



NEWSLETTER

*Summer
2006*

Tough Times for Atheists

Did you believe that all the rain in May was ever going to end? Would the blossom ever come? Would the leaves on the ancient oak trees in the churchyard ever wave in the warm early summer air?

After such a long cold winter and spring, it was hard to imagine that such things even existed. And yet, here we are in June, and the Chilterns are arrayed in their full summer glory.

As a metaphor for Resurrection, this is hard to beat. All of us go through dark times, and indeed must go the way of humanity. But with faith in Christ and his promise of Resurrection, there is everything to hope for. I hope you share this faith.

If you don't, I invite you to take one of the following tests. Come and stand in the Memorial Gardens in Old Amersham on a summer's day, look around, and ask yourself if all this stunning beauty happened without a Creator. Alternatively, take a walk around the village pond and All Saints churchyard on a sunny evening and ask yourself the same question.

As someone memorably remarked, it is sometimes very hard to be an atheist!

Tim Harper
Rector

Holy Matrimony

Sarah Harper to Paul Turner – 20th May 2006



Lois Plumridge to Donald Henley-King - 27th May 2006



Jo Miles to Marcus Selleck - 3rd June 2006



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'

All Saints' Officers

Patsy Wright-Warren has retired as Pro-warden after six years of service. Her knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed, though we are glad that she is to remain on the Committee. In her place we are glad to welcome Helen Spencer, with Dumpy Swerling remaining as the other Pro-Warden.

Dick Ware is joining the Committee, with particular responsibility for financial matters. The other Committee members remain the same, namely: Jennifer Brock, Petrina Clackett, David Elliott, Catherine Green, Pam Holden, Ruth Murphy, Chris Wege (Hon Sec).

Sunday Services

There have been changes in the pattern of Sunday Services at All Saints'.

Formerly there was a 10.00 am service on the second Sunday of the month, but this timing has been cancelled. In future **all** morning services will be at **9.00am**. The Book of Common Prayer is used on the first and third Sundays, and 'Common Worship' on the second and fourth Sundays. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month there will be the service of Matins.

Christian Aid Walk

Jennifer Brock writes: The Christian Aid Walk was held on Sunday 14th May 2006. About fourteen courageous souls participated, considerably down from last year, but nevertheless it was a perfect day and a perfect walking temperature. The walk, which as always started and ended at the Red Lion pub, went down through Luckings Farm, up past Seagrave Farm, through Sandels Wood, Great Beards Wood, by Wood Cottage and back to the pub. Everyone seemed to enjoy it especially Helen's dog Megan who raced at least five times the distance of the prescribed walk, and followed her own preferred route. Pete and Jen Brock would like to thank all who joined in, and we hope to see more of you in 2007. Hazel Thomas reports that while the £95 raised from the Christian Aid Walk was down compared with last year, the street collections raised £843. The total of £938 is an excellent result and is a testament to the generosity of the village, and to the hard work of the team of collectors. Especially our thanks are due to Hazel, who has again acted as co-ordinator.

Reverend Rosie Harper

In addition to her duties at Great Missenden, Rosie has been appointed Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Buckingham. In practice this means assisting him with his pastoral duties in the office and around the county.

Chris Wege



In Memoriam

Teddy Joseph - 16th April 2006

Holy Baptism

Megan Elizabeth Pagett - 28th May 2006

All Saints' Charity

This is the Charity's 21st anniversary and to mark this we have a very active year.

Our Spring event – Trash or Treasure – which was described in the Easter Newsletter, made a good profit of £1,464 which has enabled the Rosanna Hospital to buy some much needed equipment. More is needed as the Hospital is now 12 years old and much of the equipment needs to be updated.

Our Summer Event – The Tempest by William Shakespeare - is an outdoor production by Stageworks Theatre Company in the splendid setting of the gardens of Bottrells Close in Chalfont St Giles on Saturday 24th June 2006 at 7pm. The gates will open at 6pm to give the opportunity to find a good pitch for your chair or rug and enjoy a picnic supper. We have received generous sponsorship from local firms and hope it will be enjoyed by a good, and large, audience.

Our Autumn Event – A Treasure Hunt and Barbecue – which was so much enjoyed when we last held one in 2004, will take place on the Cricket Field on Saturday 23rd September 2006. Watch out for the publicity nearer the time but put the date in your diary now.

The Committee is very grateful for the generous support over so many years. If anyone would like more information about the Hospital or the events, they should contact Marigold Curling – 726431 or Patsy Wright-Warren – 433356.

Patsy Wright-Warren



Global Village - Pakistan

The autumn earthquake in 2005 caused aftershocks, both geological and social, well into the New Year. Coincidental to the natural disaster we experienced aftershocks of another kind. It is said that if someone sneezes on Wall Street the City of London catches pneumonia. It would seem that the same is true of certain cartoons published by some of our European partners. A small space in a Danish/Dutch newspaper caused riots and mayhem throughout Pakistan. While Western politicians and pundits were claiming that the Islamic World was over-reacting we were dodging marauding crowds invading the Diplomatic Enclave in Islamabad. Our great friend Canon Huw Thomas, Principle of Edwards College Peshawar, was locked in his quarters for his own safety while 'peaceful' demonstrators ransacked one of the best educational establishments in the Country. Of course, Kentucky Fried Chicken and McDonalds outlets were burned down as they always are when the rabble-rousers are in full cry. It is a great shame because these are all Pakistani businesses run under franchise and, although very popular with the general public, a job in one of them is rapidly becoming a high-risk occupation. It is a pity that the people who cry press freedom seem to abandon any sense of responsibility along with the restrictions. The Danish Embassy has closed and our friends there have gone home; it seems unlikely that they will return.

Both types of aftershock had dissipated by the time spring arrived after what had been, thank God and Allah, an unusually benign winter. A winter like the one last year would have added to the post-quake death toll dramatically. For us it meant warm days, upper sixties and seventy, and cool to chilly evenings. Christmas morning sitting in the sun on the terrace for the second year running was a joy as was strawberries in February, blue skies throughout and not a suggestion of grey anywhere.

Spring in this part of Pakistan is a riot of colour; Bouganvillea, Magnolia, Jacaranda and Flame Trees assault the senses in every direction and sweet peas are a riot of a more welcome kind throughout March. We even have our own version of the cuckoo to listen out for. It is the Asian Ko-el and from April throughout the Summer and Autumn it is for us, the sound of Pakistan.

Spring also marks the time when one can begin to plan trips into the Northern Areas. We have just returned from our second trip to the Khyber and the Afghan Border. At Whitsun, we are off to the Swat valley, situated about as high in the Karakoram range as you can get at this time. This area has just come back on the security approved list and it is known locally as Udhiyana, 'The Garden' and I imagine that's about as far as any resemblance to Kent goes.

Alex & Derek Pond *FCO Pakistan*

Red Lion



The Green Man - Grand Union Morris

May Day proved to be wetter than ever! However over sixty doughty villagers braved the elements to cheer on the men and ladies Morris Team and the now regular belly dancers. Those who were happy to 'dry off' in the pub joined us for breakfast and a bevy or two under our new premises licence.

On the sporting front, although not as successful as last year, each team won something. In darts Kerry Ferguson won the individual Captains Cup for the second year running and Barry Featherstone and I won the Reserves Cup, also for the second year running. The 'A' Quiz Team gained promotion by winning Division 2 after being relegated last year, and the Crib & Dominoes Team won the League Knockout Cup for the first time.

However, the main achievement came from Andrew Codling's Golf team. They came second in the Regional Final of the Bass/Publican's Annual Golf Competition, just missing out on an all expenses paid trip to Portugal. This was a fantastic effort when one considers that over 900 pub teams enter and we finished in the top ten.

I attended the newcomers party at the cricket club last month and already a number have settled into village life with two children joining the cricket coaching sessions on Thursday afternoon. I am pleased to report that Ben White, one of my boys, hit a 50 for the cricket club yesterday. Well done Ben - let us hope it is the first of many.

For the benefit of all newcomers, a reminder that we keep extra stocks of milk, butter, bread, eggs etc. if you run short. Our doors are usually open from 9.00am.

John Ullman

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Parish Council

The AGM, Residents and Council meeting of the Parish Council held in May saw the re-election of Cllr David Hall as Chairman and Cllr Richard Valentine re-elected as Vice-chairman and planning officer, Cllr Frank Auton remains a Governor to All Saints School and newly co-opted onto the CPC, Kim Richardson, takes over the care of the play-area at Hill Meadow. The Parish Council notes with sadness that two stalwart members of its team have resigned, Tony Barber and John Jefford will be sorely missed for their knowledge as well as the humour they brought to the CPC meetings. The Parish Council hopes to co-opt two new members onto the CPC during the upcoming meeting in July. If you wish to be considered for one of the vacancies please write to the Clerk and your name will be put forward at the meeting. Quite often when we see or hear of things that we do not agree with, we say 'I would make a good job of being on the Parish Council' well now is the time to stand and be counted. If you do not wish to be considered remember that during the democratic ¼ hour you can have your say and ask questions, members of the public are always welcomed at the Parish Council meetings.

PC Gavin McVeigh hopes to attend the next meeting which is to be held on the 25th July 2006; he is our home beat officer for the area and would like to introduce himself to the Village. Whilst the time is limited to ¼ hour I am sure that he will be able to answer a couple of questions.

Being a Clerk to a Parish Council is very diverse, I receive emails from old residents, visitors to the village, or visitors to the web-site asking about historical facts or memories. I have my network of helpful people who I telephone for answers, but if you have any memories that can be shared by being written down or photographs that can be scanned please contact myself or Frank Auton. This will enable us to broaden our knowledge and build a more complete archive of Coleshill through the ages.

We are at the time of writing this piece waiting to hear whether we have succeeded in winning an award in the Best Kept Village competition, it would be such a lovely boost for the Village to achieved recognition again in this prestigious competition.

Remember the next Parish Council meeting on the 25th July 2006 in the small hall of the village hall, it starts at 8.15pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

Susan Smith
Clerk



Parish Council Annual Report

It has been a very difficult year, but some substantial milestones have been achieved.

During the year under review the Parish Council held six meetings; May, July, September, November 2005 and January and March 2006. Following the Council elections in 2003, councillors, Messrs Hall, Valentine, Jefford, Barber, Atkinson, Smith and Auton continued in office. The AGM in March 2005 allocated the various posts and responsibilities amongst the officers. Their efforts on behalf of the village for the year is much appreciated.

On the 17th February Mike Smith resigned from the Parish Council. He assisted Richard Valentine on the Planning Applications. His efforts, common sense, and belief in the village will be sorely missed. The clerk and Chairman wrote to Councillor Smith in appreciation of his efforts. The Parish Council will need to co-opt a replacement.

Susan Smith continued in the post of Clerk. During the year she attended various courses designed for "Clerks" which will assist in the Parish working towards a Quality Parish Council Award.

During the year the average councillor attendance at meetings was 87.80% with three out of the seven officers attending all meetings. The Clerk attended all meetings.

Various residents in the village attended meetings. The lowest number was 3 and the highest 14. The average attendance was 9.66.

The Parish again entered the Best Kept Village competition but unfortunately did not have the same success as in the previous year.

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. Councillor Frank Auton diligently keeps the site up-to-date and active. He is also responsible for the very comprehensive Village Newsletter. A special thanks to Frank for all his effort in this regard.

Speed Limits were introduced by the Bucks County Council to the village in January 2006. Whilst not everyone is happy about the various limits, and the placement of the speed signs, the existence of such after 16 years of negotiation with the BCC is a real achievement.

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. A Tree Preservation Order was placed on two willows by the village pond. Coleshill Common Management Committee ably led by Chris Wege continued their good and successful work on the common. They submitted a formal report to the CPC on the 8th August 2005.

The 'play area' at the Council Estate had been the subject of much review and it was agreed to install some new play equipment. The council has voted a budget of £3000 to achieve this end but eventually a sum of nearly £5500 was expended following receipt of various grants and donations. Special thanks to Francis Robinson and Peter Lawrence in this regard. It was difficult to assess an appropriate sum of money on the basis of the number of village children who might benefit, value for money, safety and local resident concerns. ROSPA inspection of the playground took place during the year which required minor remedial work.

Planning Applications submitted to the Chiltern DC which affected properties in Coleshill were subject to review, and appropriate recommendations made where necessary. The

dumping at Brentford Grange Farm of a temporary deposit of waste material by Tesco, following the collapse of a building in Gerrards Cross gave much concern. This continues to remain a contentious topic. Councillors Valentine and Smith have performed a diligent and thankless task with regard to planning applications and are not always able to satisfy the applicants, the objectors and the Chiltern DC. CDC had introduced a new EDMS system whereby planning applications were viewed 'online'. This has made the process very time consuming and difficult. Thanks to the councillors for use of their personal computers.

The cricket field had been formally named in a previous year the 'Jack Adams Field' in memory of this village benefactor. The Chairman had been delegated necessary authority to erect a plaque or something suitable to remember a generous benefactor. This was achieved despite a councillor and a resident expressing concern at the cost, placement, and if the Chairman had exceeded his authority. The Adams family expressed their appreciation.

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 we had our insurance policies reviewed by an independent assessor who advised that the policies were adequate and of good value.

During the year the topics of "Standing Orders" and "Financial Standards" were discussed. If these documents existed they were probably 'lost in time and inappropriate to current requirements'. It was therefore agreed to adopt new statements and after necessary amendments both these statements were adopted on the 11th January 2006.

During the year the All Saints School continued its excellent work following its 'glowing' OFSTED report the previous year. The school adopted a 'Mission Statement' which can be viewed in the website. Many thanks to all concerned.

The precept for the Parish was maintained at £3500 for the year. Following an expenditure review it was agreed that the precept for 06/07 would need to be £4500.

The Clerk had advised of the ever increasing amount of paperwork accumulating for the CPC and the difficulty with the use of 'private storage'. It was agreed the Chairman and Vice Chairman would spend some time to have an official 'sort out', decide what to keep and to negotiate with the Village Hall committee to obtain an official Parish Cupboard in the hall.

In March 2005 when I returned from my sojourn in South Africa I found within the Parish Council a great deal of enmity and antagonism. I was faced with several resignations, threatened resignations, and a very unhappy Parish Clerk. I have tried to alleviate and ameliorate, somewhat unsuccessfully, this problem. I have been reading the Parish Council minutes going back to November 1978. At no time have I been able to discern such ill will between councillors. It is very unfortunate when persons give so freely of their time and effort for the benefit of a wonderful village. It has been a very unpleasant year.

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

David Hall
May 2006



Musical Theatre

Book Sunday 4th February 2007 in your diary! The Time Of Our Lives - Musical Theatre Company have been booked to present their latest show 'All The World's A Stage' - A musical revue to celebrate British theatre from medieval mummers to 20th century West End musicals. An hilarious mix of song, music and dance, stand up and sketch comedy.

The show will be in the Village Hall and will be put on in aid of Samaritans - more details and ticket applications in the next Newsletter

Coleshill Girl Guides 1940



In the Easter edition of the Newsletter this picture was included with a request for more information. Thank you to Sylvia Dollemore for the following:-

The photograph supplied by Bill Dean in the Easter Newsletter was taken in January 1940, and shows 'old' members of 1st Coleshill Girl Guides celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Company. The venue is the hut attached to the windmill, used as Guide H.Q. I am not sure, but the nearest girl on the right may be Carter (her daughter was Janet) and the nearest left one of three sisters whose surname escapes me, but one was Louie, who was Kate Barber's mother. The person standing on the left at the end of the table is Ruth Howard, the Captain. She lived at Windmill House with her parents and two brothers. She started the Company in 1930, her father having 'sold' her the windmill for sixpence.

The Company was very active for some years, but in the late 1940's the number of girls of Guide age in the village dwindled. Ruth was invited by Mrs. Nancy Strode, the District Commissioner, to take over 2nd Chesham Bois Guides, which she did in 1948/9, taking the few remaining Coleshill Guides with her each week. I was a member of 2nd CB at the time, sometimes camped at the windmill, and as I grew up Ruth became a good friend. She died in 1968 aged 64, and I took over 2nd CB. I have the original logbooks of Coleshill Guides, with many photographs, and would be happy to show these to anyone interested.

Sylvia Dollemore

Horticultural Society

Our Spring meeting with Timothy Walker speaking on the Healing Power of Plants was a great success. He entertained and enlightened us in equal measure, and we learned about everything from the value of the English Yew in treating cancers, to the possibility of the Star Anise being the most likely source of treating Avian Flu if it spreads to humans. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening.

The next event will probably be happening by the time you read this! We are all crossing our fingers for good weather for the Open Gardens on Sunday June 25th. It was super to have so many different types of gardens available to view, and hopefully many people will have gone away with some new ideas.

The Village Show schedule is being delivered with this newsletter. The Show is on Saturday September 9th, and will be opened by my predecessor as Chairman, Lindsey Haubner. As it is our Diamond Jubilee year, we hope to have as many participants as possible – whether you are a keen photographer or a happy snapper, a super cook or a ‘bung it all in together’ type of baker, there should be something for you to have a go at in addition to the produce and craft classes. We will also be offering a very attractive commemorative gift to every entrant – so please do join in, it makes it much more fun!

Finally, we have produced some very attractive notelets based on the original posters that our late President Ewart Smith made for Spring talks in years gone by. A set of 6 different designs is available for only £3.50, and all profits will go to his favourite charity, Marie Curie Cancer Care. Give me a call if you would like some 431036). (See back page for more details)

Heather Auton
Chairman

Mid day Charity Walk

We ended with 197 walkers last Saturday walking either 6 or 13 miles in Windsor Great Park in the searing heat (only three casualties with heat exhaustion who were sorted out by St John's ambulance). There were thirteen walkers from the village and three helpers (marshalling and handing out T-shirts, bottles of water etc.) The 197 pledged a fantastic £32,497.10 which will be split between Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

The sponsorship forms will also provide gift aid which gives a further 28p in the pound if people are tax payers.

So it was a very good day with a good result for the charities and I was extremely pleased with the support from the village.

Chris George

Coleshill Village Fete 2006



Coleshill Village Fete 2006



**A perfect day and another splendid Village Fete!
Many thanks to Marion Davies and all her many helpers
for making it such a success!**

Police Contact

There is now a new single number for Thames Valley Police

This number should be used for all non-emergency calls to Thames valley Police.



Calls will be charged at local rates

0845 8 505 505

Call 999 only if a crime is being committed, or is about to be committed, or if there is a risk of serious injury

Cut this out and keep by the phone

Local News



Some of you may not know that I write a column each week in the local paper. This is to report anything which is happening in the village and is for all of us. So, if your child has done something special, if you have an event in the village or a special occasion you would like to share, my details are at the top of the column each week.

Now, several people have said that they have not seen the column recently and have asked if I am still doing it. It **always** appears in the Amersham Examiner and Advertiser but not always in the Bucks, Chesham or other Examiners or Advertisers. I have tried to get this into Mr Vastani, who delivers in the village and still sometimes delivers a Bucks version to me. If he does the same to you, point it out to him and he will change it.

Lindsey Haubner



Neighbourhood Watch

The village continues to be quiet overall. One, almost unbelievable crime, which happened recently, involved a handbag being stolen from the church! It occurred when people were in the church having a wedding rehearsal. The bag contained many items important to the owner, who will be very grateful if it is found and has some of these things still inside. Please let me, or the police know if you find anything thrown into a hedgerow or something similar. We found a bag, which had obviously been in a hedge for many months, last year. Anything of obvious value had long gone but there was a disk in there which, when we notified the owner of its discovery, was found to contain a great deal of course work, which she was delighted to get back.

There was one evening of robberies during the spring, when garden sheds were broken into along with tools being stolen from a building site and other doors being tried. It is only when tools are stolen that the true cost is realised, so do see whether your storage is as secure as it could be.

The Ringmaster messages we are receiving are the usual ones for this time of year. Cancelling everything when you go on holiday and look out for neighbours' property when you know they are away. Do not leave anything in cars if you go for walks, especially Sat Navs. A few extra minutes care can save hours cancelling cards, speaking to police and anguishing the summer days away.

This is to advise you that PC 1701 Gavin McVeigh is the Beat Officer for the villages of Seer Green, Jordans, Coleshill, Winchmore Hill, Knotty Green, Forty Green, Penn & Penn Street. He is supported by PCSO 9714 John Webb.

If you have any non urgent issues they can be contacted by phone on 08458 505 505 or you can email them at gavin.mcveigh@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or john.webb@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Jack & Lindsey Haubner



Tennis Club

Summer is the perfect time for tennis - the sun is shining, the grounds surrounding the courts are looking at their best and it seems that everybody has a smile on their face. Club play sessions are very well attended, these sessions being the perfect time for mixing in and playing with members you don't regularly play with. Club play for adults is Sundays at 10:30 and Tuesday evenings at 18:00.

Unfortunately the Fun Tournament scheduled for the 21st of May 2006 was called off due to poor weather (actually, it rained all day), this has now been re-scheduled for the 2nd July 2006, a notice to this effect has been placed on the club noticeboards.

The Village Open Tournament played on the 4th of June 2006 under wonderfully blue skies was a great day of fun. This event is particularly popular, owners of courts in the village organising their own matches as well as matches being played at the club courts, winners then meet up early afternoon at the club for semi and final matches. This event I have been informed has a 30 year history! At its conception, eight courts took part, having approximately ten players participating at each court. Players for the day's play would meet at the Village Hall where a draw would take place to determine pairs of players - a true village event.

The Junior Tournament takes place on the 16th July 2006, this is the second year for this event. The day starts at 10:15 - 10:30 with registration for the Under 9's. Age groups for the day will be Under 9's, Under 11's and Under 14's. The event proved to be a fun day for all concerned last year and we expect to have a larger turn-out this year.

Introduction To Tennis coaching has now commenced at the village school. Peter Dodds is the coach for these sessions and he is assisted by players from the Club.

So, the tennis club thrives - it is a fun and happy place to play tennis. ENJOY!

Angela Perry

Newcomers Welcome Party

Some 20 newcomers within the past two years were welcomed to the village on 19th May at a party at Coleshill Cricket Club's pavilion - a very delightful gesture. When the trend is to live behind solid electric gates in English villages, it was more than reassuring that Coleshill's residents displayed such a warm sense of community.

May we thank the organisers and everyone who turned out to welcome us.

Terence & Stephanie Prideaux - Longfield

Village Hall

The AGM took place on 26th April 2006 when Howard Green was re-elected as Chairman, David Hall as Treasurer and David Smith as Secretary. David Atkinson kindly agreed to be reappointed as Auditor.

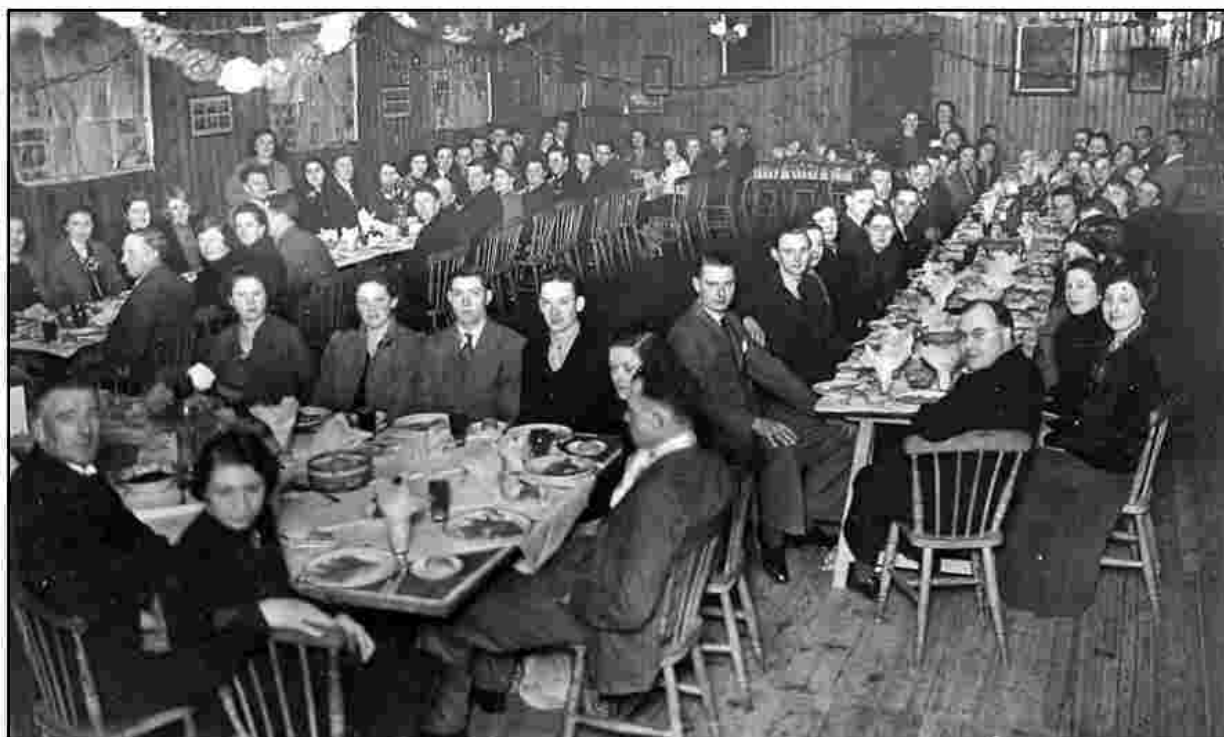
The Chairman mentioned the permanent ramp which has been built for push and wheelchairs. A light has now been sited for access in darkness.

The Premises Licence is working well, although it did cost the Hall £477 for the first year. It is not known what charge Chiltern District Council will levy on a yearly basis.

An inspection of the Hall and surrounds has recently taken place and remedial work will be done during the summer months. As Booking Agent my knowledge of maintenance and installations has increased enormously. How would I ever have found out the working of men's urinals if it wasn't for this job?

As usual I welcome use of the Hall from residents in Coleshill who benefit with reduced rates for personal use.

Ann Lawrence



Coleshill Village Hall - 1937

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

Coleshill Infants School

As usual during the summer term we have a great deal of activities going on at the school, including sports day, our country dancing festival at Dropmore, as well as taking part in the Coleshill Horticultural Society's Diamond Jubilee celebrations on June 25th 2006.

We were very fortunate to have a very hot, sunny day in May when the whole school visited Legoland in Windsor. The children had a wonderful time in the Imagination Centre building 'earthquake proof' skyscrapers and enjoyed the rides and shows in the park. The sun also shone on school photograph day, so we were able to have our school photograph taken outside in the garden. The May Fayre took place in the Village Hall this year due to showery weather, but a good time was had by all nevertheless.

We were very lucky to receive vouchers worth £100 from Gary Grant, of the Entertainer toy stores, who is celebrating 25 years of business this year. He generously donated the vouchers to many schools in the Amersham area. It was nice to get some lovely new toys, so our thanks go to him.

Several visitors have been to our school in recent weeks, including Rebecca Newbutt from Chiltern District Council, who spoke to the children about recycling, Patsy Wright-Warren who brought Sheeba, her Hearing Dog puppy, Margaret Williams, who is our contact for the Neema School in Kenya, which we have supported this year, brought photographs and a video of her recent trip.

Our summer concert this year will be a musical production of 'Puss in Boots', in which all the children will be performing. It should be good fun, almost a summer panto, with characters such as Dame Trott, Giant Couldbegood and the Good Fairy. The dress rehearsal for this will be on Monday, July 10th 2006 at 11.00 a.m. If any of our village friends would like to come along and watch, they will be very welcome.

The end of term leavers' service takes place at All Saints' Church on Friday July 21st 2006, at 11.00 a.m. to which our friends in the village are also warmly invited. Thank you to everyone in the village who has supported the school this year.

Jenny Earp
Head teacher



Coleshill Common

At the end of the winter season of work on the Common we had a session of tree planting. The trees included some chosen for their blossom and fruits, and these are being positioned along the margin of the grassland. All, of course, are native species found in this area.

In recent years some villages have planted Community Orchards. Graham Thorne and I were conducted around Downley Common a few months ago, and were shown their Orchard. Perhaps the wild trees that we have planted on our Common are the equivalent of that – or maybe there is a corner in the Jack Adams Field for a group of fruit trees?



The picture shows Penny, Chris, Graham, Derek, and Dave planting the 100th tree since management of the Common began.

Chris Wege
Tel. 724152



Cricket Club

The season has started well with both Saturday teams enjoying the giddy heights of being second in their divisions, after the most recent matches however the slide down the leagues has begun, hopefully to be arrested fairly soon!

We are hoping to be able to pack away the jumpers and raincoats now, summer appears to have arrived in early June. The early games this season forced many a player to wonder why they play cricket and indeed why they haven't moved to sunnier countries already.

We are currently planning a big social event for the summer, posters should all over the village by the time you read this. Please come along!

Graham Flack
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 2006	Friday 1st September 2006
Christmas 2006	Friday 10th November 2006

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Coleshill W.I.

I have said before that, to me, one of the best things about W.I. is the friendship and supportive network that it provides. Recently my Mother has been seriously ill and I have been extremely busy caring for my blind Father and committed to regular hospital visiting which meant my role as president was sorely neglected. The kindness and willingness to help from many of our members both lifted my spirits and ensured I did not have to worry that all would continue as normal at Coleshill W.I. I feel proud to be a member of such a caring organisation.

At our March meeting I missed an excellent talk on Graphology, the study of character from handwriting. Afterwards I heard that the speaker looked at a sample of my handwriting and described me very accurately. Of course I can't comment as I don't know exactly what was said and can only hope it was flattering! This was followed by a talk in April on Geology which was much more interesting than many people anticipated but disappointing that it was not specifically about the Coleshill area as we had expected. May, as always, was devoted to discussing this year's resolutions on renewable energy in new-build housing and sport for a healthier population. We are waiting to hear whether these proposals were adopted at the National A.G.M. in Cardiff last week.

The outing to the National Theatre to see 'Royal Hunt of the Sun' was a great success and our venture into hiring a small coach, rather than desperately trying to fill a bigger one, worked well. This means that in future we can consider trips for specific interests instead of always looking for a day out that will please everyone.

Summer has come and we are busily preparing the raffle for the village fete, planning a tea party in Pat's garden and organising the Group Lunch, which is to be in Coleshill again this year.

Following the success of the evening with Betty Boothroyd at Wycombe Swan last autumn there is to be a similar event with Dame Stella Rimington on Wednesday, 8th November 2006. Whilst this is organised and hosted by the W.I. tickets are available to the general public from The Swan box office, but they are selling like hot cakes so if you'd like to join us phone quickly. You can be sure of a friendly welcome.

Eileen Gershon



Diary Dates

Saturday 24 th June	Mini Farmers Market
Saturday 24 th June	The Tempest - All Saints' Charity
Sunday 25 th June	Coleshill Open Gardens afternoon
Monday 10 th July	School Concert Dress Rehearsal
Sunday 16 th July	Junior Tennis Tournament
Sunday 16 th July	Coleshill Conservatives Garden Party
Friday 21 st July	Village School - End of Term Service
Tuesday 25 th July	Parish Council meeting
Friday 1 st September	Deadline for Autumn Newsletter
Saturday 9 th September	Village Show
Saturday 23 rd September	Treasure Hunt & Barbecue - All Saints'
Wednesday, 8 th November	Stella Rimington - WI
Friday 10 th November	Deadline for Winter Newsletter
Sunday 4 th February 2007	Time of Our Lives Musical Theatre

Parish Council Vacancies

Following the resignations of two long standing councillors - Tony Barber and John Jefford, there are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council can co-opt new councillors at the next meeting which is on Tuesday 25th July 2006.

If you would like to be considered then please contact the Parish Council Clerk Susan Smith and let her know. Please feel free to indicate if you have any particular areas of the work of the Parish Council that you would be interested in.

If you would like further information about what is involved then please feel free to contact the Chairman - David Hall or any of the existing councillors. Contact details are overleaf.

It is your village and it is important that people who live in and care for Coleshill take an active part in the local government of the village.



Contact Numbers

Reverend Tim Harper - Rector	724426
Dorothy Potter - Parish Secretary	729380
Dumpy Swerling - All Saints' Pro-Warden	873931
Helen Spencer - All Saints' Pro-Warden	725857
John Brumwell - Parish Treasurer	724704
Chris Wege - Hon Secretary All Saints'	724152
Catherine Green - Church Flowers	724922
Ruth Murphy - Organist & Choirmaster All Saints'	433539
Frank & Heather Auton - Newsletter	431036
Susan Smith - Clerk Parish Council	724490
Ann Lawrence - Village Hall Bookings	433421
Marianne Holt - Magpie Club & Parish Youth Worker	723793
Jenny Earp - Head teacher Village School	727206
Jack & Lindsey Haubner - Neighbourhood Watch	722589
Eileen Gershon - President Coleshill W.I.	727868
Amanda McCallum - Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	725083
David Smith - Coleshill Horticultural Society	724490
Angela Perry - Secretary Coleshill Tennis Club	724456
Terry Power - Secretary Coleshill Cricket Club	431186
John Holland - Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	729357
John & Chris Ullman - The Red Lion	727020
Chris Wege - Common Management Committee	724152

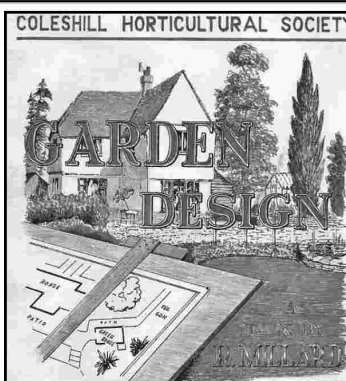
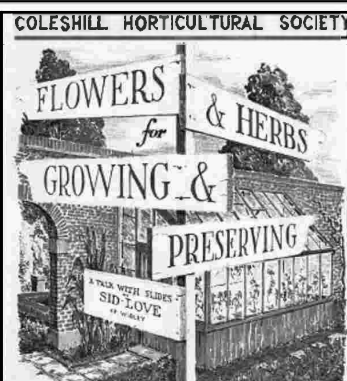
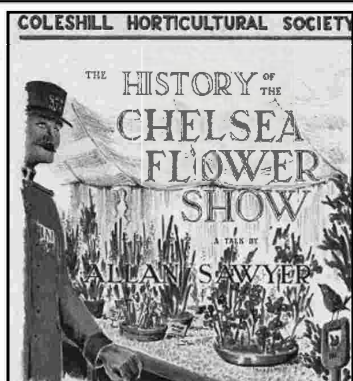
Parish Councillors

David Hall	Chairman of Parish Council	725231
Richard Valentine	Vice-Chairman of Council	725794
Jan Atkinson	Member of Parish Council	434830
Frank Auton	Member of Parish Council	431036
Kim Richardson	Member of Parish Council	tba
Vacant	Member of Parish Council	
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Services in the Parish

St Mary's	8.00 am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	9.00 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)

Horticultural Society Notelets



Sets of six notelets with full colour reproductions from original designs by Ewart Smith, produced in his memory by Colehill Horticultural Society of which he was President.

Available from Heather Auton on 431036. Price £3.50 per set of six

