ins, the Parish Council convened a meeting attended by both the Chief Superintendent and the Chief Inspector held in the village hall, enabling villagers to voice their concerns. The Parish Council continues its work to apply for "Quality Parish" status, which hopefully will be achieved in this coming year. The play-area is due to receive a face-lift, to achieve local safety requirements and have some new equipment installed.

The cricket field has been formerly named Jack Adams Field in memory of this village benefactor; an appropriate sign will be installed, hopefully this year. The Parish Council took immediate action against the proposed incinerator plant to be built on the common (Cllr F Autons' web site announcement, April 2005) his punishment is to sit in the stocks at next years village fete, if we have one.

Susan Smith

Clerk to the Coleshill Parish Council



The Green Man at the Red Lion - May Day 2005

Parish Council Annual Report

2004/05

During the year under review the Parish Council held six meetings; May, July, September, November 2004 and January and March 2005. Following the Council elections in 2003, councillors, Messrs Hall, Valentine, Jefford, Barber, Atkinson, Smith and Auton continued in office. The AGM in March 2004 allocated the various posts and responsibilities amongst the officers. Their efforts on behalf of the village for the year is much appreciated.

Susan Smith continued in the post of Clerk. During the year she attended various courses designed for "Clerks" and the council agreed to pay for her monthly connection to 'broadband' email.

During the year the average councillor attendance at meetings was 85.7% with four out of the seven officers attending all meetings. The Clerk attended all meetings. Various residents in the village attended meetings. The lowest number was 2 and the highest 11. The average attendance was 5.66.

In the early spring, and in consideration that all the construction work had been completed at "Grove Mill", and some of the verges reinstated, it was decided to re enter the 'Best Kept Village' competition. The hard work of the various village residents paid off handsomely with Coleshill being awarded the Morris Cup for the Best Kept Village in Buckinghamshire, and in view of the high number of points awarded, - the "Sword of Excellence". The presentations were made at the village pond on the 25th September together with a £500 winning cheque from Calor Gas. In view of this great win the village then went on to represent Buckinghamshire in the "nationals" and came away with a special award for "Community Spirit". While the council minutes already reflect the appreciation of the efforts made by so many people to impress the judges who visited on the 21st October I would again like to express my sincere appreciation for so much effort from many residents.

During the year the council members continued with necessary work to be able to apply for the so called "Quality Parish" title. Most of the elements are now in place and further efforts will continue in 2005/06.

www.Coleshill.org continues to make great strides in keeping the village up to date with news and reports of the various organisations in the village. A special thanks to Frank Auton for all his effort in this regard.

Speed Limits continue to be a hot topic within the village. Bucks CC have now promulgated various orders to bring about the "speed limits" although the delays in consultation seem to be ever increasing. Several meetings were held with BCC and some resolve with regard to Magpie Lane and New Road was achieved. A compromise! Speed limits will be a reality in 2005/06, we are assured.

During the year, and in response to various requests from villagers, verges were cleared, hedges cut, and some tree pruning was undertaken, the 'mushroom tree' on the common included.

Success in resolving a noise problem caused by 'bird scarers' operated by a local farmer was achieved. Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

A major problem during the year was the growing number of burglaries and "break ins" to many of the houses in the village. Coleshill became what the police called a "hotspot". The local police became actively involved and on the 26th August a meeting with the Chief Superintendent and the Chief Inspector was convened by the Council, and held in the village hall to voice concerns.

The 'play area' at the Council Estate had been the subject of much review and was about to receive a 'facelift' to achieve local and safety requirements. The council has voted a budget of £3000 to achieve this end. Flooding of a local resident's house adjoining the playground, resulting from excess rainwater from a drain, was overcome by BCC who received permission from the Parish to install a new soak away at the play area.

Planning Applications submitted to the Chiltern D C which affected properties in Coleshill were subject to review, and appropriate recommendations made where necessary. This continues to remain a contentious topic. Councillors Valentine and Smith perform a diligent and thankless task in this regard, unable to satisfy the applicants, the objectors and the Chiltern D C. All residents are encouraged to approach the Parish Council prior to making applications for planning. There is no one in the village, to my knowledge, who has any idea of how time consuming and difficult the "planning mandate" is, and my thanks to both councillors for their efforts.

The cricket field had been formally named 'Jack Adams Field' in memory of this village benefactor. For various reasons the appropriate sign was not installed but this should be rectified in the next term.

The Annual Return and Accounts which had been prepared by the Clerk, perused and approved by the Council, had been successfully audited and submitted to the authorities.

During the year the All Saints' School continued its excellent work following its 'glowing' OFSTED report, and the Coleshill Village Common Maintenance Group had continued their much appreciated work. Many thanks to all concerned.

The precept for the Parish was maintained at £3,500 for the year and a £1,025 donation was gratefully received from BCC chairman Peter Lawrence. The latter will be allocated to help with the expenditure on the "play area".

In conclusion an eventful year. Many thanks to all councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and unselfish efforts.

David Hall
May 2005

All Saints' Flower Festival

The weekend of the Flower Festival dawned sunny and bright and remained so over the three days. The church looked wonderful, with all 'Aspects of the WI' beautifully interpreted in flowers and the children's Wellies Institute a star attraction. The Horticultural Society manned a Plant Swap stall kindly donating the takings to the Festival fund, the WI provided delicious non-stop refreshments throughout and everyone who came seemed to enjoy themselves. People from outside the village were surprised and impressed that we have such a lovely little church and admired how well cared for it is and how well the churchyard is kept.

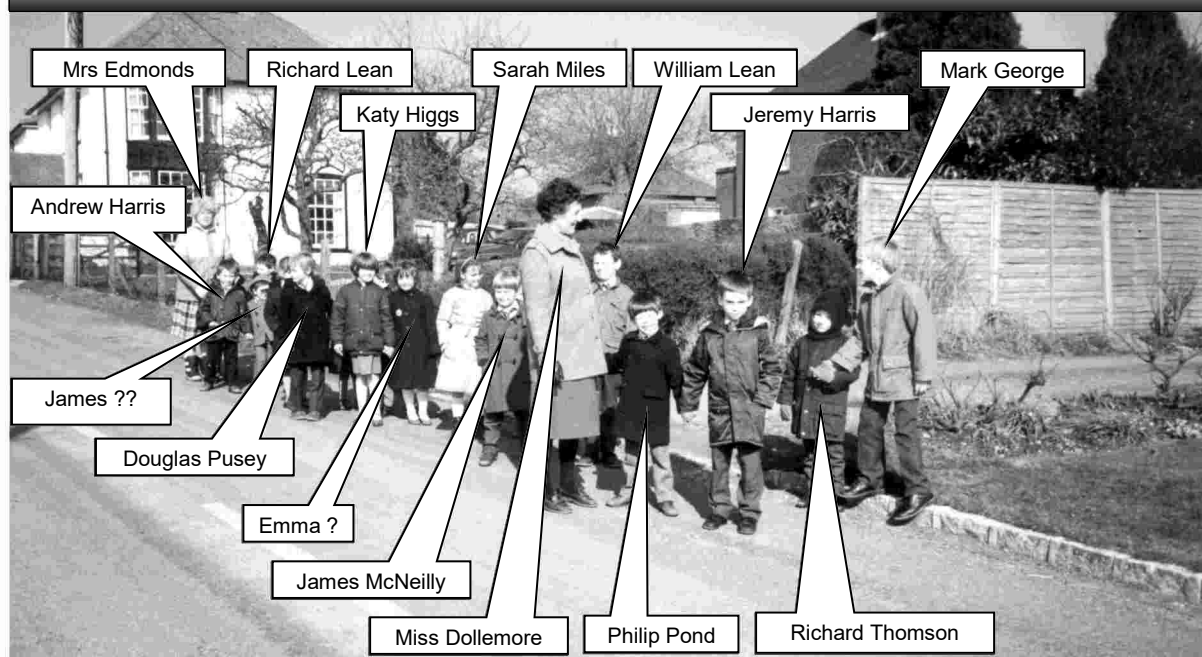
Thanks to our very generous sponsors, the hard work of everyone involved and the support of all who came along and donated money over the weekend the total raised was £2,250 plus £100 from the sale of Macmillan badges in the church.

Cheques were presented by the pond on Thursday June 2nd 2005 to Tim Harper for the Church and Mary Wege for Rushmead Day Hospice for £750 each and to Michelle Duma for Macmillan Cancer Relief (for the South and Central Buckinghamshire Appeal) for £850 (that included the £100 from the sale of the badges).

Thank you to everyone who made the weekend such a success.

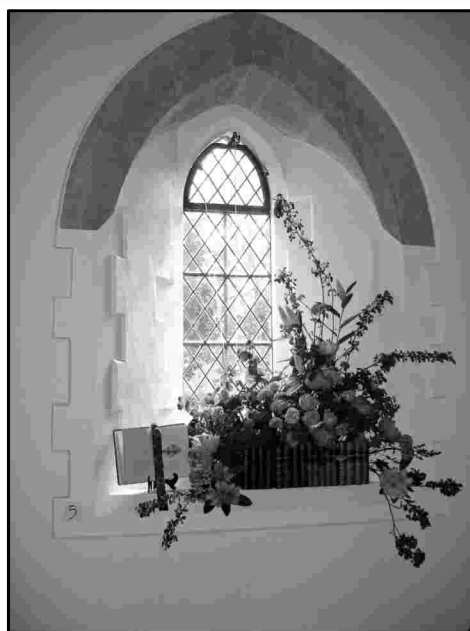
Catherine Green and Susan Smith

School Outing?



Many thanks to all who helped identify the participants in the School outing

All Saints' Flower Festival



Coleshill Common



The black-cap is singing non-stop on the Common opposite our house; no doubt his nest is nearby. In 1990, there were 39 species of bird recorded as breeding on the Common (with the Village Pond included). Quite a total! Figures like that help to motivate the Conservation Team, who are currently having their summer rest. The rest is necessary to avoid disturbance of these nesting birds. One successful nesting

has been on the small pond, where a moorhens had a nest with seven eggs. They were hatched by the 28th May, when I saw six chicks swimming.

After the summer break, Work Parties will resume in September, when the clearance of overgrown paths is usually the first task. We would welcome any villager who would like to help, however infrequently, and whatever their abilities. The dates will be posted on the Coleshill Website and notice board in August.

Chris Wege
Tel. 724152



Horticultural Society

We have had an active couple of months, starting with the Spring Talk on Plants, Borders and Gardens given by Timothy Walker of the Oxford Botanic Garden. He covered an immense amount of subject matter with excellent slides from around the world, and was both highly informative and hugely entertaining. I'm glad that so many of you were able to enjoy the evening. If anyone would like a list of the plants he mentioned (too many for any of us to remember or write down!), then please let me know, and I can give you a copy.

The talk was followed by the Bring and Swap Plant stall over the Flower Festival weekend – reviving a regular feature of Coleshill life. Helped by the large numbers visiting the festival, and our prime location en route to the W.I. refreshments, the stall was a great success. Thanks to everyone who brought, swapped and bought plants. We were not running it as a money-making venture, but as some people were not able to 'swap', we asked for a small donation to the charities being supported by the Flower Festival. This raised an amazing £140, and we were all delighted to be part of such a super village event.

At the AGM in May we were able to report a healthy financial situation which will enable us to underwrite the Village Show, and hopefully put some money towards a few innovative ideas for our Diamond Jubilee next year – more news in the autumn about these plans. My thanks to all the Committee for their help and support during the last year.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the Village Show schedule which is being delivered with this newsletter. I hope that the message on the cover – Have a Go at the Village Show – will encourage as many of you as possible to put in entries. We have reviewed all the classes to update them and try to reflect the areas that seem to be most popular. The main idea is to have fun preparing and taking part rather than it being a test of technical expertise. If you have any queries, please contact me or any of the Committee members listed in the schedule. The date for submission of entries is Wednesday 31st August, and the Show is Saturday September 3rd. If you will still be on holiday on the 31st, but are planning to be back to put entries into the Show, perhaps you could let one of the Committee know?

I look forward to seeing what the talents, enthusiasm and effort produce for us this year!

Heather Auton
Chairman



Pauline Griffiths M.B.E.



By now many of you will have heard that Pauline Griffiths, a long standing and well known resident of Coleshill, has been awarded an MBE for services to music in Buckinghamshire.

The award is in recognition of her services to the local community, including musical education, services to music - encouraging the music of young people and in her local community. This includes her work at the village school (among others), her contribution to community life in Coleshill, and her support for the ScanAppeal charity.

Trained as a flautist at the Royal Academy of Music, Pauline was a professional musician until she married, when she became a flute teacher and piano accompanist.

Despite passing retirement age and treatment for a recent illness Pauline continues with her music lessons and voluntary support for music at Coleshill school.

Happy Retirement to Cyril

Cyril Hicks - known to everyone as the postman who has served Coleshill village for very many years is retiring on Friday 17th June 2005.

A celebration for all his years of hard work and dedication to getting the mail through will be held on Friday 17th 2005. You will all receive a separate notice of the event.

Congratulations Cyril and a big thank you from all the residents of Coleshill.



Neighbourhood Watch

I am pleased to report that it was a fairly quiet winter and early spring. Recently, though, some items have been either removed or an attempt has been made to remove them, from gardens.

We are coming into the high season for robbers. Windows left open to let air in; residents out in the garden with the back door left open; planters, baskets and window boxes newly planted and out on show; garden equipment left momentarily where a passer-by might spot it. Isn't it a shame that villagers now have to even think about things like these?

We have to think like robbers to protect ourselves from them. We can make sure that, wherever possible, things are cemented or chained down, that our security precautions are up to scratch and that tools are locked away at the end of a gardening session. Can we also be aware of anything or anyone, which looks 'wrong'? Someone told me that, after finding out that a statue had been stolen from her neighbour she recalled that she had seen a white van going up their drive. If something happens like this near you, draw attention to the person. Call out, "Can I help you?" or even, "Oi, what d'you think you're doing!" Last year a lady watched as two men left her shed with a mower. She had children in the house with her and, even though it was daylight, felt unable to do anything. I would have opened the window and shouted at them. Even if I had been alone, I would have made up a name and called out, 'Fred, quick, get Bert, they're stealing the mower! I'd have yelled at them like mad while telling 'Sue' to call the police. Draw as much attention as possible. They don't like being seen or identified and don't know who is around to have a go at them.

Grab a pencil and paper and note down anything about a person or car/van that you see. All young men might look the same but were they jeans or trousers? Did they have piercings? Dark brown hair or black? Even later on the same day, specifics can get hazy.

Let's face it Coleshill is still a smashing place to live when compared to others. No graffiti problems, no glue sniffers or drug abusers hanging round the pond; no prostitutes trolling along the village road; no gangs of youths causing havoc. We are nice people who look out for each other so all I can really say is – Keep up the good work.

If you know something about someone whom you would rather not talk about in public, you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and give them information completely in confidence. They will not ask your name or any personal details unless you choose to give them.

Jack and Lindsey Haubner
Neighbourhood Watch



Jack & Lindsey Haubner

Tennis Club

The first event of the year, in April 2005, was very successful; the Fun Day really lived up to it's name. Ditto for the One Day Fun Tournament. It was FUN. The Club Coach Alan Lowe and Paul Mason worked very hard to ensure that all the players participating in these events enjoyed themselves. We are grateful to them.

Our next event was the Village Open Tournament on 12th June 2005. The winners of this tournament will be posted on the web-site. After these, it's onwards and upwards playing inter-club matches working towards the Ladies and Men's Doubles Finals matches during July with the Club Finals Day on 11th September 2005. So, much to work towards and look forward to.

The Clubhouse now boasts a refrigerator thereby giving us that wonderful benefit - cool drinks and ice. What with this and electric lights, we really have arrived in the 21st Century ! Happy, warm tennis days and evenings.

Angela Perry



Village Hall

Since the last newsletter improvements have been made in the Village Hall as the small kitchen, next to the Small Hall, has been updated.

There are major new changes to Licensing in England and Wales and the Management Committee of the Hall is very grateful to John Ullman who is liaising with Chiltern District Council in converting our existing licence.

The Village Hall has weekly bookings which are:-

Monday	BOWLS CLUB	7.30 pm
Tuesday	TRISHA'S FITNESS WORKSHOP	9.30 am
	BRIDGE CLUB	
	FIT QUICK	7.00 pm
Wednesday	WAY TO GO FITNESS	9.45 am
	(The Small Hall is used as a Crèche)	
Thursday	FIT QUICK	7.00 pm
Sunday	FIT QUICK	9.00 am

Contact details are in Village Hall or telephone 433421
The rest of the week, except for Monday, is free for hiring.

Ann Lawrence

You can find out more about Coleshill Village Hall by going direct to our web page on the Village website at www.coleshill.org/village-hall.htm



Belly Dancers at the Red Lion - May Day 2005

Coleshill Infants School

Coleshill School is thriving and this term we have 42 children on roll, many from Coleshill and Winchmore Hill, but also some children from Amersham and surrounding districts.

This term is always a busy one with lots going on. The children all decorated and planted a Wellington boot for the church flower festival, held during the Bank Holiday weekend. Everyone enjoyed taking part and our thanks go to our talented Teaching Assistant, Catherine Watts, who co-ordinated the project.

A working party day was held in early April, where many kind parents gave up their Saturday to clear out the four sheds we have in the garden. The sheds had been cluttered for many years and were so full that we could hardly use them or get the stage in and out for our end of term productions. They are clean and tidy now. Our parents were also busy supporting the school at the beginning of May when we held our annual May Fayre. We were once again lucky with the weather and although the day was chilly, it did not rain. Over £2,400 was raised at this event to buy books and equipment for the children. Thank you to everyone in the village who supported us by attending on the day and by kindly donating items for the tombola.

The children are already in training for this year's Sports Day, which will take place at the end of June, weather permitting. This is always a fun day, with races for all the children, followed by a Mums and Dads race. Our end of term summer concert this term is a musical production of 'The Gingerbread Man'. The dress rehearsal for this will be on Monday, July 11th at 11.00 am. If any of our village friends would like to come along and watch, they will be warmly welcomed. It is very good for the children to have an audience to perform to. In June, the whole school is going to the Wycombe Swan to see a production of 'The Jungle Book'.

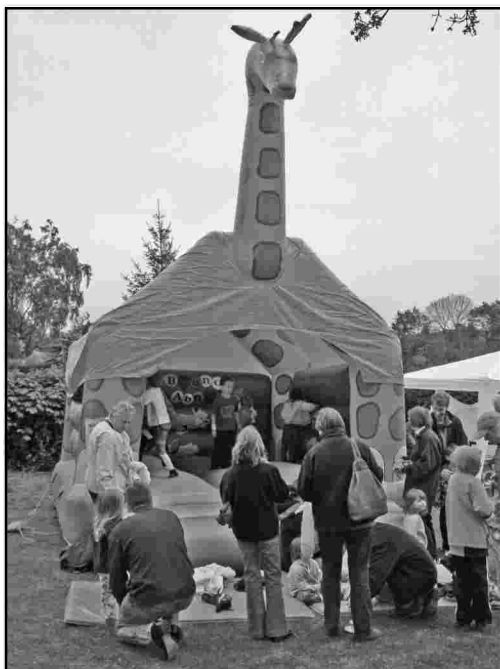
John Ullman is once again taking cricket club after school on Thursdays. I can see one or two potential Freddie Flintoffs there, so thank you to John for giving up his time. We are also grateful to Peter Dodds for taking tennis club at school on Fridays. Our thanks also go to Rosemary Valentine who comes into school twice every week to take computer club.

The end of term leavers' service takes place at All Saints' Church on Thursday, July 21st, at 11.00 am. Do come along if you are able to. May I once again thank everyone for their marvellous support of the school this year.

Jenny Earp
Head teacher



Coleshill School May Fayre



Cricket Club

Sadly we made an inauspicious start to the season and both sides are languishing at the foot of their respective divisions in the league. This is due mainly to some appalling fielding and catching and to a lesser extent lack of availability. We are better than our league positions indicate and should improve over the coming months. However, on the positive side we have reached the semi-final of the regional part of the Village Knockout Competition and we play our old adversaries Dinton in the semi-final.

Again this year our Vice Presidents have been most generous and such generosity will enable us to purchase some much needed ground equipment. We were pleased to be able to entertain them at a cheese & wine lunch on Sunday 22nd May and a very happy party it was.

I am again having good support for the juniors nets on Thursday evenings at 4.30pm and with the new moveable nets the boys can experience batting on grass. The older boys have already helped the senior teams when short and have acquitted themselves well.

Finally a date for the diaries. Following the success of last year, we are holding another barbeque and fireworks party on Sunday 28th August (Bank Holiday weekend). All are welcome and if anybody wants a Fixture Card, I have plenty at the Red Lion

John Ullman
Chairman

Newsletter Future Editions

We now publish four editions of the Newsletter - Easter, Summer, Autumn and Christmas. I welcome contributions from anyone in the village about anything they think would be of general interest to the residents of Coleshill.

If you would like to submit an article, either e-mail or drop it in. I can work with anything from word processed documents to hand written entries. Photos are especially welcome and I can work in any format from digital to Polaroids! The Newsletter is in black & white but I can convert colour pictures very easily. The deadline dates for future editions are as follows:-

Frank Auton

EDITION	DEADLINE
Autumn 2005	Friday 2nd September 2005
Christmas 2005	Friday 11th November 2005

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Coleshill W.I.

Firstly we would like to thank everyone who supported the Flower Festival. We are indebted to Catherine Green for her inspirational idea to theme it on 'Aspects of the W.I.' in celebration of eighty five years of the Buckinghamshire Federation, to the Flower Club for backing her and to Susan Smith for all her hard work as co-organiser. The flowers were spectacular, the wellies were wonderful and, most important of all, the visitors were generous, thirsty and tempted by the cakes and other goodies on offer! We hope that a lot of people have a much clearer picture of all the W.I. has to offer and we are still hopeful that some new members may come through our open door. We are delighted to report that the W.I. now has some new, matching, tablecloths in green gingham as a reward for our members' hard work.

By the time you are reading this we will have enjoyed the trip to Leonardslee to admire the rhododendrons and will be looking forward to seeing the gardens at Dorneywood. We are planning to support the Wycombe Swan theatre with outings to see Rebecca, the Mikado and Betty Boothroyd, who is coming to speak on Sunday 30th October at the invitation of the W.I. (The evening is open to the general public and tickets are available from the theatre box office.) We have also decided to hold a Mid-Summer Tea Party, on Tuesday 21st June 2005 in Pat Emblow's garden at 2:30p.m. and have our fingers crossed for sunshine!

May is the month we discuss our resolutions which will be put to the vote at the National meeting in June. This year the subjects are Encouraging Recycling and Farm-gate Milk Prices. We all agreed the need for the former. Then we were dismayed to learn how badly paid the farmers are for milk and distressed to learn that whenever the supermarket milk prices go up none of it is passed back to the farmers. It was agreed that there is a need to raise public awareness of this situation and to lobby for a better deal for the farmers.

In March we had a marvellous speaker who came as Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, in April we were entertained by 'Laughter in the Village' and next month we will learn 'How to be an evacuee' which will doubtless stir memories for some of us and be enlightening for our younger members, several of us were born after the war, you know! In July we go travelling with a talk on the Yukon and Alaska. We aim to have a wide variety of speakers so that there is something to suit all tastes and are currently having fun compiling next years programme.

Second Thursday of every month, except August, at 2:30p.m., the door to the Village Hall is open. You can be assured of a warm welcome if you are brave enough to walk in!

Eileen Gershon

Diary Dates

Sunday 12th June

Tuesday 21st June 2005

Monday July 11th

Wednesday 31st August

2nd September

Saturday 3rd September

Friday 9th September

Friday 11th November

Friday 21st October

Village Open Tennis Tournament

WI Mid-Summer Tea Party

Dress rehearsal for school play

'The Gingerbread Man'

Show entry forms due

Deadline for Autumn Newsletter

Village Show

Straight Eight - Concert at Red Lion

Deadline for Christmas Newsletter

Cookery Demonstration All Saints' Charity

Auction of Promises



Tony Platzer knew that Stella was disappointed at being outbid for the motorbike tour of the Chilterns at the recent Auction of Promises.

Not to be out done he put in a special request and here is Stella just about to depart for her tour. She enjoyed it, but was glad of a cup of tea half way round to recover!



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Catherine Green - Church Flowers	724922
Ruth Murphy - Organist & Choirmaster All Saints'	433539
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Susan Smith - Clerk Parish Council	724490
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Marianne Holt - Magpie Club & Parish Youth Worker	723793
Jenny Earp - Head teacher Village School	727206
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Chris Wege - Common Management Committee	724152

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Services in the Parish

St Mary's	8.00 am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	9.00 am	Holy Communion (except 2 nd Sunday)
All Saints' (2 nd Sunday)	10.00 am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	10.15 am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.45 am	Matins
All Saints'	6.00 pm	Evensong (1 st Sunday of every month)
St Mary's	6.00 pm	Evensong (except 1 st Sunday of month)

