

TO THE LIGHTHOUSE?

Aged three, sliding down a concrete sea wall, swiftly wearing a hole in the backside of new shorts, earning a clip round the ear from an irate mum; ah, the **stuff** of childhood holidays. As a kid in the sixties, we never seemed to have any summer at all; maybe one or two hot days in early July (guaranteed to coincide with beastly exams) then dull skies, wind and rain all through August. Of course this was Norfolk, where even the hardest can find summer distinctly bracing.

This year the rain fell in stair rods at the Fete, indeed this summer we seem to have had hardly any good weather at all. Yet during June and July, many of you have bravely set out on vacation in this country . But however great the distance you travel, the influence of this parish is never far away. Recently some friends from Coleshill travelled to the northernmost tip of Scotland, only to find that one of the only two other couples in the bar that evening were from **Amersham**! And folk visiting a remote church in North Norfolk one Sunday last week found to their astonishment that the local Rector had until a few weeks before been a Tutor to Rosie Harper on her Ordination course.

It can even happen to me. After a particularly stressful work period in my last parish, Rosie and I took a day trip to Boulogne to get away from it all. Who should we meet in the Place Danton but our Churchwarden, who had come with the same idea. He had the good grace to buy me a beer.

For many, the idea of encountering God as a living reality is even more unexpected. And yet, like St Paul on the Damascus Road, I am convinced that such an encounter happens to all of us sooner or later. Our vision of Him who had seemed distant and remote suddenly becomes blindingly clear. It may not have happened to you yet, but like Happisburgh Lighthouse with its red and white bands and blinding light on that cold North Norfolk coast of my childhood holidays, the vision of Jesus Christ is unmistakable. As Psalm 139 says,

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me **fast**."

Enjoy your vacation and your encounters with friends old and new this summer.

Some of them may be unexpected!

Rev'd. Tim Harper

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

Many of you will recently have received a letter asking you to review your current level of financial commitment to the Church. In the current year our costs will be rising considerably and we are therefore appealing to everyone in the Village for financial support.

One of the principle reasons for the rising costs is the introduction of our full-time youth worker, Rachel Quinn. In the 1996 Parish Profile reference was made to a marked falling away of involvement in church life of children entering their teenage years. A need was identified for much greater investment in developing the spiritual lives of young people. Since she has joined us, Rachel has achieved much progress in this area. However you will appreciate this imposes a considerable financial strain on our resources as the costs have to be met by Parish funds.

We are asking you to consider two areas:

- 1] The level and regularity of your giving. Do you make a regular contribution to the Church and if so has your level of giving been reviewed lately and do you feel you could manage more? If not, are you willing to make a commitment. This could be by joining the envelope scheme whereby you donate a set amount in a sealed envelope each Sunday in the year. Alternatively or in addition you can give by bank standing order - monthly, quarterly or annually.
- 2] The way you contribute. If you are a tax payer, by entering into a covenant with All Saints', the Church is able to reclaim the standard rate of tax of 23% back from the Government. This means simply that each £100.00 donation from you results in All Saints' receiving £130.00. In addition if you happen to pay tax at 40% you could receive a 17% refund on your tax bill. If therefore you are a tax payer could you consider making a donation under a four year covenant which qualifies for tax relief?

We earnestly hope you that you will consider this matter and if you would like further information on the envelope scheme or covenanting, please contact Howard Pool (01494 727687).

Hedges

We are urgently seeking help with the Church hedges. The job is currently out to tender and if you know anyone who would be interested in quoting for this work and the grass cutting please contact Helen Spencer (01494 725857).

Rachel Quinn's Wedding

We all wish Rachel and Duncan every joy and happiness on their forthcoming marriage.

Rachel will be marrying Duncan at the beginning of October and we felt it would be an appropriate gesture for the Village to buy them a gift. If you would like to contribute to this, please let **Amanda McCallum** (01494 725083) know by the 19th September.

Amanda McCullum

Holy Baptism - 1998

5th April - Luke Oliver Woodgate

3rd May - Benedict Charles Ross

14th June - Hayley Elizabeth Lauder-Ross

5th July - **Ellie** Jane Hamilton

Holy Matrimony - 1998

9th May - William Wilson & Julie Pryce

In Memoriam

Mollie Stone 1908 - 1998

Olive Bowler 1904 - 1998

Henry Arthur Dawson 1931 - 1998

We are also sad to record George May died on the 13th June 1998

COLESHILL VILLAGE SCHOOL

We began the Summer Term with World Book Day when a Librarian from Amersham Library visited us. The children came to school dressed as their favourite book or Nursery Rhyme character. We had some wonderful outfits, ranging from Fairies and Noddy to even 007!

In May the school had its first Ofsted inspection. A Section 23 inspection was also carried out, its purpose being to report on all aspects of Collective Worship and the contribution of the school to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils. I am delighted to report that the inspections had very complimentary and positive results, in particular they both commented on the very good partnership established with the parents and the community.

£35.00 was raised for Christian Aid this year when Rachel Quinn kindly gave us a talk on her experiences in Brazil.

The Parents' and Friends' group held a Cookery Demonstration by Mary Berry which proved most successful. The evening raised a magnificent £1,074.00 and some mouth-watering recipes for everyone to try at home.

The children visited High Wycombe Urban Studies Centre in June. This was a most interesting visit and we were very fortunate with the weather that day.

Our annual Sports day was held on July 7th. This was a most enjoyable afternoon with children and adults taking part in various races. Biscuits baked by the children were given to all the parents and friends who kindly gave us Sainsbury vouchers. This was our way of saying thank you for supporting us.

The Pat Panton Trophy was won this year by Sam Rhodes, with Grace Martin as runner-up from Year 3 and Florence Bingley-Hall, with Georgie Chesney-Moore as runner-up from Year 2.

The summer term ended with a performance of *Pinocchio* by the children. This was most enjoyable and raised many laughs when *Pinocchio's* nose grew to an unbelievable length. We wish our 18 leavers every success as they move on to other schools.

We look forward with enthusiasm to September when the school re-opens with its new Pre Reception class. We now have a confirmed 8 children joining this class and are welcoming any further enquiries.

L.S.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

A Visit to Coleshill Tennis Club

Sunday the 12th July was a particularly wet day - not quite the sort of weather for Tennis and a **BBQ**! It was the last Youth Group meeting for the summer term, and we had been kindly offered the use of the Coleshill Tennis Club. After a short debate in Church during the morning Youth Group meeting at St. Mary's we decided we were not going to be put off by the weather!

At 6 o'clock, we were all there - the BBQ was a little reluctant to get going - but with some expert guidance we managed to produce an excellent fire which cooked everything brilliantly! The Youth Group played well on the tennis courts, and the only rain which we had was whilst we were inside eating the food (lucky us!). It was a fun evening and a good way to end the term.

Youth Group has built up steadily over the last year and we now have a good crowd of 'regulars'. Although it is mainly attended by those at St. Mary's, Youth Group is open to anyone in the Parish in Year 6 and over. We meet each Sunday morning during the 10.15am Service, and every fortnight in the evening from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

We have done a variety of different activities, including entering a football tournament, ice-skating, bowling, a quiz night and a couple of bike rides, which have all been fun. Parish Camp is coming up next from 17th to 19th July, then we will start back after the summer holidays. Newcomers are always welcome and maybe you would like to join us next Term?

For more information please contact me, **Rachel Quinn (Tel: 723793)**

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Wine & Cheese Party on the 25th June in aid of The **Alzheimers** Disease Society. As a result of your generosity we have been able to send the Society a donation of £950.00.

Mary & Nick Sadler

ALL SAINTS MAGPIE CLUB

Despite all the other exciting summer activities that compete with their time, an average of 25 children have attended Magpie Club this term.

The younger group have been thinking about "Growing" this term, starting with a height chart. They have made a garden collage, grown cress in egg shells and had an animal hunt in the garden.

The older group have been studying the Book of Daniel thinking about being strong in the face of temptation, true to what you know is right and brave to see it through. Matthew, Sam and Daniel made a wonderful collage of the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE? Magpie Club Mothers often find it difficult to stay and help, because of their other younger children, so we would be grateful for some extra assistance. Are you good at reading stories, playing a musical instrument, helping with craft activities or could just spare a little time now and again to help in a general way, keeping an eye on the younger children? We need YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has helped this term, the brilliant team who organise the younger group, Susannah Pond who has helped us each week, Ruth Murphy who plays the piano for us and Rachel Quinn whose invaluable support and ideas keep us going.

This is sadly my last term helping with Magpie Club, I have greatly enjoyed the last nine years but it is now time to hand over to the new team. I will miss seeing the children.

The Club meets in the Village School from 5.00pm to 6.00pm and all children from 3 years to 10 years are welcome. Dates for your diary 18th September, 2nd & 16th October, 6th & 20th November and 4th December.

Rosemary Valentine

COLESHILL BROWNIES

For information contact Jane Davies, tel: 01494 725549

FRIENDS OF RUSHMEAD HOSPICE

Since Easter this year we have been able to provide the Hospice with a dishwasher, replace their old crockery with lovely china, replace a very battered and unwieldy tea trolley and buy a much needed commode.

So thank you very much to everyone who has so kindly supported us - we could not have done it without **you!**

The Cheese & Wine evening will be held at the Hospice on Friday the 21st August from 8.00pm to 10.00pm and tickets at £10.00 each, which includes all refreshments, are now available from -

Heather (Tel: 433350) or Jean (Tel: 721209) - Hope to see you there.

We are now taking bookings for the Bridge Drive to be held on Thursday the 15th October so please telephone if you are interested in taking a table.

H.H.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Sponsored Bicycle Ride or Walk

Saturday September 12th 1998 - 10am to 6pm

I would really recommend this enjoyable day. You can walk or cycle from church to church planning your own route. Money raised is divided between the Trust and the Church of your choice, please let me know if you would like a sponsorship form or a list of participating churches.

If you would like to help, but in a less active way, could you spare an hour that day to man All Saints Church in order to welcome visitors and sign their forms. Please let me know -

Rosemary Valentine, telephone 725794.

COLESHILL W.I.

Once again a variety of events has interested members including a talk about John Betjeman, Ellesborough Church and the work of the Custom & Excise Men.

The Chesswood Group Spring meeting held at Little Chalfont was well supported by Coleshill members who were entertained by a delightful young opera singer which we believe was another first. The Group lunch of soup and sweets organised by the Group Convenor, our own Helen Savory, was held in our Village Hall and thoroughly enjoyed by the large gathering of some ninety members from the six WIs in the Group.

One of our meetings was taken up by a discussion of the two National Resolutions which were both proposed by Bucks WIs. The first concerned the use of brown field sites in favour of greenbelt land for housing whilst the second was aimed at ensuring that young carers under 18 are given support for their welfare and education. Our V.C.O. explained the implications of the resolutions, both of which received the support of the meeting.

The new clubs covering T'ai Chi, book and poetry readings, and cross stitch are thriving but can always take new members. Anyone interested should contact a member of the committee.

The Bucks County Federation always has a marquee at the County Show which this year is on Thursday, 3rd September. There will be a 'scarecrow competition' and Coleshill is entering a model which has been made by the quilters group which it hopes will be selected for display in the marquee.

Following their earlier success the quiz team will go forward to the Three Counties round held in Buckingham. We wish them well. A further success for us has been the use of the £5.00 given by the Bucks Federation to turn it into a profit to be shared between the County and Coleshill. We took a stall at a local car boot sale which made a grand total of £160.00 thanks to the efforts of those involved and the kind contributions from many members.

Two tea parties in July and August are being held in the Village at Pat Emblow's and Mary Machin's. It is hoped that members who normally are not able to participate in outings will be able to enjoy visiting these gardens and chatting with their friends.

J.P.

1ST COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Meetings

- Time: Monday evenings - 7.00pm to 8.30pm
- Venue: **Coleshill** Village Hall
- Subs: £10.00 per term

Guider's and helpers

Guider - Kaye Smith

"Nightingale"- Helen Fowler (a retired guider)

Sarah Maclean (a really committed parent!)

Emma Maclean - Young Leader in training

The Guides, organised in two patrols - *Kingfishers and Snowdrops*

Joane and Tracey Bradley, Jacqueline Charlton, Claire Deegan, Julie and Katie Maclean, Stephanie Miles, Amy Miles and Ellen Tuffney.

Enrolments, Badges and Trefoils

- We are working as a company on the Local History badge this term. We are using both **Amersham** Old Town and Coleshill for this. We expect to be tested for this badge at the end of this term.
- The guides are either working on their Yellow or Green Trefoils

Activities

Theme of Challenge and Development:

- Two of our guides attended the May Day Bank Holiday Camp in Windsor Great Park and despite indifferent weather had a good time. Another guide goes for a week long camp in July with our sister guide company
- This term we held a recruitment evening for Brownies and other girls to show them what being at guides is like. We decorated biscuits, made badges and in groups had to create an outfit made from bin liners and foil and then to model them! Very innovative and great fun.
- We have had a game of rounders but the weather so far had been a little unreliable for outdoor activity. We did go on a Nike Hike and are planning another one but this time in the old town and combined with our Local History badge.
- For Fathers Day the guides made decorative gift bags and truffles to go in them - we're sure the "Dads" appreciated this. Sorry "Mums" - your turn next time.

- We went on a sponsored walk for the Toy Box charity and raised £80 - to help the street children of South America.
- We ran the Face Paints at the Coleshill Fete and raised £16.50 (and a bargain compared with the cost charged at other fetes) - and we would also have run the Wet Sponges Aunt Sally but for obvious reasons this was not required!

We welcome new guides, whether you have been a Brownie or not. If you are interested just give me a call!

Kaye Smith

Amersham 433419 or at Work 01932 896035

ALL SAINTS' CHOIR

Wanted: Singers - Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, Basses

All Saints' choir currently has 10 adult members, representing all voices. We attend the 9.00am Holy Communion service each Sunday and sometimes the 6.00pm service held on the first Sunday of each month.

We have weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7.45pm until approximately 9.00pm, with short breaks at Christmas, Easter and in the summer.

We work hard and also enjoy our lighter moments, such as celebrating members' birthdays - and we'd like to have more of these to celebrate, ie more members! The ability to sight-read music is not necessary. If you are interested - whether adult, young person or child - we'd be delighted to hear from you - no obligation. (I have in the past arranged a separate, earlier rehearsal time for younger members if preferred).

Please telephone me if you are interested in the possibility of joining us. I will be happy to provide more details and can arrange for you to sample one of our rehearsals if you wish.

Ruth Murphy, Organist and Choirmaster
Telephone 433539

N.S.P.C.C.

This autumn we will not be holding our usual Christmas Coffee Morning. Instead we shall be increasing our production of crackers this year, so do please order in plenty of time! S.H.

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DRAMA GROUP

Well, how things change. Last time I wrote this piece we had very little happening. Now, I am happy to say, things are looking much brighter.

Recently, I have contacted a number of other local drama groups to see how we could help each other out (we have all got the same problems). We are starting by meeting for joint play readings. This gives us larger groups, a wider variety of plays to read, and it makes it easier to select material. And it's good fun.

Anybody who has ever gone to the Edinburgh '**Fringe**' festival will know that its a long way to go, costs lots of money and there is a bewildering selection of shows to see. Well, we have the perfect solution.

On Saturday 25th July at 8pm, the Fringe will be coming to **Coleshill** !!! Yes it's true, there will be for one night only, a performance of Shakespeare's -

'Measure for Measure'.

Tickets £5.00 available from the Red Lion (and we will probably include a glass of wine).

Not only that,

On Sunday, 9th August, (at noon) we will be holding the annual Drama Group Barbecue. This year Mary and Nick Sadler have kindly **offered** to host this prestigious event. If you would like to come please contact me for further details.

In addition !

On Saturday 14th November, there will be an '**Olde Thyme Music Hall**' evening, including supper. Proceeds will go to the Village School Fund.

So, put that lot in your diary.

John Bullard

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our recent AGM, Ewart Smith retired as Chairman after 25 years and has now been elected President. Ewart recalled some amusing anecdotes during his time as Chairman. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ewart and Jean lots of luck and happiness for the future.

As Ewart steps down we are lucky enough to have Howard Green willing to take over as Chairman. We are also delighted to welcome Nick Sadler onto the Committee.

Last weekend a coach party went to Hampton Court Flower Show. This was a great success and we managed to time our leaving just as the rain **started!**

Our Annual Show is nearly here, Saturday 5th September, make a note in your diaries. We are hoping for a bumper year of exhibits. There will be something for everyone, young and old alike.

Look out for posters of a very special meeting in the **Autumn/Winter** when we hope we will be fortunate enough to have a famous face from television coming to talk in the Village Hall.

Judi Herbert

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

We are pleased to say that the members are making greater use of the courts this year. We decided to just have one club night this year, i.e. Tuesday, rather than two and this has been very well attended.

We welcome Frances **Morrison** who has agreed to take over the coaching of the youngsters and has a ladies evening on the third Monday in the month.

Following the success of last winter's Rushmead Tournament, it was run again this year with mainly male participants. The tournament was won by Helen Spencer & Mike Cannon who beat Chris Teal & Gerry Gajadharsingh in the final. This is Mike's second win in a row, but with a different partner.

The Coleshill Tennis Tournament, held on the second Sunday in June, was run on a totally **different** basis from previous years to encourage all club members to participate. Twenty-four members played on a rather dull day in a mixed handicapped tournament. The feedback was that it was successful and the winners of the McCammon Shield were Ann Love & Piers Codling who played Alex Pond & Robin Ferguson in the final.

The main innovation this year is the introduction of a Club Championship Tournament for Mens & Ladies Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The finals day will be in September.

D.G.

THE RED LION

Another very full quarter in the 'life of the Lion' including an Exhibition of a local artist's paintings as part of Bucks Art Week (following the book signing in February), hosting this years Mayday celebrations which included a Pagan wedding witnessed by one hundred **villagers**, acting as box office for the drama group, and joining in the Ladies Darts team celebrations after they won the League Knock-out Cup for the first time.

With Autumn approaching (the Summer seems to have missed us!) the winter leagues for our various activities commence in September. All teams are looking for fresh blood, and for anybody wishing to join a team (all matches start at 8.30pm) a reminder that Mens Darts is on Monday; Ladies Darts and Quiz teams on Tuesday; and Crib and Dominoes on Wednesday.

Also on Wednesday a number of villagers meet to play various games, including Scrabble, Taboo and Balderdash. Anybody wanting to play should contact Chris or John (727020) or just turn up for the extra quiz questions at 9.30pm on Tuesday or the games evening on Wednesday at 9.00pm.

For those new to the Village a reminder that we open at 7.30am when eggs, milk, cheese, butter, bread etc. can be purchased and newspapers collected if ordered.

Finally, if we can be of help in organising anything (it need not be drink oriented!) do let us know, and we will have a go at it!

J.U.

COLESHILL VILLAGE FETE

The morning of this year's fete was spent staring at the heavens and wondering are we in the Hall or do we risk being outside. Finally the decision was made and everyone rallied round to set up in the confined space of the Village Hall. Then the rain came down!

Squeezed onto the stage with three other stalls the children from the School put on a display of country dancing. Whilst in the main Hall villagers stood shoulder to shoulder and steamed. It was a very tight fit. In the school hall the children's entertainer kept damp children amused all afternoon. Outside the barbecue, balloon race, plant stall and car park marshals stood stoically against the elements.

Through the rain a gentle hum was heard as Richard Valentine arrived aboard 'Thomas the Tank Engine'. Under umbrellas he gave rides and even ferried people to the pub. Later the race round the common was won by Sam Butler with Max Oliver winning the under 10's and Nigel Wolfendale the over 40's.

Can I thank all committee members, stall holders, helpers and everyone who came to the fete and made it such a success despite the weather. In the end £1,965.00 was collected for Coleshill School.

If you have any ideas or would like to help with next year's fete please telephone me, Philip Denyer on 724696.

P.D.

BOWLS CLUB

*For information contact John Holland.
Telephone 01494 729357*

THREE VILLAGES YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club has had a good time since Easter, with two discos, outings to ice-skating and ten-pin bowling, cooking, painting and lots of football and games on the common. The last session before the summer break will be a party and barbecue on Tuesday, 21st July.

In September, the Club will open on Tuesday, 8th September, and will meet every week in a single session from 6.30pm to 8.30pm for anyone in school years 5, 6, 7 or 8. Membership will be £3.00 for the year and 50p for each session attended.

The usual venue will continue to be Winchmore Hill Methodist Church Hall but we plan occasionally to be at Coleshill Village Hall and sometimes at Hazlemere Youth Centre (which has a large sports hall).

If you have not been before now is the time to give it a try - bring your friends! To find out more, call Penny on 722486 or the Club Leader, Jeni Twitchen, on 715999

P.W.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I know it must seem premature to see this heading in the Summer Newsletter but please read on.....

The Christmas Newsletter will be ready for distribution at the beginning of December, so please could anyone who wishes to send Seasonal Greetings to their friends in the Village in the usual way let me know *before the 11th November*.

To this end I have enclosed a **pro-forma** and if you would like to complete and return this to me together with the usual donation of £1.00 I will arrange for your Greeting to be included.

All donations received are used to offset the cost of printing the Newsletter

K.C.

OBITUARY

Mollie K. Stone

Mollie Stone was very particular about the spelling of her name. It was typical of her that, to her dying day she gave attention to detail and expected high standards of herself and others in all things. She led an eventful life in times of enormous changes in the culture and life of this country and the world. She kept an intense interest in the life around her and was loyal to the many areas she had been involved in - South Africa, education, the Epilepsy Centre, the Samaritans and many others unknown, for she rarely spoke of her many good works. Her retirement in Coleshill gave her the opportunity to involve herself in many village activities and her courage and humour, as well as her directness of comment will long be remembered. Who will forget her, in her eighties, walking doggedly up Barrack Hill in the snow with her ski sticks, or setting out an hour ahead of time to walk to **Amersham** for her session at the Samaritans in case the bus did not run? She was "a character". Amber Cottages and Coleshill are duller now that she is no longer with us.

P.W-W.

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking **Amanda** McCallum for her efforts over the past three years in producing the Newsletter and for her patience whilst showing me the '**ropes**'. This is my first solo edition and I will do my utmost to maintain the high standard set by Amanda.

We were fortunate to have been able to get the Easter edition printed at cost by **Ian** Rose to whom we are most grateful. Printing costs have continued to escalate but I am pleased to mention that the Parish Council have kindly agreed to contribute towards these in future.

Ken Crossley

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

According to General Accident, thousands of British garages and sheds will fall prey to 'the urban scavenger' this summer. Bikes, lawn-mowers, sports equipment, DIY power tools, barbecues and camping equipment are top of the hit list, even garden gnomes have been reported stolen. They say 'it is amazing how much money people have tied up in garages and sheds, sometimes running into thousands of pounds, and not all items will be covered by insurance'.

'More worrying is the growing evidence of repeat victimisation where, once property is replaced, the scavengers come back and steal again'. Their advice is, 'if you value it, secure it - not just in the home but in the garden too'.

Our village Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been running for just over two years now. It was started because burglaries were happening at an alarming rate and people felt helpless. Since banding together and looking out for each other, word has gone round the burglar community that we are fighting back and we are delighted that, once again we have no successful break-ins to report.

A pleasant, "Hello, you're not from the village are you? Can I help you?", is enough to let people know they have been spotted and we still get telephone calls whenever strangers are seen in the Village.

We have a vacancy for someone to be responsible for the section of Village Road from Rosary Cottage to the School and Porch House to Stock Place. It just requires someone who is around a lot, who walks a dog or is generally known in that patch.

And, with the possibility of thieves venturing into Coleshill in the coming weeks, remember, the police would rather be called out to three false alarms and catch someone than to learn later that someone has been allowed to escape. One burglar could represent a whole crime wave if he is permitted to commit robberies over and over again.

With the holiday season upon us, please let your neighbours and immediate co-ordinator know when you are going to be away.

J. & L.H.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The Dora Post Legacy - The Village Hall would like to host an evening of entertainment for Villagers sometime in the Autumn, details to be advised later. We are also looking into the replacement of chairs in the large hall.

The Village Hall came into its own when the weather might have ruined what turned out to be a very successful Fete. Every inch of space was used and the event was much enjoyed by all. Our thanks to everyone who left the hall so spic and span!

L.E.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

*For information contact Graham Flack, Captain,
Telephone 01494 72X562*

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May, Richard Valentine was voted in as the new Chairman. Councillors paid tribute to **Julie** Burton's five years of successful chairmanship. All Councillors agreed to continue with their special responsibilities except for Richard Valentine's involvement with Open Spaces.

Traffic Calming

Councillors considered the proposals put forward by the County Council which, within their experience, they felt would be most likely to be effective in slowing down the traffic. Because of the intense public interest in this matter it was decided to distribute the plans to every house seeking the comments of villagers. These were requested in writing by the end of July. At the time of going to press replies have been received from 26 of the 230 households consulted. Doubtless there will be a rush towards the end of the month! It will surprise no-one that comments

received so far are contradictory. Those favoured as the only solution by some are considered ineffectual or entirely undesirable by others! Nevertheless the Clerk is compiling a careful analysis for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting on 8th September. Officers from the County Council will attend to lend their knowledge and expertise.

Footpaths

A copy of the Parish Paths Map is enclosed with this Newsletter. It has been made widely available and has proved popular. It was launched at a display mounted at the Village Fete. Further copies are available from the Clerk. The Chiltern Society will again be helping us out by clearing the footpaths of their summer growth. Complaints have been made to the owners of footpaths across fields which have not been reinstated following ploughing and seeding. Any other problems can be reported to the Clerk who will follow them up.

The Common

We were also invited to mount a display about the Common at the Village Fete. This caused a lot of interest. We were able to demonstrate the variety of wildlife on the Common and how we are caring for it. Working parties will be starting again in September. Those already known to be interested will be notified and anyone else who would like to join the fun will be more than welcome.

Best Kept Village

We have heard that we did not win the Best Kept Village Competition but have yet to hear whether we got to the final and what the markings were.

Millenium

Mr Alan Goodrum, Chief Executive of Chiltern District Council, spoke to the Annual Parish Meeting about the ideas being followed by other Councils and the possibilities of obtaining funding to support projects. How it might best be celebrated in Coleshill and the organisation of any celebrations will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting, so it is not too late for your ideas and offers of help.

Future Meetings

The two remaining meetings of 1998 will be held in the Small Village Hall at 8.15pm on Tuesday 8th September and Tuesday 1st December.

Patsy Wright-Warren
Clerk

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Ian McCallum	All Saints' Pro-warden	01494 725083
Howard Pool	Hon Treasurer, All Saints'	01494 727687
Amanda McCallum	Hon Secretary, All Saints'	01494 725083
Ruth Murphy	Organist & Choirmaster, All Saints'	01494 433539
Ken Crossley	Newsletter	01494 433718
Patsy Wright-Warren	Clerk, Parish Council	<u>01494 433356</u>
Ann Lawrence	Village Hall Bookings	01494433421
GLYNIS CULLEY Rosemary Valentine	Magpie Club	01494 725794
HOWARD DARVILL Rachel Quinn	Parish Youth Worker	01494 723793
Jane Davies	Brownies	01494 725549
Kaye Smith	Coleshill Guides	01494433419
Penny Ware	Youth Club	01494 722486
Louise Stallwood	Headmistress, Village School	01494 727206
Jack & Lindsey Haubner	Co-ordinators, Neighbourhood Watch	01494 722589
Sharon Hall	NSPCC	01494 725231
Howard Green	Coleshill Horticultural Society	01494 724922
David George	Coleshill Tennis Club	01494 722535
John Bullard	Coleshill Drama Group	01494 729266
John Holland	Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	01494 729357
John & Chris Ullman	The Red Lion	01494 727020

DIARY DATES

Saturday 25th July	8.00pm	Drama Group, 'Measure for Measure'
Sunday 9th August	Noon	Drama Group, Annual Barbecue
Friday 21st August	8.00pm	Friends of Rushymead Cheese & Wine
Thursday 3rd September		Bucks County Show
Saturday 5th September		Annual Horticultural Show
Thursday 8th September	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 12th September	10m to 6pm	Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk
Sunday 13th September		Tennis Club Finals
Friday 18th September	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Friday 2nd October	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Saturday 3rd October		Ordination of Liz Norman at Christ Church, Oxford
Sunday 4th October	12.30pm	Lunch for Liz Norman, Village Hall
Tuesday 6th October	8.00pm	School AGM, Parents & Friends
Friday 9th October		Harvest Supper
Thursday 15th October		Friends of Rushymead Bridge Drive
Friday 16th October	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Friday 6th November	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Tuesday 10th November		School Fashion Show, Village Hall
Saturday 14th November		Drama Group, 'Old Thyme Musical Hall'
Friday 20th November	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Tuesday 1st December	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 4th December		Friends of Rushymead, Lunch at Fitzwilliam Centre
Friday 4th December	5.00pm	Magpie Club
Saturday 5th December	10.30am	School Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall

CHURCH SERVICES

St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	10.15am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.45am	Matins
All Saints'	6.00pm	Evensong (1 st Sunday of every month)
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ALL SAINTS' SERVICES

No Family Services during August

27th September	9.00am	Brownies Service (Coffee in the Village Hall after Service)
27th September	11.30am	Family Service
4th October	9.00am	Harvest Festival
11th October	9.00am	Village School Service (Coffee in the Village Hall after Service)
25th October	11.30am	Family Service
8th November	10.00am	Remembrance Sunday Service
22nd November	11.30am	Family Magpie Service
13th December	5.00pm	Christingle Service
20th December	3.00pm	Carol Service