



NEWSLETTER

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Nearly Eaten By Lions

One Friday recently I got a text from my daughter Caroline who is working at an orphanage for abandoned HIV positive babies in Johannesburg. She and her friend Maria had hired a car and were touring a big game reserve. She sent me an excited message that she could see lions, ostriches, zebras, the lot. I texted back saying stay in the car!

A few minutes later I got another text, that the man in the car behind had stopped and got out to see the lions under some nearby trees. I texted back saying stay in the car. Ten minutes afterwards yet another text arrived, that the man had been attacked and dragged off to the trees by the lions who were now eating him. Maria wanted to get out and help. I texted back saying stay in the car and phone for help. You can see the story still on the South African news web pages. The paramedics arrived but were unable to get near the body, or what was left of it. Only when rangers and police arrived with guns to scare the big cats away were they able to salvage the odd bone.

My mobile phone gave me the power to influence a tricky situation thousands of miles away. Without it I would have been utterly helpless, even ignorant of the need. Whitsun is a time to remember that the power of the Holy Spirit is available to any who ask in the name of Jesus. With the help of that power, anything is possible. But as with my phone, I need to press the button and get speaking in prayer to God in that name. Try it and see!

Tim Harper

Rector of Amersham with Coleshill

Holy Matrimony

Corinne Cullers and Miles Davenport – 19th May 2007

In Memoriam

Auriole McClatchy – 7th April 2007

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'

Baptism Renewal Service

This has now become an annual event. We invite those children who have been baptised in the last few years. Twenty children with their families came along this year on the 13th May, which was an encouraging response. It is an ageing congregation at All Saints' and there is a need to welcome the young.

Wedding Vows Renewal Service

This is a first. We are planning to ask couples to come and renew their marriage vows on Sunday July 8th at 9 am. Everyone is welcome – you do not need to be a regular church-goer. We do hope that you will consider this opportunity – and look forward to seeing you on July 8th.

Christian Aid Walk

More than twenty walkers set off on the Christian Aid Walk on Sunday 20th May. Their energy resulted in £125 being raised. We are grateful to Peter and Jennifer Brock for their excellent organisation of the event.

Christian Aid Collection

The house-to-house collection during Christian Aid Week resulted in a further £916 being raised, bringing the total to over a thousand pounds. This is a remarkable result for such a small community and will be greatly appreciated by Christian Aid. It is only possible because of the efforts of Hazel Thomas and her band of collectors.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be held at Coleshill Cricket Ground on Sunday July 15th at 12 noon. Bring a picnic. There will be a rounders match for anyone feeling energetic, so do come along and join in the fun.

Chris Wege

Special Service

Service of Renewal of Marriage Vows – Sunday 8th July at 9 am.

Holy Baptism

Harry Hunter – 22nd April 2007



All Saints' Charity

Having had a very busy 2006, we had hoped to have a Barn Dance in the summer of 2007 in association with the Village Fete. Unfortunately, as there will be no Fete, we have had to put this idea on hold.

However, we are planning an interesting and varied programme in 2008. Firstly a Pantomime. It is many years since we have had any drama in Coleshill and this will be a good opportunity for many people of all ages to tread the boards again. There is a separate notice in the Newsletter about auditions. There will be three performances – on Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd February 2008, with a matinee on the Saturday. We hope that this will be an “All Coleshill” event which will not only be a lot of fun (and hard work!) but also be very beneficial for the funds which will again go towards the Rosanna Hospital in Kurdistan.

Our second event will be a concert by the Chess Valley Male Voice Choir on June 14th 2008. This choir, based in Amersham, gives concerts all over the world so we are very fortunate that they are coming to support our Charity. More details about that nearer the time – but just keep the date when you get your 2008 diary!

Patsy Wright-Warren

Coleshill Common

During the Spring months the volunteers have been concentrating on opening up the main access points that lead onto the Common. The area around the Mushroom Tree has been cleared of brambles, the aim being to allow grass to grow. This will inevitably mean an ongoing campaign to control the brambles and bracken.

Some concern has been expressed that this might be an invitation for travellers to move in. To lessen this risk the ditch is to be dug out, and help has been enlisted to do this job by hand: the labour is to come from the Youth Group at St Mary's. The Parish Council has kindly agreed to give them a donation towards their Summer trip to do voluntary service in Moldova.

The area next to Wheatsheaf Cottage has also been cleared and the view down to the grassland has been opened up a little. The seat there has been renovated thanks to the efforts of Manait Ghattaure.

Work parties will resume in September. Do come and join in!

Chris Wege (724152)



Coleshill History Project

Coleshill is a unique hilltop village for which many of us have a strong affection and love. Also many have a curiosity about the history of the village and those living here. The late John Chenevix Trench, who lived at Windmill Farm, prepared a number of papers covering the village's history. He also undertook a vast amount of research now available to us at the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies in Aylesbury. Significantly he prepared a paper entitled 'The houses of Coleshill: The social anatomy of a seventeenth century village' published by the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society in 1983.

This new research proposal moves on to more recent times and initially will concentrate on the houses standing in the village in the year 1910 and the history of the people living in them from the time when they were built to current times. The date of 1910 has been chosen because the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies has an original of the property survey in that year taken for 'Duties on Land Values Act'. It shows details of the owners and occupier of each property in the village and particularly helpfully a cross reference to a large scale map of the village. We will also be able to make use of census data now available on the internet at ten year intervals up to 1901.

To help coordinate and guide the research we have engaged Julian Hunt. He is a former Heritage Manager at Bucks County Council and has written and published several books including a history of Amersham. Julian is running a series of evening classes in the Coleshill Village Hall on how to conduct the research and pointing out sources of information. The Schedule of classes for the remainder of 2007 is 3rd July, 18th September, 16th October, 13th November and 11th December; all on a Tuesday evening starting at 8.00 pm. There is a charge of £5 per class.

The project is importantly a community project supported by Coleshill Parish Council and we have applied to 'Awards for All' for lottery support.

Our end objectives are to publish a book of the history of the Village in the autumn of 2009. Further we hope to accumulate all our research in a professional electronic archive available on the internet and open to future generations of researchers.

One fascinating research example revealed in 1783 by the will of Benjamin Cowell who lived in Coleshill House stated '.....and whereas I am possessed of and entitled unto several negroes and other slaves men and women and children in the Island of Jamaica in the West Indies...' As I live in Chase Close I am surprised to learn that I live next door to a former slave owner.

If you would like to know more about this project or to join the evening classes please contact Peter Lawrence at tispm1@tiscali.co.uk or on 01494 727207

Peter Lawrence

Red Lion

The past few weeks have been very quiet with all the pub competitions, save for the Summer Darts League, finished for the time being. It has been pleasing for Chris & I to have welcomed a number of newcomers to the village. All have expressed an interest in becoming involved in village life which is very satisfying.

This year May Day was very kind to us weather-wise. The event did receive some publicity in the local press and so there was a good turnout generally, although sadly not from the village. We have been spoilt in that for the last three years, May Day has fallen on a bank holiday or weekend. Those who did attend were entertained for over an hour by ladies and men's teams, and the now familiar 'bellies' as they are affectionately known. Those who want more details should come next year!

Other than encouraging the men of the village to enter our sponsored event at the Horticultural Show in September (six rock cakes baked unaided) there is little more for me to report.

John Ullman
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Coleshill Mobile Library



Thanks to the efforts of Susan Smith - Clerk to the Parish Council - a Mobile Library will be coming to Coleshill.

So, with effect from Friday 13th July 2007 the residents of Coleshill will be getting a regular fortnightly mobile library visit.

It will be on alternate Fridays between 2.20pm and 2.35pm beginning on Friday 13th July 2007.

The Mobile Library will be parked in the Red Lion car park.



Cricket Club

Well the season is now up and running which is more than can be said for some of the Senior Players.

The season started on a positive note with the sun resplendent in the sky - there were impressive wins against Little Kingshill in the National Village Knockout and the 1st XI started the league campaign with a maximum point win against Cookham Dean while the 2nd XI had a difficult start to their campaign.

Since the early promise the cricket has become somewhat like the weather - rather unsettled with sunny intervals.

Another good win in the Village Knockout this time against Stoke Green led us to another encounter with our old nemesis Dinton. With a weakened side we headed for Dinton but the players who represented Coleshill that day did themselves proud. In the previous 2 rounds Dinton had scored close to 400, but with some great seam bowling from Snowy Edwards and tight slow bowling from the Captain Barney Stay. Dinton were restricted to 264 for 8.

Unfortunately the batting did not live up to the fielding, and only Barney Stay made any impact, scoring 65 out of a total of 130 all out.

The 2nd XI has recently enjoyed their first win of the season and the 1st XI has had a mixture of draws and losses.

We are always on the lookout for new players - so if you know anyone who is looking to play cricket, please contact a member of the club.

Visitors are always welcome at the club. You will find cricket being played most Saturdays and Sundays till the end of September.

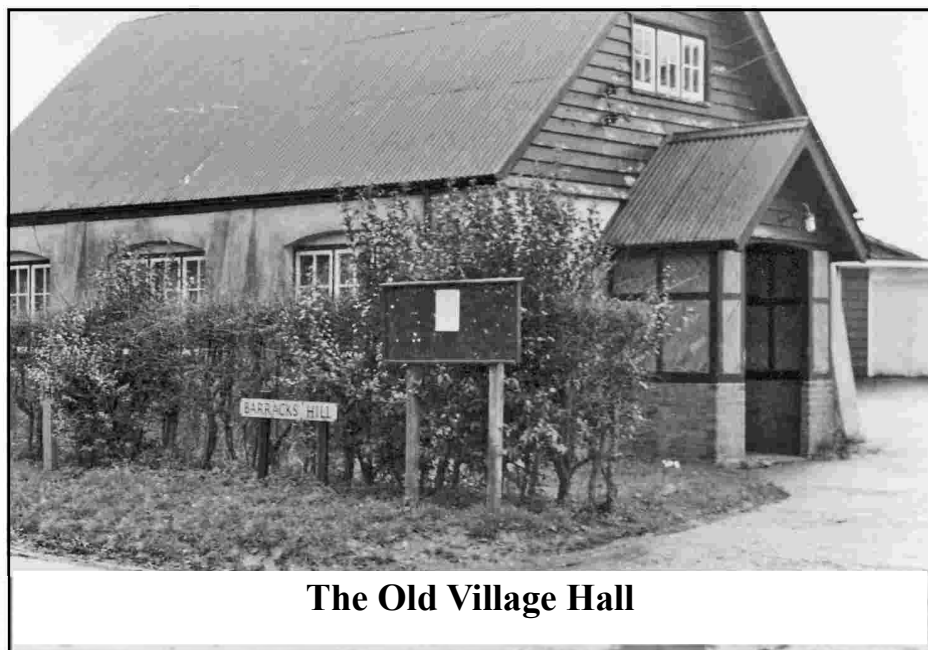
We are very grateful for the continued support of the Village. Hoping for some long hot summer days and many more wins for both teams.

Chris Bruin
Hon Secretary



Coleshill Village Hall

The AGM took place on 26th April 2007 when Howard Green was re-elected as Chairman and David Smith as Secretary. David Hall relinquished his post as Treasurer after many years looking after the Village Hall finances and John Ullman was appointed in his place.



The Old Village Hall

The usual annual inspection of the Hall and surrounds has taken place, and during the quiet holiday period, improvements and maintenance will be made.

The NO SMOKING LAW will not affect the Village Hall very much as it continues to be used mainly for fitness activities.

The Village Hall has weekly bookings which

are

Monday:

WAY TO GO FITNESS at 9.45am with Crèche
BOWLS CLUB at 7.30pm

Tuesday:

WAY TO GO FITNESS at 9.45am
BRIDGE CLUB at 1.00 pm
FIT QUICK at 7.00 pm

Wednesday:

WAY TO GO FITNESS at 9.45am with Crèche

Thursday:

WI 2nd afternoon in the month

Friday:

GONE TO PIECES Quilting Group 2nd Friday

Sunday:

FIT QUICK at 9.00am

Please contact Ann Lawrence on 01494 433421 for more details.

Ann Lawrence



Neighbourhood Action Group

Since February, we have continued our drive against speeding within the action group area and have now taken the first steps on the second issue which is fly tipping and litter.

National Campaigns on speeding remain prominent and it is our duty as a community to take this up at a local level and contribute towards the reduction in speeding as well as to increase the awareness of its dangers.

For the NAG, the most important criteria is evidence with which both action and education can be developed and supported.

An exercise using Speed Indicator Devices was undertaken in March and was run in Coleshill on Tower Road between 7 am and 8 am one day. 38 vehicles were checked in the period and 45% percent of them were in excess of the permitted limit. 15% were in the higher range. The drivers will receive a letter from the police. It is hoped to increase the frequency of these exercises and volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate or observe.

Speed Enforcement Days will also continue as the police recognise the priority that local communities attach to the whole issue of speeding. BEWARE.

Education plays a big part and there will be a Poster Competition for years five and six at schools in the Hundreds NAG area and these will be judged by a well known TV personality on her return from America. Sadly, our village school is not of the age group to enter but we shall be talking to the school about running our own competition. Winning entries can be posted strategically through the village to remind others of the dangers.

Bucks County Council also ask you to sign up to “make the commitment” not to exceed 30 in the prescribed limit and if any of you would like to have a form then please contact Sarah Parker, Dave Smith or Ian McCallum.

Turning to fly tipping and litter in general, we are indeed fortunate in Coleshill and there has been just the one reported incident of fly tipping recently. Most of the litter is caused by those driving through and we can only continue to clear up behind others. Fortunately, we all have a village of considerable beauty of which we are proud.

All these are community issues so please feel free to come forward with ideas and comments. We are trying to do something. NAG is now flagged on our village web site and full details of the initiative can also be found on www.chiltern.gov.uk/neighbourhood.

Ian McCallum

Parish Council Annual Report

In my report last year I concluded by saying that it has been a difficult and unpleasant year. Regrettably this current year did not improve.

In July 2006 Richard Valentine - planning representative - resigned after 13 years service citing the 'intolerable atmosphere' within the Parish Council. In May 2006 Tony Barber - representing open spaces - resigned after 14 years service and likewise John Jefford - representing the Village Hall after 9 years service. I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation for all their effort and work over the past years.

I am very grateful to Kim Richardson – Playground, Lee Parker - Planning, Peter Clackett – Open Spaces, and Dick Ware - Planning who put forward their names and were elected onto the council to fill the vacancies. Cllr Jan Atkinson took on the role as Responsible Finance Officer effective the July 2006 meeting whilst Cllr Frank Auton continued with his roles of Vice Chairman, Village School Representative, Newsletter and Website.

In June two residents of Hill Meadow complained about the use of the words 'Council Estate' reference to the play area, in the Chairman's 2005/6 report. It was agreed that the term 'Hill Meadow' should be used in future. During the first half of the year two councillors and the spouse of a third received in the post from persons anonymous, vicious and vindictive hate mail. The police were informed. It is regrettable that such actions could happen in a village like Coleshill where the councillors all work for the good of the village with no personal gain or kudos.

In May correspondence was received from Ms Rosalind Pearce, a village resident, with complaints regarding election of council officers, the mismanagement of the village pond and the financial imprudence of the parish council. Following further correspondence, Ms Pearce submitted a letter to the July meeting which she requested to be read out during the democratic 15 minutes. This was declined by the Chairman on time constraints and dealt with under Correspondence. Ms Pearce subsequently lodged a formal complaint with the Standards Board for England on the basis of the Chairman's alleged breach of the Code of Conduct in failing to address her concerns appropriately. The Board considered her complaint and ruled that there was no case to answer on the basis that the Chairman has substantial discretion over the conduct of local authority meetings and the right to curtail speakers. The question of whether the Chairman had conducted a 'character assassination' attack on Ms Pearce was left open for lack of evidence.

The continued erosion of the road verges was a recurring theme at Parish meetings and the manner in which to find a way forward in trying to solve this problem was considered. Residents were advised not to take matters "into their own hands," as had recently happened in Magpie Lane. Road verges are the remit of the Bucks County Council and complaints should be directed to them.

The July meeting was attended by 23 residents. The main topic of concern was the lack of water in the village pond as a result of a very dry summer. Individual passions ran high, with various conflicting views on the best way to deal with this matter. The nearly dry state of the pond highlighted to the Council the need to undertake remedial action and potential desilting/dredging. It was decided to undertake a long term 5/10 years plan for the pond and to commission a report from knowledgeable persons in this regard. It was agreed by all that the village pond was an essential amenity of the village and needed to be preserved and well maintained.

At the request of a resident, the Parish Council agreed that all future meetings from November 2006 would now allow a half hour democratic discussion time instead of the usual quarter hour.

In the earlier part of the year it was discovered that the Three Valleys direct debit and consequently the water bill, the supply of which is used to top up the pond, had increased appreciably. Further investigation discovered a faulty stop cock which had apparently been leaking for some many months. Entreaties to the management of Three Valleys for mitigation fell upon deaf ears and the episode cost the Parish Council akin to £1250. The clerk apologised to the council for not noticing the increasing water costs at an earlier time.

In September 2006 the Chairman received a personal notification from the Thames Valley Police concerning a potential case of harassment. A complaint had been lodged by Mr David Atkinson, a village resident, against the Chairman resulting from extended correspondence between the Chairman, himself and Cllr Jan Atkinson concerning parish council matters.

In August 2006 Cllr Jan Atkinson lodged a formal complaint with the Standards Board for England against the Chairman. The complaint was wide spread, comprehensive and alleged breach of conduct ranging, inter alia, from unauthorised actions, threatening behaviour and discrimination, bullying the clerk, conflicts of interest, spending too much time in South Africa, and to sending her husband a fire extinguisher. The complaint was supported by in excess of 100 pages of evidence. The Standards Board for England considered the matter and ruled that they did not feel that a potential breach of the Code of Conduct had occurred. There was no case to answer. Cllr Jan Atkinson resigned her position as Responsible Finance Officer on 25th October 2006 and resigned her position on the Parish Council on 13th November 2006. Following Cllr Atkinson's resignation this position on the council remained vacant due to pending council elections in May 2007. Ms Jan Atkinson subsequently appealed against the initial decision of the Standards Board for England and her complaint was reconsidered. The Board again ruled that there was no case to answer and the matter was formally closed.

During the year under review the Parish Council held six meetings; May, July, September, November 2006 and January and March 2007. 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 81% with four out of the seven officers attending five or more meetings. The Clerk attended all meetings.

Various residents in the village attended meetings. The lowest number of residents in attendance was 4 and the highest 23. The average attendance was 10.33.

The Parish again entered the Best Kept Village competition but unfortunately did not have the same success as in previous years, attaining 'runner up' status. However we did, again, win the Leofwine Shield as the highest scoring village or town in the Chiltern area.

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. If any of the village residents have any historical photographs of the village or residents that they would like to be available to the public and maintained on the website, the council would be very appreciative. Frank is also responsible for the very comprehensive Village Newsletter. Thank you.

Unfortunately during the year we lost the weekly 'village voice' column, generated by Lindsey Haubner, in a local paper. This had been a great source of village information in the past and on behalf of the village I would like to extend a very big thank you for all the time and effort over the years.

Speed Limits were introduced by the Bucks County Council to the village in January 2006. Speeding continues to be a problem within the village and the Thames Valley Police appears to have neither the resources nor inclination to enforce this on a regular basis.

During the year, and in response to various requests from villagers, verges were cleared,

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hedges cut, and some tree pruning was undertaken, the 'mushroom tree' on the common included. Coleshill Common Management Committee ably led by Chris Wege continued their good and successful work on the common. The common is looking better and better and the management committee deserve a hearty thank you. An Annual Report on the maintenance of the common was submitted to the council by Chris Wege in June 2006.

The improvements at 'play area' - Hill Meadow have proved to be a popular benefit to the village. ROSPA inspection of the playground took place during the year which required minor remedial work.

Planning Applications submitted to the Chiltern D C 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 was resolved.

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. The financial reporting schedule to the council meetings was 'upgraded' and a formal budget approved for the forthcoming year.

All Saints' School continues to go from strength to strength with strong demand for school places.

The precept for the Parish was £4500 for the year. Following an expenditure review it was agreed that the precept for 07/08 would need to be a minimum of £4500.

The Clerk has advised of the ever increasing amount of paperwork accumulating for the CPC and I am very grateful to all councillors who utilise their own private computers and resources to perform parish council tasks at their personal expense without reimbursement from the parish council.

In May 2007 local council elections will be held. I am hopeful that all the existing councillors will put themselves forward for re election and that other residents within the village will come forward to stand for election. I am of the belief that elections are 'healthy' and that they bring forward a cross section of personnel which firmly represent the village as a whole.

Peter Lawrence, a village resident, had asked the Parish Council to underwrite a project that will see the history of Coleshill put into writing. The CPC has agreed to budget £1000.

During the year we were honoured to have Cllr Francis Robinson, the Bucks County Councillor, attend our meetings. Many thanks to all councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and unselfish efforts.

David Hall – Chairman. April 2007

Global Village - Pakistan

On our return from Australia alleged suicide bombers wrecked havoc on the Marriott Hotel and Rawalpindi International Airport. For those that have visited, the term International will bring a smile, but certainly movement in and around the airport is very restricted. No longer can we park in the VIP area and leave our vehicles unattended nor can I gain access to airside quite so easily. The number of soldiers now camped at strategic points around the capital has increased alarmingly and on our two hour walk to the top of the Margallas this morning we passed new sentry positions (all young men holding weapons) whilst fighter jets screamed over head.

So if life isn't difficult enough last week Gen Musharraf suspended the Chief Justice of Pakistan, Ifitkhar Muhammed Chaudhry. The newspapers tell us that the judiciary were getting a little too close to revealing some of the Government's more outrageous behaviour, mostly involving the secret intelligence agency. What has followed confirms a serious mis-judgement, with two days of rioting to date. Policemen storming GEO TV, watched live by us here in astonishment, has compounded the initial error and there is now talk of declaring a state of emergency.

Of course all of this impacts on work. We have just commenced biometrics enrolment for all Pakistani's wishing to visit the UK, so up to 1100 people a day attending the High Commission to give their finger prints. Re-booking appointments will be a nightmare if last Friday is going to be repeated - we were forced to close at 10.30am when the security situation was deteriorating rapidly. The Chief Justice is under house arrest but the lawyers and politicians, party members et al demonstrate outside the Supreme Court on every occasion that he is brought before a judge. The police and army appear to have no idea about crowd control as tear gas is fired almost immediately a crowd of about 6 appear and both sides throw stones and objects at each other.

Two months of non-stop activity introducing new systems and processes for biometrics, with the requirement to attend official functions at the end of a very long day have taken their toll. I am told that I am looking awful so we have decided another holiday is called for and are off to Muscat for a week's break. Since this is another Islamic state in the Gulf who knows whether we shall have much respite but at least time to sit and stare and read the odd book.

I have missed the Easter hymns this year, no Easter eggs of course, Mothering Sunday is celebrated in June or July in Pakistan and most of my Birthday cards arrived a week late - ah well living in Pakistan has certainly been a roller coaster ride. We are planning our exit strategy already.

Alex & Derek Pond
FCO Pakistan

Tennis Club

Summer is here, the sun is shining, the court lines have been, or shortly will be, painted, the extension and extra facilities are well on the way to being completed, thanks to Robin Ferguson, so there really is no excuse for not playing!

Club play sessions continue to be well attended on Sunday mornings from 10.45 am and Thursday evenings from 6 pm. Junior coaching is on Sundays from 9 am and for the more able, 12 years and over, on Mondays from 5 pm – 6 pm. Open coaching session is on Monday from 6 pm – 7 pm and team training from 7 pm ‘til dusk.

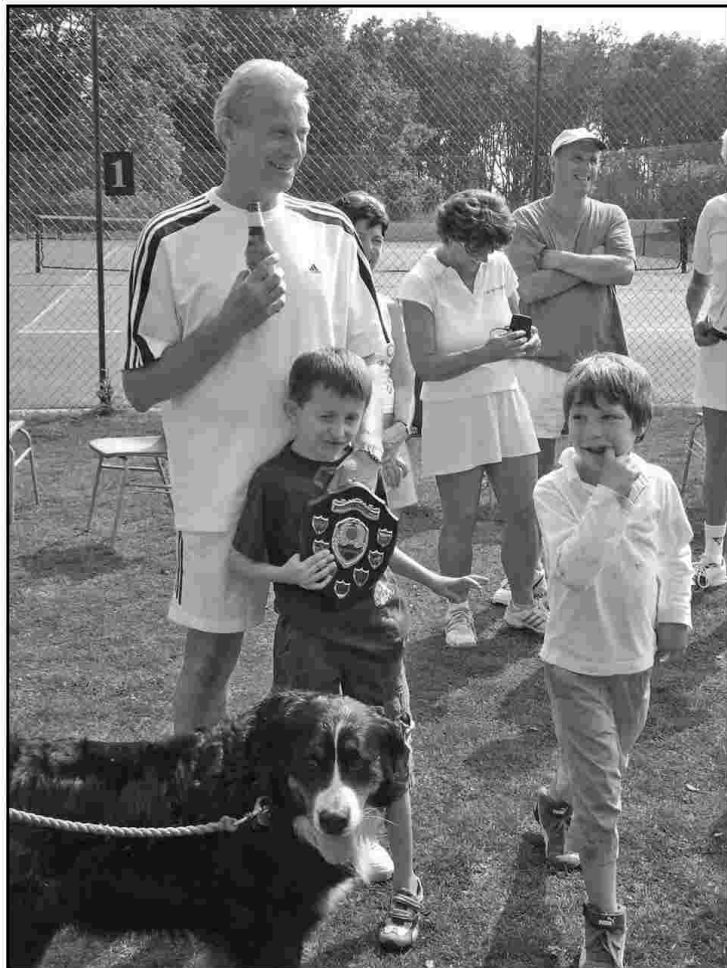
The Fun Day which took place on 22nd April was a very popular day and fun was had by all who participated. With thanks to Alan and Paul for their time and expertise.

The One Day Fun Mixed Tournament took place on 20th May under blue skies. Because of the perfect weather the social side was as enjoyable as the tennis – the children who accompanied their parents played tennis whilst we had our barbeque lunch and drinks – it really was a family occasion. Fifteen players took part each playing 4 short sets with a different partner, games were accumulated throughout the day and the top four gentlemen players and top four

ladies went through to semi finals and then finals. The eventual winners were Gerry and Susie Gajadharsingh, with Nigel Wolfendale and Chris George the runners-up.

The Village Open Tournament was a great success and was won by Alan Lowe and Kate Todd. Thanks to Sharon Hall for organising the courts to host the preliminary rounds.

The ‘Generation Tournament’ is scheduled for 24th June. This is open to all Junior Members, 13 years and under, and any adult members who could come along and partner different juniors during the day. Please talk to Susie Gajadharsingh if you are able to help. It will probably be run on a similar format to the One Day Fun Mixed Tournament – only the Juniors can accumulate points.



Tennis Club

The final organised tournament of the year is the Junior Tournament on 15th July. Look out for e-mails and flyers on how to enter. Any help on the day with umpiring, scoring, barbequing would be most appreciated. The contact for the event is Susie Gajadharsingh.

The Coleshill Teams continue to have varied success in the League Matches. The first team have once again been promoted in the Farnham Common Winter League.

The Tennis Club Fundraising event this will be on Friday 28th September in the Village Hall. We have some fun ideas so watch this space for further details! All members will be e-mailed details of the event nearer the time.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the tennis club then please contact Susie Gajadharsingh at susiegaj@btinternet.com
Happy Tennis!

Susie Gajadharsingh
Club Secretary



Neighbourhood Watch

Another winter has passed with no village accidents or burglaries during the long dark months. Now we are approaching the opposite time, when windows may be left open or items left out in the garden, which could be easily accessible for passing thieves. There is another type to be aware of, The Nottingham Knockers. Well, they could be Brighton Knockers as well. These are the, so called, antique collectors who travel miles, to wealthy areas, in the hope of buying items to sell back at home. Most of us are now aware of them and do not let them into our homes but a new approach caught one villager out recently. A man knocked and said he had just come from Mrs....., also in the



village, who had suggested he call on our villager. This made him sound more viable and so he was asked in. Having been told that there was nothing there for sale, he asked what was in one of the rooms and, although he was told that there was nothing, he still pushed past and tried to have a good look round. Fortunately, the man of the house was there and he was ejected but it shows how pushy these people can turn out to be, even if they appear pleasant to start with. The police seem to think that, after 'doing' an area, they move on or return home, so there

shouldn't be a follow-up visit but it is very unnerving, especially for our older residents. Please let us know if you have someone call on you and we will send a warning round on our email system and notify the police as we do not want any of our other golden oldies upset.

On a completely different note, I was talking to another older resident recently about how it is a shame that so many electronic gates have to be fitted nowadays, in the fight for family security. He informed me that he had gates across his property because, in days gone by, cows used to be walked from the farm where Cherry Tree Farm now stands, through the village, to Windmill Farm, where they were milked. There were a few occasions when they tromped across his front lawn and gates were erected to protect his family from them! I also remember Louie Edwards telling me what a problem it was to keep the cows out of the village pond on hot days when they just wanted to wallow. There - for those of you who have kindly said that they miss my column in the local paper, there's a bit of chat to keep you going!

Jack and Lindsey Haubner
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Parish Council

Coleshill Parish Council welcomed two new members, David Smith and Colin Lambert, who were elected following the Council Elections on the 3rd May 2007. They both attended their first meeting as Councilors on the 10th May 2007, where Cllr David Hall was elected to the position of Chairman of the Parish Council, a post he has filled admirably for the last few years.

Buckinghamshire County Council, Chiltern District Council and Thames Valley Police have recently started emailing me, as the Clerk to Coleshill Parish Council, news releases concerning a multitude of things. Whilst some are of interest to us as residents of Coleshill, example, road works, burglaries, forthcoming events in the locale, some of the emails definitely do not concern us, but it is a wonderful informative way of getting warnings and news around the area. I have a list of email addresses of villagers who I pass these emails onto already, if you would like to be added onto the list please email me at susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk and I will be happy to add your name to the mailing list.

Coleshill have again entered the competition for “The Best Kept Village” and at the time of writing this piece for the newsletter I do not know if the judging has taken place and what the outcome will be. Let us hope we are successful in winning the Morris Cup again.

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council meetings are as follows, 10th July 2007, 11th September 2007, 15th November 2007, 10th January 2008 and 11th March 2008.

Please do remember that they now start at 8.00pm prompt. Members of the public are always welcome and you can have your say during the democratic half hour but unfortunately, even though it is very tempting, only Parish Councilors can speak during the Council meeting. If an item is raised during the democratic period that needs discussion or investigation by the Parish Council, then the item will be put on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting where it will be deliberated by the Councilors.

We look forward to seeing you at the Council meetings.

Susan Smith
Clerk



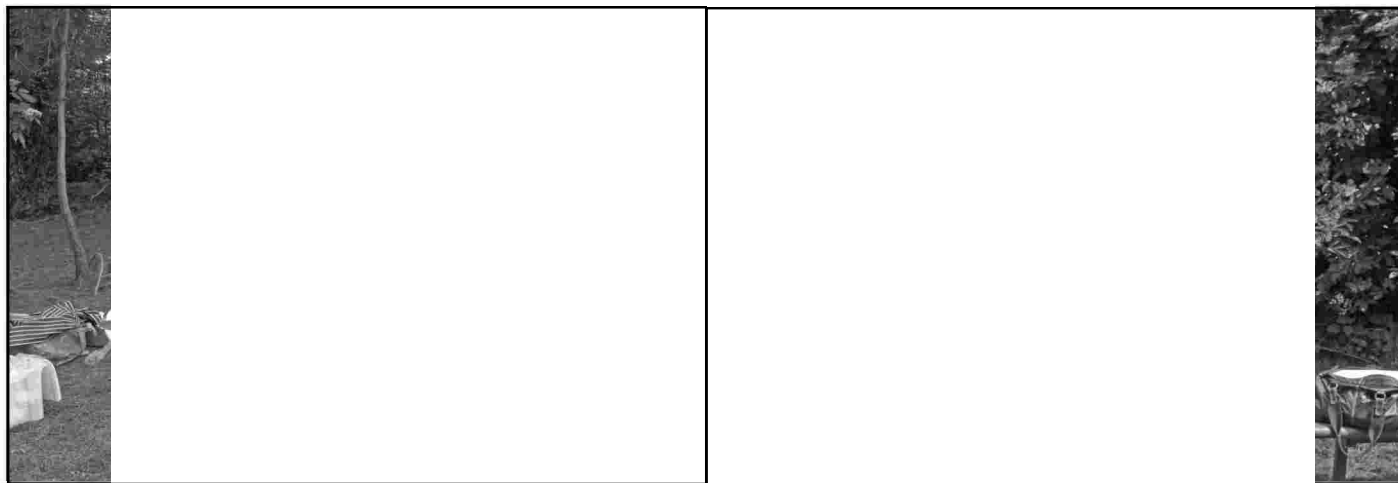
Coleshill Infants School

Our annual St. George's Day parade went ahead successfully again this year. St. George's flags were enthusiastically waved and our dragon survived the walk around the village. Thank you to everyone who waved back at us as we went along! On our return to school, the children enjoyed delicious St. George's Day cakes, supplied by our kind Mums.

A local author, Heather Butler visited the school early in the term to lead a writing workshop. Her enthusiasm and enjoyment of literature was truly motivating and the children were inspired to write some very exciting stories.

Our Working Party day was well attended and many parents gave up their Saturday to help clear the garden and sheds. Also, following a recent health and safety inspection, our greenhouse glass had to be removed and replaced by safer Perspex. The children have all grown potato plants this term and expect a bumper crop after all the lovely weather we have been enjoying.

The May Fayre was a great success and we were very lucky with the weather. Thank you to everyone who attended and congratulations to all our raffle prize winners. A total of £1,800 was raised at the event, so well done to everyone. The whole school visited the Wycombe Swan Theatre in May to see 'The



Gruffalo's Child', which everyone enjoyed. The children were inspired to write about the event the next day at school.

Our summer production this year is 'The Rainboat', a musical about Noah and his ark. We would love to have an audience at our dress rehearsal on Monday, July 9th at 11.00 a.m. Do please come along if you are free that morning.

The end of term leavers' service takes place at All Saints' Church on Thursday, July 26th, 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
Headteacher

Tower Road Closure

THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (TOWER ROAD, COLESHILL) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER, 2007

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL has made an Order, which will temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding, except for access, in that length of Tower Road, Coleshill, which commences at its junction with A355 and continues for a distance of approximately 320 metres.

The alternative route for vehicles of affected by the closure will be via New Road, A404, Whielden Lane, A355 Gore Hill and A413.

The closure is required whilst gas main works take place and it is anticipated that the works will commence on 9th July 2007 and will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

The Order will come into operation on 9th July 2007 when the appropriate signs are lawfully displayed and will continue in force for a period of 18 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the earlier.

Penalties for not observing these restrictions will be as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Road Traffic Act 1991.

Future Editions

We now publish four editions of the newsletter - Easter, Summer, Christmas and Christmas. I would 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

EDITION	DEADLINE
Autumn 2007	Friday 31st August
Christmas 2007	Friday 9th November

IT'S PANTO TIME!

What do you mean, "Oh no it isn't"?
"Oh yes, it is" !

The All Saints' Charity, supporting the Rosanna Hospital in Kurdistan, will present:

THE BABES IN HODGEMOOR WOODS

On February 1st and 2nd 2008

Auditions for this will be held in the Village Hall on **Sunday, September 9th 2007** at **2pm**. Please come with a short piece to read or sing. We will also need people to help with costumes, scenery, lighting and props. For the performances we will need help with ticket sales, selling ice-creams and backstage help.

It promises to be great fun and a good way to meet new friends whilst providing terrific Family entertainment.

"Oh yes it does" !

Further details from Lindsey on 01494 722589

Horticultural Society



The season ended with yet another well supported Village Show, and began this year with an excellent presentation from our good friend Timothy Walker, who entertained a very good turnout with a talk on 'All year round colour' taking us to all four corners of the globe.



We now look forward to the Village Show, which will be held on Saturday 1st September 2007 and we are very pleased to announce that Denis Hall will open the Show. With the continued support from the village as a whole, we know that the Show will continue to grow and be the focal point for the coming together of all age groups. So please tend those tomato plants, practice baking those cookies, tend those flowers and make tasty chutneys - yours could be the winner. You can visit the Show after the judging has taken place to view all the entries and whilst there why not treat yourselves to afternoon tea and delicious cake served in the small hall.

The full show schedule will be distributed to all villagers, and we hope that everyone will try their hand at something.

Having done a sterling job as Chairperson, Heather Auton stood down but remains as a committee member and the role will be jointly managed by Susan & David Smith, a full list of committee members are listed on the show schedule, so if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to ask.

We look forward to seeing you all, along with all of your Horticultural, Craft, Photographic, Artistic, Culinary & Just plain daft contributions at the Village Show on Saturday 1st September. Good Luck!

Susan & David Smith
Chairpersons



Coleshill W.I.

If the talk at W.I. is of summer lunches and garden tea parties, not to mention outings, then it must be time for me to write my bit for the Village Newsletter!

I missed the April meeting as I had a date with a kimono in Japan, which has to be my new W.I. talk!, but the others heard all about the Time Team at Chenies Manor. May always brings the chance to discuss and vote on the resolution for the national A.G.M. which was on preventing the closure of Community Hospitals this year. In the past there have been two or three resolutions but it has been decided to concentrate the efforts in future, especially as these matters tend to require follow up for several years.

This month we have a speaker on Handmade Flowers from Japanese Silk which promises to be fascinating. For a long time we have had smaller groups who meet to discuss books or poetry, or to create patchwork, and we have just started a Film Group so that members can go to view a film together and then discuss it afterwards. This is proving very popular with a varied and interesting choice of films.

We are part of the Chesswoods Group, where seven W.I.s get together twice a year for a bigger meeting and also for a Summer Party, which this year is hosted by Little Chalfont Afternoon W.I. and will be a lunch in Coleshill Village Hall. I'm sure it will be as popular as ever with almost 100 members attending. The Autumn meeting will be at Little Kingshill and the speaker will be Gabriela Leonowicz on the subject 'Convent to Convicts'.

Future plans for our own W.I. include a trip to Stoney Stratford where their W.I. are going to give us lunch and take us on a guided tour and, on a different occasion, an outing to the Mill at Sonning. Plus, of course, a party in Pat Emblow's beautiful garden with the best tea ever! Several members are off to a Literary Lunch in Cheddington to meet Sandra Howard and listen to her experiences as a writer.

With everything on offer from small interest groups locally to 10,000 women at the Albert Hall, surely the W.I. has something to please most people! Coleshill W.I. is a very friendly and caring Institute and anyone can come along to our meetings on the second Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 2:30 pm. Visitors are always welcome and there is no obligation to join straightaway, though many do!

Eileen Gershon

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

Diary Dates

Saturday 16 th June 2007	Cricket Club Band Night
Sunday 24 th June 2007	Tennis Club Adult + Junior Tournament
Tuesday 3 rd July 2007	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Sunday 8 th July 2007	Wedding Vows Renewal
Monday 9 th July 2007	Village School Show
Monday 9 th July 2007	Tower Road closed for repairs
Tuesday 10 th July 2007	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 13 th July 2007	Coleshill Mobile Library Starts
Sunday 15 th July 2007	Tennis Club Junior Tournament
Sunday 15 th July 2007	Parish Picnic - Cricket Ground
Thursday, 26 th July 2007	Village School - End of term Service
Friday 31 st August 2007	Newsletter Deadline for Autumn Edition
Saturday 1 st September 2007	Village Show
Sunday 9 th September 2007	Pantomime - Auditions
Tuesday 11 th September 2007	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 18 th September 2007	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Friday 28 th September 2007	Tennis Club Fundraising Event
Tuesday 16 th October 2007	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Friday 9 th November 2007	Newsletter Deadline for Christmas Edition
Tuesday 13 th November 2007	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Thursday 15 th November 2007	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 11 th December 2007	Coleshill History Project - Evening Class
Thursday 10 th January 2008	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 1 st February 2008	Pantomime - All Saints' Charity
Saturday 2 nd February 2008	Pantomime - All Saints' Charity

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)



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
Dick Ware - Parish Treasurer	722486
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 to the 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
Lindsey Haubner - President Coleshill W.I.	722589
Amanda McCallum - Iain Rennie Hospice at Home	725083
David & Susan Smith - Coleshill Horticultural Society	724490
Susie Gajadharsingh - Secretary Coleshill Tennis Club	726603
Chris Bruin - Secretary Coleshill Cricket Club	tba
John Holland - Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	729357
John & Chris Ullman - The Red Lion	727020
Chris Wege - Common Management Committee	724152

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Parish Councillors

David Hall	Chairman of Parish Council	725231
Frank Auton	Vice-Chairman of Council	431036
Peter Clackett	Member of Parish Council	433044
Kim Richardson	Member of Parish Council	434304
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Colin Lambert	Member of Parish Council	722314