



NEWSLETTER

*Summer
2008*

And So Farewell....

‘Little Emma (aged 6) has drawn you a picture,’ said a proud mother. Indeed she had. There was me, carefully sketched and labelled ‘Tim the Vicker’ and next to me a colourful lady with the title in the same childish hand ‘His wife or someone!’

Our Youth Leader Marianne Holt has worked so closely with me in our schools these past seven years that in the children’s’ eyes we are inseparable, so it is with sadness that we learned she, her husband Pete and little Caleb, will be moving to Milton Keynes in the summer when Pete takes up a new school post. It has been a wonderful time. Youth work has boomed in the parish at a time when many churches are struggling to interest younger people especially teenagers. Sometimes we have felt almost overrun! All this is down to Marianne’s kindness, professionalism and prayerfulness for the kids in her care. Of course as with any pastoral role the best way to motivate others is by example, and so many of the teenagers in our area have simply wanted to be like Pete and Marianne. I cannot speak highly enough of the work they have done, and I suspect that in 30 years time the Bench of Bishops will have more than a few of her former charges on its strength.

We wish the Holt family well for the future; we thank them for their sterling service, and from September will extend a warm welcome to Colin Blandford her successor. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Tim Harper

Rector of Amersham with Coleshill

In Memoriam

Ann Trotman - Tuesday 29th April 2008

Catherina (Kitty) Cossey - Friday 23rd May 2008

Holy Matrimony

Michael Hooley and Pamela Holden – Friday 18th April 2008

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'

Ann Trotman

Ann's memorial service was held on Monday 19th May. The church was full, which showed the affection and respect which she was accorded in the village. The window sills were decorated with wild flowers and also each had one of her wood carvings to remind us of just one of her many talents. As a long-standing member of the church choir and committee, and a participator in many church events, she will be greatly missed.

Bishop Alan

On Easter Day, All Saints' was pleased to welcome, at short notice, the Bishop of Buckingham, Dr Alan Wilson. The new Churchwardens' staves were used in procession for the first time and the Bishop described their significance to those present, and dedicated their use. He concluded his visit by accompanying a number of the congregation to the Red Lion for coffee. Many thanks to John Ullman for arranging this on a Sunday morning.

AGM

The AGM of the combined parishes took place recently. The offices of the All Saints' Churchwardens were renewed and the committee in the main re-elected. The only change is that David Elliott has had to stand down due to work commitments and the vacancy has been filled by Michael Hooley. The list of committee members is now: Dumpy Swerling and Helen Spencer (Church-Wardens), Chris Wege (Hon Secretary), Jennifer Brock, Petrina Clackett Catherine Green, Michael Hooley, Pam Hooley, Dick Ware, and Patsy Wright-Warren.

Youth Leader

As many will know the coming vacancy for a Youth Leader in the combined parishes has been filled by the appointment of Colin Blandford. Colin has a degree in Youth and Community Work with Applied Theology from Ridley Hall, Cambridge and Oxford Brookes. More recently he has been doing Youth Work in the North of England. We look forward to welcoming him soon.

Baptism

Edward Hearn – Sunday 9th March 2008

Louisa May Peck – Sunday 8th June 2008

Rowan Parker – Sunday 8th June 2008



Catherina Cossey

Catherina Virginia Cossey, (known as Kit) died in Wycombe Hospital on Friday 23rd May 2008. She was born in County Galway, Ireland in 1926, one of eleven children - four brothers and seven sisters. Born a twin, she lost her twin sister at an early age. She moved to England in 1947 and began working as a cook in Chesham Bois.

She met Jack Dunkley Cossey in Amersham and they were married at Our Lady's Church in Chesham Bois. They enjoyed 32 happy years of marriage together and had three children, Mary, Peter & Jane, before Jack's untimely death in 1981.

Following her marriage to Jack in 1949, Kit established herself in the village community of Coleshill and she became an active and popular member of village life. She and Jack were both members of the Parish Council and enthusiastic participants in the Annual Horticultural Show; in which they entered vegetables, flowers, in particular roses, preserves and her popular home-made cakes. They were both also keen members of the local whist drive held in the Village School.

Whilst her children were young she was one of the dinner ladies at the village school and also helped out with some light housework in the village. She began assisting an elderly couple in their home, which led to her being offered the role of home help. She assisted many people, caring for them in their homes. It was a role that she relished.

Visitors to her home would always be welcomed by a good cup of tea and a slice of home-made cake.

The funeral was held at St Teresa's Church, Beaconsfield, followed by a ceremony at Chiltern Crematorium on Monday 2nd June, 2008.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the many villagers for their kind thoughts and wishes. Also, many thanks go to all those residents who took the time to visit Kit during her long illness and extensive stays in hospital. She will be sadly missed by all.

Jane Oliphant



Anne Trotman

Ann died on 29th April aged 81, having lived in Coleshill for over 30 years. She and her mother came here when she retired from her work as Environmental Studies Officer in Hertfordshire. She soon began to put her knowledge and talents to the benefit of her new village. She proposed to the Parish Council that a survey of the natural history of the Common should be done and they agreed, after which the working parties, guided by her immense knowledge, operate every other week during the winter months to the immeasurable improvement of the environment.

She was generous in sharing her knowledge with her many friends in the village. She led nature visits to see the newly introduced red kites and a 'secret area' where there were orchids growing. She pointed out several different ones and left us to explore. As we wandered around with our eyes glued to the ground she suddenly said 'There's a chiff chaff'. Where our senses were totally absorbed in looking at the ground, hers were alert to all that was going on around her. Someone asked her 'How do you know it is a chiff chaff?' She answered patiently 'It is the one going chiff chaff, chiff chaff!'.

She allied her great love and knowledge of nature to her artistic skills as a superb wood carver. Many of the houses of Coleshill are beautified by her carvings and only two weeks before she died, she, and her artist sister Joy, had a joint exhibition at the Hawker Gallery in Amersham.

Ann joined the WI shortly after coming to Coleshill and remained a keen and hardworking member until she died. She joined the committee and served a term as President. She also took on responsibility for finding speakers and, following the success of the book club, she started a poetry group.

She joined the WI choir and the church choir. Her true, clear soprano voice was valued and one year at the carol service she was chosen to sing a solo for the first verse of the opening carol – Once in Royal David's city – a particular honour.

She thought deeply about her religion. As a member of various Lent and other discussion groups, she made a very special contribution, expressing her point of view firmly and clearly, bringing new insights and thoughts to other members of the group.

As a long standing member of the All Saints' Church Committee she served as secretary. When the All Saints' Charity was set up to support poor people in developing countries, Ann soon became a valued and hard working member of the Organising Committee. In particular, she used her artistic talents to design and produce our fund raising posters and leaflets.

It was a joy to walk past her delightful cottage and visit her and her dogs. There was always a welcome and a cup of tea which gave the opportunity for a chat and a look round her much loved and well ordered garden.

Patsy Wright-Warren

Red Lion

Since my last missive, we were asked to host a wedding reception, and in order to select the wines, the bride and groom asked us to arrange a wine tasting with our supplier. This proved to be a jolly affair, with a number of regulars joining the couple. As a result our wine list has been amended to include those wines that were the most popular. Do visit us and try some.

Whilst the darts and crib and dominoes teams had moderate seasons with trophies to show for our efforts, the Quiz A Team (Florence Krebs, Heather Auton, Owain McGuire and Nigel Palmer) excelled themselves winning the 2nd Division and the Plate Knockout trophy. They were presented with our prizes at the Chesham British Legion earlier this month and hope to stay in Division 1 (this time).

We will be holding our crib and dominoes knock-out competitions during the month of July, and anybody wishing to take part should let me know by the end of June. We are in the friendly Summer darts leagues on Monday and Tuesday. Again, anyone wishing to participate should let me know, and I should emphasise that the teams are mixed, and not men only!

Finally, I remind everybody, but especially those new to the Village, that we do double up as the village shop. So, if you run short of butter, milk, eggs, bread etc we should be able to help you out. Our doors are open from 9.00 am and this may be an opportunity for you to visit us for the first time.

John Ullman
01494-727020

All Saints' Church Flowers



The church was filled with flowers at Easter with more Lilies in Remembrance than ever and spring flowers to give a promise of better weather to come. With summer weddings to look forward to the church will again be blooming. Many thanks to our great group of flower arrangers for their sterling work. Any new offers of help with church flowers would be warmly welcomed – you don't have to be an expert!

Catherine Green 724922

Neighbourhood Watch

At risk of tempting fate it has been very quiet on the crime front in Coleshill. However, do remember to be careful about open doors and windows in the hot weather. Also, theft of car keys, left on tables near to doors and windows, and then of the car that goes with them is still an issue in the area, as is theft of garden equipment from unprotected sheds and outhouses.

It's still amazing to see how much rubbish is still put out for collection in this village. Please be aware that the village school can make money recycling your plastic bottles, cans and paper and cardboard if you put them in the bins provided just inside the school gate.

Lindsey Haubner

Neighbourhood Action Group

The local group continues to push forward on the issues that have the greatest impact on village life.

You should have all noticed that there has been some movement in terms of repairing of potholes, however, with any work that involves dealing with the numerous local, district & county authorities, nothing moves as fast as we would all like. It is nice to report that funds have been made available to the county, for the sole purpose of repairing the potholes, but this sum is for the whole of the county, so I am not too sure how much road repair work we will actually see throughout the village.

Potholes, speeding and inconsiderate parking continue to be the main focus for the authorities to target. A recent speed monitoring day, held within the area, again showed that almost 75% of all those stopped for speeding, illegal parking, talking on mobiles and not wearing seatbelts, were all local. What more can we say?

There will be two more NAG Group Annual reviews; details are obtainable from your village NAG representatives; Ian McCulloch, David Smith & Sarah Parker.

David Smith

Coleshill NAG Representative

Parish Council

The Parish Council has a vacancy due to the resignation of its Chairman Councillor David Hall. David had been a Councillor for 16 years and the Parish Council Chairman since 2001. During that time he worked extremely hard to bring in the new speed restrictions in Coleshill, a task that took 14 years of hard negotiations with Buckinghamshire County Council. There is now an ongoing review of these new restrictions, David always hoped that BCC would listen to what the villagers wanted and put a 30mph limit in the entire length of New Road and Magpie Lane. We hope that now the review is in place it will proceed without any delay and BCC will agree to these changes. I will keep you posted of developments through the email news list.

If you would like to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council to fill the space that David has vacated, please contact me in writing before the next meeting which is to take place on the 10th July 2008 at 8.00pm in the small hall of the Village Hall. At this meeting a new chairman will be elected as well as the co-option of a new councillor.

Please remember at the beginning of the meetings there is the democratic ½ hour, where members of the public can ask questions or request that the council takes up a query on their behalf with either Chiltern District Council or Bucks County Council. Road repairs are the topic of the moment, or I should say the lack of road repairs. If you would like to report poor road conditions in Coleshill you can contact Highways on Call on 0845 230 2882 or email on hoc@buckscc.gov.uk

The dates for the Parish Council meetings for the next year are:-
Thursday 10th July 2008, 18th September 2008, 13th November 2008,
15th January 2009, 12th March 2009, 21st May 2009.



We look forward to seeing you at the next Parish Council meeting.

Susan Smith
Clerk to the Parish Council



Coleshill Common

The members of the Management Committee have been saddened by the death of Ann Trotman. She was the co-writer with John Chevenix-Trench of the original Management plan for the Common in 1992 and in it she displayed her breadth of knowledge of the natural scene. Walking round the Common with her one was sure to learn something new – she was ever ready to share her keen observation and learning with us. Of course she was also a regular member of our work parties until very recent times and was happy getting her hands dirty. Sadly there is no-one to replace her and her blend of knowing and doing.

The dates of the Autumn work parties will be announced on the website and in the next Newsletter. Newcomers are welcome to join us then – all you need is an interest in the open air. If you do not have any experience of conservation work and have an un-exceptional physique, you will blend in nicely!

Chris Wege (724152)

Coleshill Village Hall

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee took place on Thursday 1st May 2008. Dick Ware was elected Chairman, John Ullman as Treasurer and David Smith as Secretary, Howard Pool has kindly agreed to be reappointed as Auditor.

Representatives of groups and societies in the Village make up the rest of the Committee. Ann Lawrence and Victor Baldwin look after the day to day running of the Hall.

The Hall has a morning free which ideally needs to be used by a fitness class in September. It is so much more convenient for ladies of the Village to walk to the Village Hall for a fitness session rather than drive to a venue. I'm sure men would be welcome too.

If anyone knows of a fitness teacher who might be interested please let me know on 433421.

Ann Lawrence
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Red Lion Quiz Team Wins



Standing - The Squirrel l-r Dave Morris, Steve Aves, Chris Miller & Rob Sutherland
Seated - Red Lion l-r Florence Krebs, Heather Auton, Owain McGuire & Nigel Palmer

The Plate Final of the 2007/8 Rodwells pub quiz season was between the The Squirrel from Penn Street and the Red Lion A team from Coleshill.

The Squirrel, current holders of the Plate, having won it three times in the previous four years, were favourites again this year. However, the outcome was a win for Coleshill with the Red Lion A team being crowned Division Two champions captained by Nigel Palmer with Heather Auton, Florence Krebs and Owain McGuire.

It was tough battle with The Squirrel ahead 35-30 at half time. The Red Lion managed to pull back in round six and seven to tie at 43 apiece in the final round with both teams playing the joker on Literature. The Red Lion won our question but the Squirrel missed with the Red Lion gaining a bonus to win overall at 65-57. It was an exciting match for all with some excellent questions and even better answers from both teams



Coleshill Summer Fete

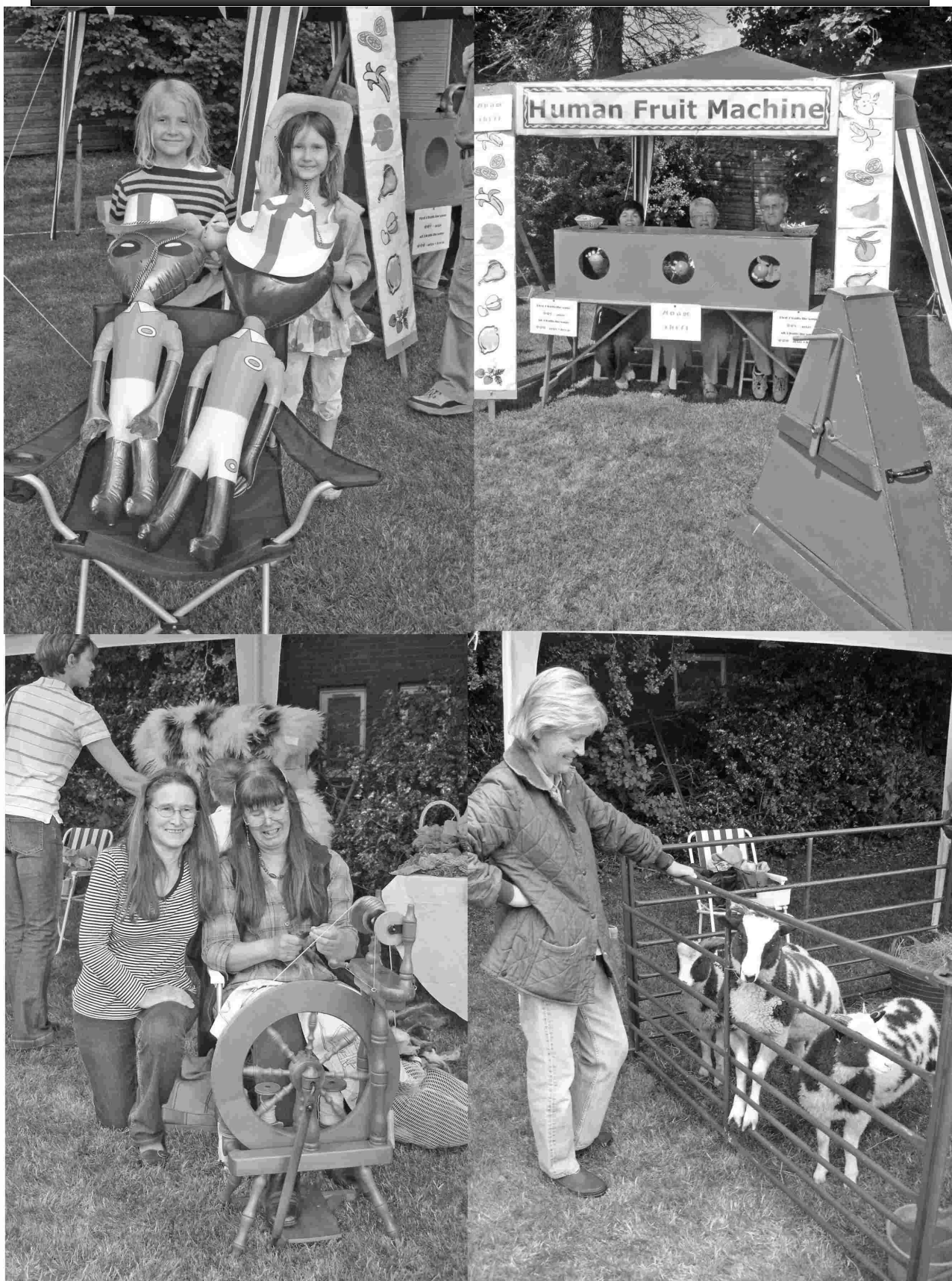


Many thanks to Marion and Kim and the many helpers for such a splendid 2008 Fete

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Tennis Club

The Committee would like to welcome all the new members to the club. Some of you have turned up to the fun days held this year and also to various coaching/training sessions which we hope you have enjoyed.

Club Play sessions continue to be held on Sunday mornings from 10.45 am and Thursday evenings from 6.00 pm. Due to a fewer number of children turning out for the Sunday morning session the coaching is now from 9.15 am – 10.15 am until further notice. This is a group of mixed abilities but the children will be grouped according to their abilities. For the older juniors the

sessions continue on Mondays from 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm. Open coaching session is on Monday from 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm and team training from 7.00 pm until dusk.

The Fun Day took place recently was well attended and enjoyed by all who participated. With thanks to Alan for his time and expertise.

The One Day Fun Mixed Tournament took place on 18th May. 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. A record 28 players took part each playing five short sets with a different partner, games were accumulated throughout the day and the top four



Tennis Club



gentlemen players and top four ladies went through to semi finals and then finals. The eventual winners were Gerry Gajadharsingh and Maddy Murray, with Robin Ferguson and Karen Lowe the runners-up. Again thanks to Alan Lowe for his superb juggling of players and order of play – quite a task but it all ran very smoothly

The Village Open Tournament will have taken place by the time this goes to print. Thanks to Sharon Hall who, I

know, has been busy organising courts to host the preliminary rounds.

The Generation Tournament is scheduled for Sunday 22nd 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 be run on a similar format to the One Day Fun Mixed Tournament – only the Juniors can accumulate points.

Junior Tournament - the final organised tournament of the year is the on Sunday 13th 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 Tennis Club Fundraising event will be on later this year in the Village Hall. We have some fun ideas so watch this space for further details!

Results - the Coleshill Teams continue to have varied success in the League Matches. The second mixed team did particularly well over the winter months and so will be promoted in the Farnham Common Winter League. My thanks to all those who have played in the teams to represent Coleshill; despite not always being victorious I hope you have all enjoyed the play and the social side to the matches. The Club is renowned for its after match refreshments, the opposition always comments on how great the food and wine is!

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

Village Ladies Makeover



ITV wants to hear from the ladies of rural Britain! Are you an active member of your village community?

Perhaps you are a bell ringer, farmer or a farmer's wife, supporter of the WI, a parish councillor, the proprietor of the village pub or even the producer of the local prize-winning fruit, vegetables or preserves?

Do you feel that your role in village society defines or influences the way you dress? Intrigued to hear more?

Contact: shona.baldwin@itv.com or telephone 0207 157 4862

And for those who wouldn't naturally put themselves forward, please do get in touch, you may be pleasantly surprised! Deadline is the end of June.

Coleshill Infants School 100 Club

Would you like to join the Coleshill C of E Infant School '100 Club'?

For just £5 a month you choose a lucky number (between 1- 100) which will then be entered into a draw. Each month your number has the chance to win one of the following cash prizes: 1st Prize - £50, 2nd Prize - £20, 3rd Prize - £10 and four 4th Prizes of £5.

You can choose to pay quarterly or annually. If you choose to pay annually your first month will be FREE.

**THE '100 CLUB' HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR SIX YEARS
AND IN THAT TIME IT HAS RAISED OVER £11,400 FOR THE
SCHOOL AND GIVEN OUT £7,200 IN PRIZE MONEY**

If you would like to join 'The Club', application forms are available from the school office or the Red Lion. For further information, please contact

Helen Dowler
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Coleshill Infants School

This term we have enjoyed several trips, including a whole school visit to the National Gallery in London. Following the visit, the older children produced excellent art work based on Turner's 'Fighting Temeraire'. The Reception class worked on a picture, inspired by the painting 'Orpheus' by Roelandt Savery. Another recent trip was to the Wycombe Swan Theatre to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Cats', which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

The May Fayre was once again a great success. We managed to dodge the showers and the children had a very happy time. Thank you to everyone who helped or attended and congratulations to all our raffle prize winners. This year over £2,000 was raised at the event, so well done to everyone. Our library has been re-stocked with a collection of new hardback books.

Mrs. Valentine, our Chairman of Governors, has asked me to write a few words about the governors at our school. We have nine school governors who meet approximately six times annually. We have finance, personnel and curriculum committees, who meet every term to discuss issues pertaining to school life, to review policies and ensure the school is fulfilling its statutory duties. The role of the governors is strategic and they share responsibility for the management of the school. They are also a link between the community and parents. Rosemary would be happy to talk to anyone who shows an interest in becoming a governor.

Our summer production this year is 'Tattybogle', a musical based on the story of the same name about a happy scarecrow. We would love to have an audience at our dress rehearsal on Monday, July 14th 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 Wednesday, July 23rd, 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



A bicycle ride mostly in Devon



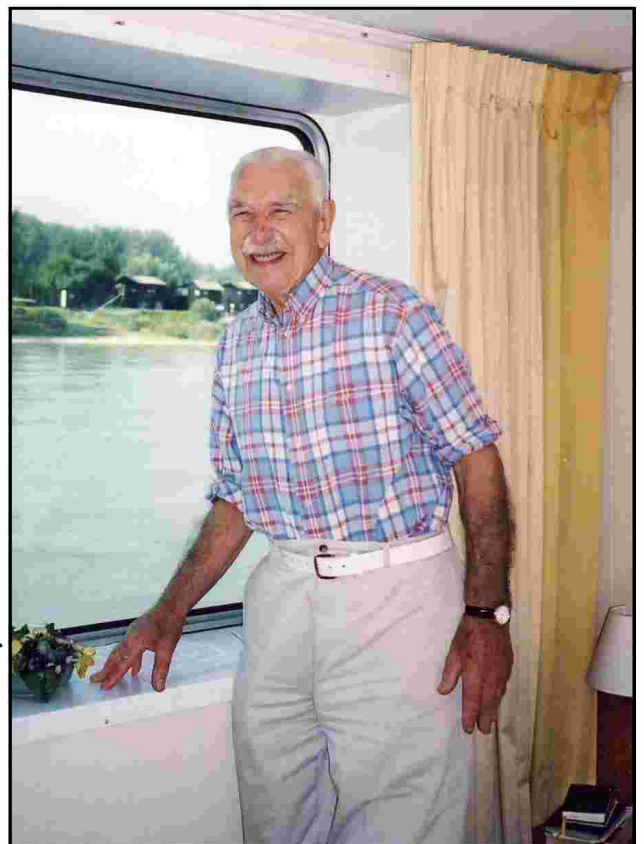
On leaving school at age 18, from Blundells School, Tiverton, my father intent on making me a chartered accountant, article'd me to a London Chartered Accountant practising in Cannon Street in the city. On one occasion I decided I would love the challenge of cycling home to Plymouth. First I rode from Hampstead to Paddington to put a letter on a west bound train to prove I really did start from the heart of London. All went

well in the day and early evening, when I found myself at Chard in Somerset, where a kindly publican found me a room for the night - and a hot meal!

Early next day, I very soon struck the outskirts of Exeter. Riding through the City, for there were no bypasses or motorways, I was soon faced by Telegraph Hill which I surmounted and down into Newton Abbott avoided the left turn to the resort of Torquay. Then I paid the penalty and collapsed in the road. I dragged myself into a field and after about two hours I found myself recovered so I rode on to Plymouth and welcoming arms of parents though it was 3.00am.

My articles cost £250, but I was to be paid £1 a week as an article'd clerk, £200 a year on passing the intermediate exam and £250 as a Chartered Accountant, on passing the finals. However, my employer refused because of the then financial crisis so I got another job at £300 a year.

Henry Maynard



Horticultural Society

Can we express our most sincerest thanks to all those who attended the annual Spring Talk, our guest speaker, Timothy Walker was as always, educational, entertaining and provocative.



To see so many villagers turn up along with friends and to so obviously enjoy the evening, makes all the effort worth while.

As we now look forward to the Village Show, for which you will all be receiving show schedules and entry details, can we yet again plead with all villagers 'TO HAVE A GO' there are so many categories to choose from, that we are sure you and your family can find something to enter. The Village Show will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th September 2008.

The very essence of village life, the very reason that we all love to be part of this wonderful rural setting, is summed up in any Village Annual Show, when all of the village comes together, in good

humour and a spirit of togetherness, to keep alive the village feel. We do not look for perfect specimens, what we want to see is simply 'That you have had a go' - what could be more simple.

As a resident of the village you are automatically a member of the Coleshill Horticultural Society, it is your society, in your village, it also needs people to manage it, to keep these iconic village functions from disappearing, the committee desperately needs new incumbents to help take us through the next 60 years, so if you would like to help, please contact us.

We will be expecting record numbers of entries this year, so start planting, growing, painting, crafting, arranging, cooking, baking, photographing, knitting, sewing, brewing, preserving, so start preparing .
See you all there

Susan & David Smith
Chairpersons



Iain Rennie Hospice at Home

Our Dining and Musical evening in May proved a great success and I would like to thank all those who supported the occasion. Five dinner parties were generously hosted by various villagers, after which the guests, together with their hosts, proceeded to Madleigh House where we were treated to the delights of the Aldren Family Quartet who entertained us with a variety of charming pieces, all of which were eloquently and amusingly introduced by Chris Aldren. In particular, I would like to thank Malcolm and Lynda Fallen who hosted the concert for fifty people and, at short notice, hosted a dinner as well!

With the help of an excellent raffle and some very generous donations for raffle prizes, a total of £1,858.82 was raised for IRHH which, to give it some perspective, will provide almost four weeks of nursing care for patients with terminal illness who choose to be cared for within their own homes. The charity is hugely appreciative and is delighted that the Coleshill group is burgeoning once again with new members and new life. If anyone has any time to join us, do please get in touch. We are always looking for new ways to support this wonderful charity which has touched so many of our lives in different ways.

Amanda McCallum

Pet Sitting Service



I will look after your guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits and gerbils while you are on holiday.

For just £3.00 per day your pet will get all the love and attention it needs.

Contact : Chloe Gajadharsingh
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Coleshill Mobile Library

Did you know that the mobile library visits Coleshill every other Friday? It stops beside the pond – very picturesque – and is there from 2.20 to 2.35pm. It's only a short window of time but is WELL worth a visit.

It's stocked with a wide range of books, including large print, and has a special children's section with little seats – two year

old Molly O'Boyle is a regular visitor. There are videos, DVDs, talking books – and the librarian can even sell you stamps!

Although most of us can get to the main library in Amersham, this one is so special. Unlike the main library you're not overwhelmed with choice, but the selection of books changes from visit to visit. Somehow there's always one you never thought you wanted yet there it is in front of you and is just the thing! Books etc taken out from the mobile library can be returned to the main library and vice versa and/or renewed online – all very convenient.

Currently it's woefully under-used by villagers – so if we don't use it we shall lose it! Come and have a look – you will not be disappointed.

Next visits are on Fridays 27th June, 11th and 25th July (and fortnightly thereafter). The dates will be on the village notice board to remind you.

Penny Ware



Bowls Club

Coleshill Short Mat Bowls Club are running an introductory course starting at the beginning of August and running for 6 weeks.

The course is designed to give people a feel for bowls including what equipment they need, rules and etiquette. You will not need anything to start with apart from flat soled shoes. The cost is £20, and the course will be on Monday nights, 7.30 - 9.30. If you would like to come along please call John Holland on 729357

John Holland

Cricket Club

The new season is up and running and has brought its traditional mixture of highs and lows. The 1st XI has failed to win a league game but have lost three very close encounters and currently remain bottom of the league. The 2nd XI have had a very positive and encouraging start to the season with a mixture of youth and experience they are third in the table.

Coleshill cricket club have this year entered into a reciprocal agreement with Gerrards Cross cricket club whereby we are offering league cricket to some of the Gerrards Cross colts and in return our colts are being welcomed at Gerrards Cross. They will receive professional coaching and the opportunity to play colts cricket. In a recent Gerrards Cross colt's game Christopher Edwards took a Hat Trick, so all looks good for the future.

In the mean time here is our usual plea for new players: if you or anyone you know is looking to play cricket we are always on the lookout.

As I write this the rain is steadily falling and I am praying for good weather on Saturday 13th June for the Village fete and the Cricket club band do which I hope many of you will have attended and enjoyed.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated and we hope to see many of you during the season.

Chris Bruin
Honorary Secretary



Coleshill History Project

Members of the Coleshill History Project have now been meeting for over a year. The group meets monthly at the Village Hall to exchange information and to discuss new lines of enquiry. A huge volume of information has been amassed and the themes which will feature in the proposed history of the village are now emerging. The group had a stall at the recent Village Fete where lots of locals and visitors to the Coleshill enjoyed the display of maps, power-point presentations and photographs of the village.



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Two particular topics have recently assumed more importance within the group than at first thought. The first topic is Coleshill's water supply. Two members of the group recently visited the water tower and were impressed with its original construction and its recent conversion to domestic use. The tower was built in 1915 by German prisoners of war for the Amersham, Beaconsfield and District Water Company, but the original scheme to supply water to the area via a reservoir at Coleshill is older. The Company was formed in 1895 by shareholders including local tradesmen, professionals and the leading gentry families. The engineer was E.A. Sandford Fawcett, of Roughwood, Amersham, whose sisters, the Misses Jane and Annis Fawcett lived at The Rosary, Coleshill. Fawcett's scheme depended on pumping water from a 300 ft well on Amersham's London Road up to a reservoir at Coleshill, high enough for water to be piped to houses right across the district. Had it not been for the efficiency of the scheme, completed in 1897, the new suburbs at Amersham on the Hill and Beaconsfield New Town could not have been built.

The other fascinating topic was the hamlet of Larkins Green. There appeared to be no early deeds to the two houses there, the Victorian public house formerly called the Magpies and a timber-framed cottage which is now the home of project member Peter Brock. The owners' only title to them had been copies of the court rolls of the years in which they had purchased or inherited the properties. Changes in ownership were meticulously recorded in the Court Rolls of the Manor of Stockbury, one of the Amersham manors belonging to the Drake family of Shardeloes. When a copyhold house was sold, it was 'surrendered' to the lord of the manor and the new owner 'admitted' on payment of a fine at the manor court. If a copyhold tenant died, the lord of the manor took a prized possession, usually a cow, as a heriot and only admitted the heir on payment of a fine, usually a year's rent in advance.

There are entries for the Magpies and the nearby cottage in the earliest surviving court book of the manor of Amersham which commences in 1728. These early mentions to the houses describe them as being at 'Stockbury Beeches', alias Larkins Green.

(See Diary Dates for future meetings)

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All Saints' Charity



On Saturday 14th June, the Church was filled with people for our second fundraising event of the year when the Chess Valley Singers came to Coleshill, fresh from a successful visit to Poland. The evening started with wine, canapes and a musical raffle in the Village Hall. We then transferred to the Church where 35 members of the choir squeezed into the chancel and gave us a most enjoyable concert with a variety of classical, light and folk music. We also had contributions from two Coleshill residents,

David Weedon on the clarinet and Rachael Nolan singing. Both were accompanied by Ruth Murphy on the piano. We are fortunate in having such talented musicians in our small village.

The event was again in aid of The Rosanna Hospital in Kurdistan. This is a very active local hospital which last month treated over 2,740 patients - inpatients, outpatients, clinics, child immunisations etc. During the five years that the Charity has supported the Hospital we have raised over £20,000 which has contributed towards buying much needed medical equipment. Last year this included an incubator which has been in constant use saving babies' lives. We are very grateful for all the support that the village has given to the Charity over many years.

Patsy Wright-Warren

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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	5th September 2008
Christmas	14th November 2008

Coleshill W.I.

We started the year with some of our older members deciding not to rejoin but have been pleased that several new members are now coming each second Thursday in the month at 2.30pm.

The unexpected death of Ann Trotman, who was a past President and active member of our Institute, meant that the May meeting started on a sad note before going on to discuss this year's resolutions for the AGM in Liverpool.

We have had some interesting speakers but one did, unfortunately, have to let us down. Instead of replacing her we had an informal meeting, around tables instead of sitting in rows. Members were allocated tables on arrival, which meant meeting and chatting to people they did not usually sit with. After the business of the day, each table was able to open an envelope to reveal the first line of a short story, which they as a group had to complete. This resulted in some imaginative writing, most of which included alcohol in some form (!) and much laughter when they were read out at the end.

The June speaker is a Blue Badge guide who will be talking about 'London Oddities', then in July we will learn about, 'Bucks Houses and Their Treasures'. We are having an outing in August, then, in September, 'The History of Lingerie'. We are all going out to a cookery demonstration and lunch in June; in July several of us will be joining The Lee WI for another lunch and in August we will be having a tour of Oxfordshire villages and enjoying a lunch provided by a WI there. We will also be having a tea party in the village as well as the lovely tea provided by our members each month at our meetings. No WI member has ever been known to die of starvation!

Lindsey, our current president, who has been a member for 31 years, has now joined the county executive committee and two of their sub-committees, so will be able to keep us up to date with what is happening at county level. For example, Lars Tharp, from Antiques Roadshow, is coming to give a talk later in the year. Our own sub groups, which include a patchwork group, a book club, and a poetry group, still meet regularly and there is talk of starting a craft club, too.

The whole idea of a Women's Institute is to provide a gathering place for women, who can then run it as they wish. We enjoy doing what we do now and have tried T'ai Chi, rambles etc and, if a group of us want to have a go at something else, we can take it on – with help from our county federation if we need it. If you find you are getting a bit bored, why not come along one month as a visitor, with no obligation to join. Who knows, you might find yourself swept along on a wave of new activities and you will be made very welcome.

Lindsey Haubner



Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 th June	Coleshill History Project Meeting
Wednesday 18 th June 2008	WI County Ramble
Sunday 22 nd June 2008	Tennis Club Generation Tournament
Thursday 10 th July 2008	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 13 th July 2008	Tennis Club Junior Tournament
Monday 14 th July 2008	Village School Show Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 15 th July 2008	Coleshill History Project Meeting
Wednesday 23 rd July 2008	Village School End of Term Service
Friday 5 th September 2008	Deadline for Newsletter Autumn Edition
Saturday 6 th September 2008	Village Show
Sunday 7 th September 2008	Tennis Club Finals
Saturday 13 th September 2008	Four-a-Side Football
Tuesday 16 th September 2008	Coleshill History Project Meeting
Thursday 18 th September 2008	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 14 th October 2008	Coleshill History Project Meeting
Tuesday 11 th November 2008	Coleshill History Project Meeting
Thursday 13 th November 2008	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 14 th November 2008	Deadline for Newsletter Christmas Edition
Tuesday 9 th December 2008	Coleshill History Project Meeting
Thursday 15 th January 2009	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 12 th March 2009	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 21 st May 2009	Parish Council Meeting

Four-a-side football

We live at Orchard House in Coleshill, down the drive from Jack & Lindsey Haubner, and we have a four-a-side football pitch. We would like to invite any under 10's in the village, boys or girls wanting to play a few mini matches on our four a side football pitch. We would like to suggest 1.00 to 2.30 on Saturday 13th September 2008. I will organise some prizes and refreshments but will need to know how many boys or girls want to attend. Please do let me know if you would like to participate on 07795 607867

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Frank Auton	Vice-Chairman of Council	431036
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David Smith	Member of Parish Council	724490
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Christian Aid

The Christian Aid Walk raised over £340 this year which is the best ever, so thank-you to all those who took part.

We were blessed with fine weather and there were thirty eight walkers and ten dogs, all very well behaved! There were two walks: a shorter one which took about one hour and a longer one lasting a little over two hours. Lunch was held in Jen and Pete Brock's lovely garden, and we all gathered there for delicious sandwiches and salads prepared by our hostess and host, followed by cakes and fruit accompanied by wine or soft drinks. So all in all it was a very happy social occasion held for a good cause.

The total sum raised for Christian Aid, together with the envelope collections came to over £1100. Well done everyone who contributed, it was a great effort!

Helen Spencer

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)
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