

A black and white photograph of a pond surrounded by trees, with the title text overlaid. The text "The Pond Needs Help" is written in a large, white, italicized serif font, slanted upwards from left to right. Below it, the word "NEWSLETTER" is written in a large, white, all-caps serif font, centered horizontally. The background shows a calm pond reflecting the sky, with dense foliage and trees lining the banks.

The Pond Needs Help

NEWSLETTER

Summer
2009

Honey Or Vinegar

One sunny Saturday morning recently, I went, as usual, to do a little shopping in top Amersham. Outside the newsagent I was accosted by a young man who pressed a leaflet into my hand and enquired whether I was 'saved'? Seeing my dog collar he was astonished that I replied cheerfully in the affirmative. 'A Vicar eh?' His eyes narrowed. 'Do you tell your people about the lake of fire that awaits them on Judgement Day?' 'No' I replied. 'I start with the love of Jesus and rattle on about that.'

He gawped like a goldfish. 'But, but, what about the lake of fire?' I could not resist it, and replied, 'The great Victorian preacher Charles Spurgeon once said to one of his fire and brimstone students, 'My boy, remember you will catch far more flies with honey than with vinegar!''

Poor fellow. He was left muttering to himself about blinking vicars and lakes of fire, but I hope I made a good point. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu remarked, when asked what he would be preaching about one Sunday, 'Oh my usual I think, the love of Jesus.' No wonder his ministry was such a success.

Jesus is an immensely attractive character. He cuts through all the religious stuff, the rules and regulations supposed to please God, and invites us to know him by love, nothing more, nothing less. No wonder he met a sticky end, such teaching infuriates those who want to go by the book (whatever that book may be). Sometimes people get angry with me too because I am less concerned with crossing the 't's than in sharing the wonder of God's love in Christ. But so be it.

At Whitsun, God sends the Holy Spirit to pour the love of Jesus into our hearts.
Come Holy Spirit!



Tim Harper
*Rector of Amersham with
Coleshill*

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'

Christian Aid

More than a dozen people from the village helped with the door to door collection for Christian Aid, during the special week recently. The total collected this year was £852. A big thank you to Hazel Thomas and her team.

All Saints' Charity – Craft and Gift Fair

The Craft and Gift Fair held in the Village Hall on 15th May gave a splendid selection of crafts and gifts to buy and enjoy - sixteen stalls of great variety - from books to bespoke jewellery; cards to children's clothes; home ware gifts to home made cakes and, of course, a plant stall. It was enjoyed by people from Coleshill and Amersham who went away with gifts for others - and themselves. It is hoped that it will have made a profit of around £350 which will go to the Rosanna Hospital in Kurdistan which does such a splendid job of caring for the sick in that troubled area of the world.

Patsy Wright-Warren

New Flower Bed

If you have walked through the churchyard recently you will have seen the new flower bed close to the church porch. This was designed and planted by Jane Stainer at her own expense. The main elements of the design represent the Twelve Apostles, around a central holly recalling the Crown of Thorns. The result is most pleasing and our grateful thanks are due to Jane for her generosity.

Chris Wege

Baptism

George David – Sunday 8th March

Ellie Seddon and Jack Templeton - Sunday 10th May

Thanks

Thank you to all villagers who contributed to the collection on behalf of my mother, Hazel Thorne, at her funeral. We collected £600 for Pat Emblow's Renal Charity and passed it on to her. Most was collected in the church, so much was donated by villagers.

Graham Thorne



Harvest Supper

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 2009

For the last 22 years I have savoured and enjoyed the Harvest Supper at Coleshill Village Hall. I have met friends, made new friends, supplied a pudding and sometimes joined in the singsong of years past.

The ladies who have provided this feast now want to hang up their aprons and I have volunteered to step into their oven gloves. I am happy to cook the main meal.

I need some help and am looking for some willing bodies. Whatever you can offer however small, however great will be appreciated. Maybe you are good at table decoration or advertising or could sell tickets? Maybe you are new to this, well never mind, so am I. Perhaps you have some previous experience, much welcomed.

Whoever you are and whatever you can offer, please contact me on 01494 728955 or e mail sach@gxn.co.uk.

Gillian Sach

Winchmore Hill Village Shop

There is now a Village Shop, located behind the Furrow pub in Winchmore Hill run by a local of 36 years who believes villages will appreciate a local shop offering newspapers (weekends only at the moment), locally sourced meat, sausages, bacon, and cooked meats, dairy products, milk, butter, eggs and fine cheeses, breads, fruit and vegetables.

For the first year or more, any surpluses will be re-invested in extending the range of goods held in stock and there will be no wages, relying on volunteers to man the shop for a few hours a week, develop a simple website and run the books. The only incentive is a good discount on their purchases from the shop.

The shop will take your orders by email, at winchmorehill@btinternet.com, by phone or drop your order into the shop. For weekend collection, please order on a Thursday.

If you grow vegetables and sometimes have some excess produce, the shop will offer this produce for you, on a 50/50 basis, i.e. half to the shop and half to your favourite charity or village project.

Shop Opening Hours: Monday 10.00am - 1.00pm, 5.00 - 6.00pm,
Tuesday 10.00am - 1.00pm, Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm, 5.00 - 6.00pm,
Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm, Friday 10.00am - 1.00pm, 4.00 - 7.00pm,
Saturday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Sunday 9.00am - 3.00pm.

Jill Jenns
07799 236106

Coleshill's Got Talent

Tennis Club Fundraiser

**The competition takes place on:
Friday 13th November @ 7.30pm in the
Village Hall**

Any age welcome

**Act to be a maximum of 3 minutes long
Entries being accepted now, closing date
1st August 2009**

**Contact Susie Gajadharsingh
for an entry form on
01494 726603 or
susiegaj@btinternet.com**

The Pond Needs Help

Villagers will be familiar with the long debates about the need to dredge the pond. The sludge from all of the ducks and leaves over the years have meant it is becoming too shallow to remain healthy for the flora and fauna. We have an expert report on what to do and a contractor ready to do the work but it will cost almost £15,000. This is beyond the current resources of the Parish Council.

We have applied for a grant from the Lottery Fund and await to hear, but we will still need more even if we get it. Does anyone have any good ideas for raising the funds to get the work done this year?

We could mount an 'All Villagers appeal' in the next Newsletter, we could have sponsored events, raffle or fundraising evenings in the village hall. Please let Susan Smith have any ideas so that we can get on with the much needed work on the pond.

Red Lion

I am pleased to be able to report that another trophy has come to the village for the first time. The Quiz A Team won the knock-out cup and there was a report of this victory in the Bucks Examiner a short time ago. The only other sporting success was for John and June Holland in the Crib doubles individual league knock-out and Kerry Ferguson in the pairs darts league competition. Both reached the the competition finals only to fall at the last frame.

Grand Union Morris did visit us during May (although not on May Day itself) and sadly torrential rain prevented what should have been an enjoyable evening. They hope to return during August, but in the meantime Greensleeves Morris will be here at 12.45pm with two guest teams on Saturday 11th July 2009. Let us hope for a fine day!

Finally, we have moved into the 21st Century! We have email and the address is johnnullman1@btconnect.com. The Red Lion is now a WIFI internet zone so you can bring your laptops, PDA's and Smart phones into the pub and browse your email and internet over a pint!

John Ullman

01494 727020 or by email

All Saints' Church Flowers

It is always such a pleasure to see the church full of flowers at Easter after the Lent period when the church is bare. Once again, many gave Lilies in Remembrance and those, together with the spring flowers, made it look wonderful. Many thanks to all our arrangers who give their time so willingly and to everyone who supports the Flower Fund financially and who help us in other ways, carting heavy stands about, clearing oasis and watering.

As you will see from the enclosed flier, we will be staging a Flower Festival 'Through the Eye of the Artist' on the weekend of 11th/12th July. There will be amazing interpretations of artists' paintings and we hope that you will all come, bring your friends and families and have a great time. Adults £2 Children free.

Not only will there be flowers but also Music, a Plant Stall and Cream Teas. This will be followed by a Quiet Day in church on Monday 13th July 2009. The cost of this will be £10 but there are limited places. Further details from Sarah Wallington-Smith 01494 872903.

Look forward to seeing you over the weekend.

Catherine Green 01494 724922



Cricket Club

The season is now well underway and both the 1st and 2nd teams have made encouraging starts.

The 2nd XI had an opening day win which has been followed by two narrow defeats but there have been some good individual performances.

The 1st XI lost by twelve runs on the opening day and have had two draws in the following weeks but the team spirit is very evident this season.

The weather is now turning warmer and it would be great to see you at the club to enjoy some cricket in pleasant surroundings.

Below is a fixture card for the rest of the season:-

SATURDAY 1st XI			COLESHILL CROSS XI		
	Opposition	Start H/A		Opposition	Start H/A
02-May	HOLYPORT	1PM AWAY		GREAT KINGSHILL	1PM HOME
09-May	HURLEY	1PM HOME		HURLEY	1PM AWAY
16-May	WARGRAVE	1PM AWAY		WARGRAVE	1PM HOME
23-May	LITTLE MARLOW	1PM HOME		DENHAM	1PM AWAY
30-May	AMERSHAM HILL	1PM AWAY		AMERSHAM HILL	1PM HOME
06-Jun	LITTLEWICK GREEN	1PM HOME		LITTLEWICK GREEN	1PM AWAY
13-Jun	ENGLEFIELD	1PM AWAY		ENGLEFIELD	1PM HOME
20-Jun	LITTLE KINGSHILL	1PM HOME		HAWRIDGE	1PM AWAY
27-Jun	WHITE WALTHAM	1PM AWAY		WHITE WALTHAM	1PM HOME
04-Jul	LITTLE MARLOW	1PM AWAY		DENHAM	1PM HOME
11-Jul	WARGRAVE	1PM HOME		WARGRAVE	1PM AWAY
18-Jul	NO FIXTURE			NO FIXTURE	
25-Jul	LITTLEWICK GREEN	1PM AWAY		LITTLEWICK GREEN	1PM HOME
01-Aug	ENGLEFIELD	1PM HOME		ENGLEFIELD	1PM AWAY
08-Aug	WHITE WALTHAM	1PM HOME		WHITE WALTHAM	1PM AWAY
15-Aug	LITTLE KINGSHILL	1PM AWAY		HAWRIDGE	1PM HOME
22-Aug	HURLEY	12.30 AWAY		HURLEY	12.30 HOME
29-Aug	HOLYPORT	12.30 HOME		GREAT KINGSHILL	12.30 AWAY
05-Sep	AMERSHAM HILL	12.30 HOME		AMERSHAM HILL	12.30 AWAY

Most Sundays there is a friendly Fixture at the club.

Here's to a good summer weather and Cricket-wise and let's hope England can return the Ashes to the rightful place.

Chris Bruin



Coleshill Village Hall

The AGM of the Village Hall took place on the 17th April 2009. Dick Ware was re-elected Chairman, John Ullman as Treasurer and David Smith, Secretary.

It is always good to see our President, Denis Hall attend our meeting. He was Chairman of the Management Committee that led the whole process of fund raising and building of our present Hall.

The Hall, now 27 years old, has been used for both happy and sad occasions in the Village during that time. Although used by the Church, School and W.I. regularly, it does need more support in order to maintain the high standard of appearance and maintenance.

The accounts showed a gloomy picture with revenue from hiring down 20% last year and it is not expected to increase in 2009. Any non essential improvements have been put on hold for the time being until bookings improve.

If you are not familiar with the Hall please ask me to show you what it has to offer and to everyone in the Village please help to promote it by mentioning it to your friends and colleagues as a Hall suitable for social and fitness activity.

Ann Lawrence

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Light Pollution

Light pollution is rapidly increasing across the country, leaving less and less countryside where we can enjoy dark, starry nights. This destroys our view of the night sky, wastes energy, adds to air pollution and emissions of climate changing greenhouse gases and harms quality of life. The problem is getting worse. Between 1993 and 2000 light pollution increased by 24%.

A new factor has recently crept into the rural dark-light equation. The glow from distant towns is now rivalled by unregulated private lighting. Cheap 500 watt 'security' lamps, are appearing on many houses. While their effectiveness in preventing crime remains a matter of debate, it is a fact is that they are more than three times brighter than Institution of Lighting Engineers (ILE) recommended levels, and there are usually no instructions in the packaging on the prevention of light nuisance.

How to Avoid Causing Light Pollution

Parish Council

At our AGM which was held in May there was the elections of positions to be held by Councillors on the Parish Council. The list is as follows:-

Chairman of the Parish Council	Cllr. Colin Lambert
Vice-chairman of the Parish Council	Cllr. Frank Auton
Responsible Financial Officer	Cllr. David Smith
Planning Officers joint	Cllrs. Colin Lambert & Dick Ware
N.A.G. Committee and Village Hall	Cllr. David Smith
All Saints' School	Cllr. Kim Richardson
Open Spaces	Cllr. Peter Clackett
Tennis and Cricket Clubs	Cllr. Howard Green

If you should have a concern please do not hesitate to contact your elected member of the CPC either through the website or email susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk.

The Village website www.coleshill.org is a marvellous way of getting news to people who no longer live in Coleshill but like to keep in touch. Also if you should wish to sell something the advertisement can be placed on the website or perhaps you have too many tomato plants or seedlings! Want to get rid of some? Send an email to the website and let people know they can get some free plants.

Hopefully by the time this newsletter is delivered we will know if we have been lucky in winning the 'Best Kept Village' competition, we have such a lovely village I think we should automatically win the competition every year.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 9th July 2009 starting at 8.00pm in the small hall of the Village Hall, please come along we have a democratic ½ hour at the beginning where members of the public can speak. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Susan Smith

Clerk to the Parish Council - Susansmith@coleshillvillage.wanadoo.co.uk

Light Pollution

Do not fit unnecessary lights.

Do not use excessively bright lights, a 150 watt tungsten halogen lamp is quite adequate. 300/500 watt bulbs are too bright for domestic security lighting.

Do not leave lights on when they are not needed, consider controlling lights with passive infra-red detectors. For a porch/gate light that is going to be left on all night, a nine watt compact fluorescent lamp is normally adequate.

If you would like to make a complaint or require further advice, contact the Chiltern District Council Environmental Health Team on 01494 732058

Coleshill Parish Council

The year started with a major change to the Parish Council with the resignation of Chairman and Councillor David Hall. David has served over 16 years on the Parish Council. I would like to thank David for all his unstinting work and energy on behalf of the village. David's resignation left a large gap in the Parish Council and was temporarily filled by the Vice-Chairman Frank Auton. I would like to thank Frank for standing in as Chair until the new chairman was elected.

As the year progressed, the major focus for the Parish Council has been the implementation of the recommendations of the report on the management and maintenance of the Village Pond.

Appointments

At the September meeting Cllr. Colin Lambert was elected to the vacant position of Chairman. At the November meeting Cllr. David Smith was elected to the role of Responsible Financial Officer. In addition Cllr. Howard Green was co-opted onto the Council and accepted responsibility for the Coleshill Cricket and Tennis Clubs.

Meetings

During the year under review, the Parish Council held six meetings in May, July, September, November 2008 and January and March 2009. Susan Smith continued in the post of Clerk to the Parish Council. During the year the average councillor attendance at meetings was 76%, with three 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 three and the highest was six, down on the peak of eleven for last year. The average attendance being three and a half villagers!

During the year we have been pleased to have Cllr. Francis Robinson, Bucks County Councillor attend our meetings.

Village Pond

Progress has been made on the Clean-Up of the Village Pond. Toxicity tests have been completed on both the pond silt and the disposal area and the relevant certificates and permits obtained. A number of companies were approached to provide a quotation for the work, but only one - London Rock appeared to be interested. Work will start in June 2009 and it is expected to take a couple of days to complete.

Best Kept Village

The Parish again entered the 'Best Kept Village Competition', attaining a 'Highly Commended Grade' in the Morris Cup in 2008.

Newsletter / Website

www.coleshill.org continues to keep the village up to date with news and reports of the various organisations and activities in the village. Cllr. Frank Auton regularly reviews the site to keep it up-to-date and active. Frank is also responsible for the very comprehensive Village Newsletter.

Planning

All Planning Applications submitted to the Chiltern District Council which affect properties in Coleshill are reviewed by members of the Parish Council. The Councillors then make appropriate feedback to the CDC as necessary. Planning continues to be a challenging task; however Councillors provide feedback which they believe is in the best interest of the village, its environment and its residents.

Finance

The Annual Return and Accounts which have been prepared by the Clerk, are discussed, perused and approved by the Council. The reports have been successfully audited and submitted to the authorities. The financial reporting schedule to the

Annual Report 2008/9

Council meetings have been updated and a formal budget approved for the coming year.

After a number of years of maintaining the precept for the parish at £4,500 per year, it was agreed to increase this to £6,500 per year. The increase reflects the large expenditure being undertaken by the Parish Council in 2009/10 for the substantial Clean-Up of the Village Pond and probable future expenditure such as the replacement of Play Equipment in the Play Area.

All Saints School

A new school secretary joined All Saints school during the year and the school continues to thrive with strong demand for places.

Play Area

The play area at Hill Meadow continues to be well used and maintained. Obtaining quotations for the replacement of the swings have proved difficult, but one company have provided an indicative cost of almost £7,000.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Speed monitoring strips were installed in three locations around the village as advised by Thames Valley Police (TVP). The data gathered has been provided to TVP, Bucks CC and Chiltern District Council. Feedback from the data may be provided at the next NAG meeting in June.

Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to be well maintained, with re-decoration undertaken during the year. It continues to be a well used facility, but further regular weekday morning users would be welcome.

Coleshill Common

The common continues to be managed successfully by the Coleshill Common Management Committee led by Chris Wege, and the village are very pleased with the results and are grateful for all their hard work and diligence.

Local Government

The re-organisation, by Bucks CC, of the local decision process saw the Local Area Committee (LAC) system replaced by the Local Area Forum (LAF) system, the idea being to devolve powers to a more local level. The Amersham LAF comprises of four local Parish Councils, Amersham Town Council, Chiltern District Council and Bucks CC. The LAF has a budget available for projects within the area, which Councils can submit bids for. Coleshill Parish Council was successful in bidding for the resurfacing of the carriageway at Hill Meadow. This, we hope, will be completed during 2009.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to my fellow Councillors and the Parish Clerk for all of their hard work, support and their selfless efforts. And of course to the people of Coleshill village.

Colin Lambert
Chairman
May 2009

Tennis Club

Firstly, the Committee Members would like to welcome all the new members to the club who have joined this year. 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.

Thanks from the Committee to Kerry Ferguson for completing the patio in front of the Clubhouse. It certainly 'finishes it off' and great use of it was made at the Fun Day.

Club Play Sessions continue to be held on Sunday mornings from 10.45am and Thursday evenings from 6.00pm.

Coaching Sunday morning session the coaching is now from 9.00am – 9.45am for the more able Under 10's and from 9.45 – 10.30am for beginners and younger children. These sessions have been very well attended. For the older juniors (over 14 year olds) the sessions continue on Mondays from 5.00pm – 6.00pm and for 11 – 14 year olds the session is now being run by Alan Lowe on Thursdays from 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Open coaching session is on Monday from 6.00pm – 7.00pm and team training from 7.00pm 'til dusk. Alan would encourage all team players to attend this training whenever possible to enable us to learn tactics and play as a team.

The **Fun Day** which took place recently was well attended and enjoyed by all who participated. A great warm up for the coming season. With thanks to Alan for his time and expertise.

The **One Day Fun Mixed Tournament** took place on 17th May with play due to kick off at 10.45am. When the heavens opened at 10.00am it really didn't look as though the day would take place, but Alan, being the optimist he is, advised us to turn up between 10.45am and 11.00am, and guess what, the clouds dispersed and the rain stopped. Twenty players took part each playing



four short sets with a different partner. Games were accumulated throughout the day and the top eight players went through to the semi-finals and then finals. The eventual winners were Gerry Gajadharsingh and Chris Teal, with Rupert Wolfendale and Simon Pottinger 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.

Tennis Club

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 21st June 2009. 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 but only the Juniors can accumulate points.

The final organised tournament of the year is the **Junior Tournament** on 12th July 2009. 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** this year will be on Friday 13th November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. **Coleshill's Got Talent** is our idea! I know there are plenty of members/villagers out there with loads of talent! If you are interested in participating please contact me at susiegaj@mac.com or call me on 01494 726603. I look forward to being inundated with entries! Anything, within reason, goes. From the interest I have had to date it should be a most entertaining evening. All members will be e-mailed details of the event nearer the time.

The Mixed Summer League is underway, if you are interested in playing in the teams please do contact Alan Lowe on 07768 498655. 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 is, and in particular, the wine.

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



Coleshill Infants School

The children celebrated St. George's Day on April 23rd with a parade around the village, taking turns in holding the dragon and waving their flags proudly. Thank you to everyone who waved back to us on the day and to Mr. Ullman, who must have been surprised to find fifty children (including his granddaughter) outside the Red Lion wishing him a 'Happy St. George's Day' with great enthusiasm. The parents kindly provided cakes, iced with a red cross when we returned. We also had a St. George puppet show presented by a local entertainer, so a good time was had by all and a long-standing tradition was upheld.

Our garden has been developed as part of our 'Eco School' project. All the children have grown potatoes for their families, and in our new raised beds, herbs and vegetables have been planted. The sensory garden has been replanted and is looking very splendid as I write. The children have also made a giant scarecrow, with the help of Mrs. Watts, to enter in the Royal Horticultural

Society's competition, marking the fifth centenary of the reign of Henry V111.(See photograph). All the children contributed and as you will see, only the final wife is smiling. The scarecrow is entitled 'Henry and his Birds'-(sorry...) If we get through the preliminary stages of the competition we may exhibit Henry at the Hampton Court Flower Show in July 2009.

The children are also very busy preparing art work for the flower festival, taking place at the church in July. The theme is 'Artists', so we are providing a colourful

display based on Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers', which I hope you will enjoy alongside all the other exhibits.

The whole school is taking part in a 'Songs of Praise' event with more than



Coleshill Infants School

3,000 children at Adams Park in June, which promises to be a very special event. We are very busy learning the hymns for the day.

Our end of term musical production this term is entitled; 'Ballooning Around the World' and you are very welcome to come and watch our dress rehearsal on Monday, July 6th at 11.00 a.m. in the school hall.

Our leavers' end of term service will take place in the church on Friday 17th July at 11 a.m. Do please come and join us if you are free. You will be warmly welcomed.

Jenny Earp
Headteacher

Red Lion Quiz Team Wins



Congratulations to Coleshill Red Lion A Quiz team for their recent victory in the Knock-Out Quiz. They won a decisive victory against The Land of Liberty after a successful season. Not pictured, but who also helped the team to victory in the cup is Keith Glasspoole.

The A team deserved to win having been knocked out of the finals on two previous occasions.

The win is a first for the Red Lion. The team are pictured here with the two trophies they won in the 2007/8 season.

Village Show

Do you realise that every resident in Coleshill automatically becomes a member of Coleshill Horticultural Society when they move into the village? This society was founded many years ago when growing your own vegetables, sewing, flower arranging and baking were much more of a pastime than they are now. During the last few years, entries for the annual show have dropped considerably and we the committee are finding it increasingly difficult to host a show that is full and interesting plus making it a financially viable one. We now find that if the entries are down again this year, we will not have the finance to do a show again. So this is your rallying call, we need your entries.

The categories have been cut down but we are sure there is something for everyone. Have you taken a photograph of the village pond, got a secret recipe for a wonderful cake, made pots of jam/chutney, or what about entering that beloved pot plant that you have nurtured for years; can you knit, sow, grow, draw?

Please support us on the 12th September 2009. We are making a day of fun with a BBQ at lunchtime followed by the show in the afternoon, exhibitions from the Coleshill History Project, Glass Art, Quilt Making and of course we are not forgetting the superb afternoon teas that have become a stalwart of the show, followed by the great sale of produce at the end.

On the 11th September 2009 we will be in the Village Hall to receive your entries for the competition from 7.00pm. When you bring your entry please accept a glass of wine to drink (soft drinks offered as well). For those that have been baking or doing the last minute arranging of flowers etc. we will be accepting entries between 8.30am and 9.30am on the Saturday morning of the 12th, when we will also be serving tea and coffee. Judging starts promptly at 9.45am so I'm afraid everyone has to be out of the hall before then. If you would like to help us on the 11th and 12th September please contact us. We do always need willing hands and you will be made welcome - plus if you have any ideas for the day let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Susan Smith 724490
Heather Auton 431036
Colin Sach 722314



Babysitting

I am a gap year student and have a place at to study Veterinary Medicine commencing October 2009. I am available to baby sit evenings and weekends. I have passed my driving test and have a car.

Contact Details:

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Phone: 01494 728955 Mobile: 07793442675 Email: sach@gxn.co.uk

Coleshill History

You are invited to a
Book Launch and Local History Exhibition
at

Coleshill Village Hall

11.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 7th November 2009

The book will be launched by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire,
Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher

At 12.00 noon

Please come along to the Exhibition and have your copy of
the Book signed by the Author

Pre-publication Order Form

Please complete the form below and send to P.M. Lawrence,
Hampton House, Chase Close, Coleshill, Amersham Bucks, HP7 0LX
Please make cheques payable to Coleshill History Project

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Thank you for your Order

Coleshill History Project

The members of the Coleshill History project are making excellent progress, both on the website www.coleshill-history.org.uk and on the History of Coleshill to be published in November 2009. Recent meetings have concentrated on chair factories and on shops in the village. The last surviving chair factory was Rose & Co, at The Hill, Winchmore Hill. This was founded in 1918 by Frederick Rose, and his son Ken Rose was still working there when it closed in 1988. At one time the factory had employed 28 people and produced 1,000 chairs per week. There was still a market for Windsor chairs in 1988, but the owner of the factory site declined to renew the lease on the factory, which was then demolished for housing. The last shop in Coleshill was Tony Bowler's post office and shop opposite the pond, which closed about 1989. Anyone who can remember the tenants of the nearby Howard Roberts's grocery store is invited to send in their recollections. This shop was started by James Brackley about 1910, and was later run by Alice Hobbs and Edward Haddock. It was bought by the Howard Roberts chain in 1941.

The Coleshill History Project website now contains full transcripts of all the decennial censuses covering Coleshill from 1841-1911. The original census returns, held at the National Archives, Kew, are normally closed for 100 years, but following pressure from the family history community, the 1911 returns were released early. Previous censuses were compiled by enumerators who filled in the forms on behalf of residents, thereby ensuring some consistency in the information. In 1911, however, each householder was given a separate form to fill in. This led to some bizarre interpretations of the instructions.

The 1911 Census returns have been made available on-line via the website www.1911.co.uk. A search for a single person, showing minimal information, is free, but access to a full transcript of the household costs from 83p depending on the number of credits purchased. Access to a scanned image of the householder's form requires an on-line payment of at least £2.50. In order to avoid this expensive process, four members of the Coleshill History Project travelled to Kew to transcribe the Coleshill returns. The National Archives had set aside sixty computers for this purpose, and they soon filled up. We were allowed one computer each for one hour and then had a cup of coffee before reregistering on another computer. The work took most of one day, with a return visit by Derek Higgins, to check our typed notes. Derek then put the results on to the website.

Comparing the various decennial returns on the website, it is apparent how Coleshill changed from 1841-1911. The majority of men were employed on the land, but whilst the number of farmers is consistent at about eight, the number of agricultural labourers declined rapidly during the 19th century. Many found employment in the chair factories, but several became gardeners at the big houses. Many of the women were lacemakers, but this had declined by 1881. The work was to some extent replaced by bead work, that is, the sewing of small glass beads on the collars and bodices of dresses for London dressmakers.

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Many unmarried women found work as servants at the big houses, with Rushymead having the largest number. The pottery industry, which employed a handful of potters and pot-hawkers in the mid 19th century, had all but disappeared by 1911.

Julian Hunt

Fliers advertising the History of Coleshill have been sent out with the Amersham Society Newsletter and will accompany this Village Newsletter. The names of those who return their order forms before the end of July will be listed in the book. The book will be launched by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, on Saturday 7th November 2009 in The Village Hall, at 12.00 followed by refreshments. There will be a village history exhibition in the hall that day from 11.00am – 5 pm.

Peter Lawrence

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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. There are videos, DVDs, talking books – and the librarian can even sell you stamps!



Next visits are on alternate Fridays 26th June, 10th & 24th July, 7th & 21st August, 4th & 18th September (and fortnightly thereafter). The dates will be on the village notice board to remind you.

Penny Ware



Coleshill Common

There has been a change of emphasis this year with maintenance tending more towards making certain areas of the Common more attractive to people as opposed to wildlife.

The entrance points at Wheatsheaf Cottage and the Mushroom Tree had become very overgrown, but these have been cleared to make them more inviting. This has created a need for frequent strimming during the summer in order to keep growth of bracken and brambles from reclaiming the ground. Work is kept to short sessions to minimise any impact on the birdlife.

The usual winter work has been undertaken with the clearance of pathways from brambles and undergrowth. An area on the margins of the grassland has been cleared of willow and planted with new trees - mainly wild cherry. Other plantings have been done around the grassland of a mixture of trees including some crab apples.

An attempt has been started to regenerate some of the gorse areas of the Common. Gorse was at one time one of the main colonisers of the ground, until the tree growth crowded it out. Graham Thorne has managed to grow gorse seedlings and these have now been planted out near the main ('electricity') pond. The two areas have been surrounded with wire netting to keep the rabbits off.

The grass was cut this year by Kevin Taylor who often works with Michael Connelley, and he will be cutting it again this year. I have asked them to cut the Mushroom Tree again – the Council approved this expenditure.

The work force for the Common maintenance consists of six regulars which is just sufficient to keep things as they are. However, new members would be very welcome if for no reason other than giving them a chance to work in the open air.

Chris Wege (724152)

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.

EDITION	DEADLINE
Autumn	Friday 4 th September 2009
Christmas	Friday 13 th November 2009

Coleshill W.I.

Plans are firmly in place to celebrate the 60th Birthday of our W.I. in August, when we hope to include most of our long term members who are no longer able to get to the meetings every month, visitors from the other W.I.s in our Chesswoods Group and the Buckinghamshire Federation, and our good friends locally. It does not surprise me to discover that our W.I. was formed when I was a babe in arms, soon after the war was over, when women were highly aware of the value of comradeship and the opportunities of learning from and supporting each other. We are flourishing still with a healthy membership of forty five women, including several very welcome new ones, and the hand of friendship is promised to anyone else who would like to come and join us. All those years we have been meeting on the second Tuesday of every month in the village hall at 2.30pm. We no longer wear hats and gloves and rarely talk about jam-making; the hall and the women may have changed but the spirit and the tea is the same as ever!

An important part of the W.I. is the efforts it can make to improve our Country. The Keep Britain Tidy campaign was largely down to the W.I. nationally, and is as relevant now as it ever was! In the same vein we are talking about the plight of the honey bees this year and trying to raise awareness, in the Government and with the wider public, of the devastating impact to our food supplies if the bee population declines further. We ignore these little creatures and their problems at our peril. We know the persistence of the W.I. can make a significant difference on matters that could otherwise very easily get overlooked.

We've had some good speakers recently on diverse subjects: life in an orthodox Jewish household, Gilbert and Sullivan and Hong Kong. We enjoyed hearing of our very own Joan Domin's experience of living in Hong Kong as her knowledge turned out to be rather more extensive than the previously mentioned speaker! This led us to conclude that we should maybe seek talks from amongst our own membership more often where there is a wealth of untapped knowledge and experience!

Lindsey's role on County sub-committees keeps us all up to date with the outings, workshops, rambles and meetings on offer and her enthusiasm encourages our more able bodied members to venture further afield and take up these wonderful opportunities. From a trip to a silk mill, to a talk on Jane Austen, to the chance to make jewellery, the choice is full of exciting possibilities!

Even as we celebrate 60 years we look forward to joining in the County's 90th Birthday Party next year. The W.I. is alive and well, and Coleshill is the branch near you! Come and visit us.

Eileen Gershon

Diary Dates

Sunday 21 st June 2009	Tennis Club Generation Tournament
Monday 6 th July 2009	School Play Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 9 th July 2009	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 11 th July 2009	Flower Festival at All Saints'
Saturday 11 th July 2009	Morris Men at Red Lion
Sunday 12 th July 2009	Tennis Club Junior Tournament
Sunday 12 th July 2009	Flower Festival at All Saints'
Monday 13 th July 2009	Quiet Day at All Saints'
Tuesday 14 th July 2009	Village History Project
Friday 17 th July 2009	School Leavers Service
Friday 4 th September 2009	Deadline for Autumn Newsletter
Sunday 6 th September 2009	Tennis Finals
Thursday 10 th September 2009	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 12 th September 2009	Village Show
Friday 9 th October 2009	Harvest Supper
Tuesday 3 rd November 2009	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 7 th November 2009	Coleshill History Book Launch
Friday 13 th November 2009	Coleshill Tennis Club Fund Raiser
Friday 13 th November 2009	Deadline for Christmas Newsletter

Parish Councillors

Colin Lambert	Chairman of Parish Council	722314
Frank Auton	Vice-Chairman of Council	431036
Peter Clackett	Member of Parish Council	433044
Kim Richardson	Member of Parish Council	434304
Dick Ware	Member of Parish Council	722486
David Smith	Member of Parish Council	724490
Howard Green	Member of Parish Council	724922



Contact Numbers

Reverend Tim Harper - Rector	724426
Dorothy Potter - Parish Secretary	729380
Dumpy Swerling - All Saints' Warden	873931
Helen Spencer - All Saints' 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
Colin Blandford - Magpie Club & Parish Youth Worker	727785
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
Ian McCallum - Neighbourhood Action Group	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



Special Services

Harvest Festival	Sunday Oct 4 th at 9.00am
Harvest Supper	Friday Oct 9 th at 7.30pm
Patronal Festival Followed by coffee in the Small Hall	Sunday Nov 1 st at 9.00am Evensong at 6.00pm
Christingle Service	Sunday 13th Dec. at 5.00pm
Carol Service Followed by tea in the Village Hall afterwards	Sunday 20th Dec at 4.00pm

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)

