

COLESHILL

1965



This record of Coleshill Village was compiled to mark the 50th anniversary of the NFWI.

In our Institute the event was commemorated by the production of our banner pictured opposite.

The design represents the oak tree under which, according to legend, the poet Edmund Waller sat writing his poetry.

It still exists in the garden of the house named Waller's Oak.

The design was by Mary Stickley and the embroiderers included Lena Grayer, Nita Ovington, and Daphne Farmer. The book's leather cover was tooled by Sybil Boston. Reference to the banner can be found on page 54, including the fact that it was part of the display at Cliveden House for the Golden Jubilee celebration.

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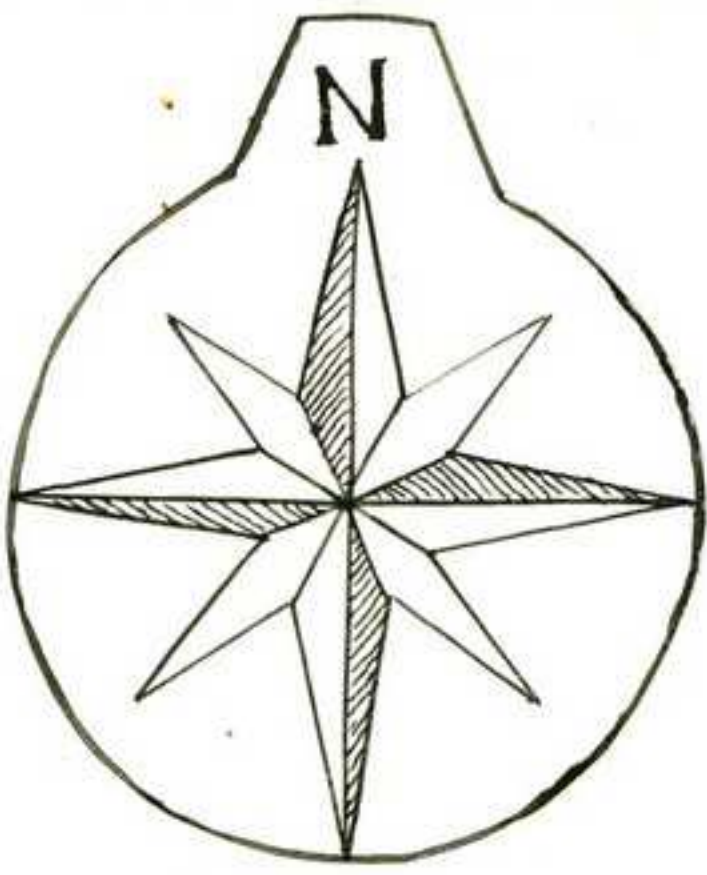


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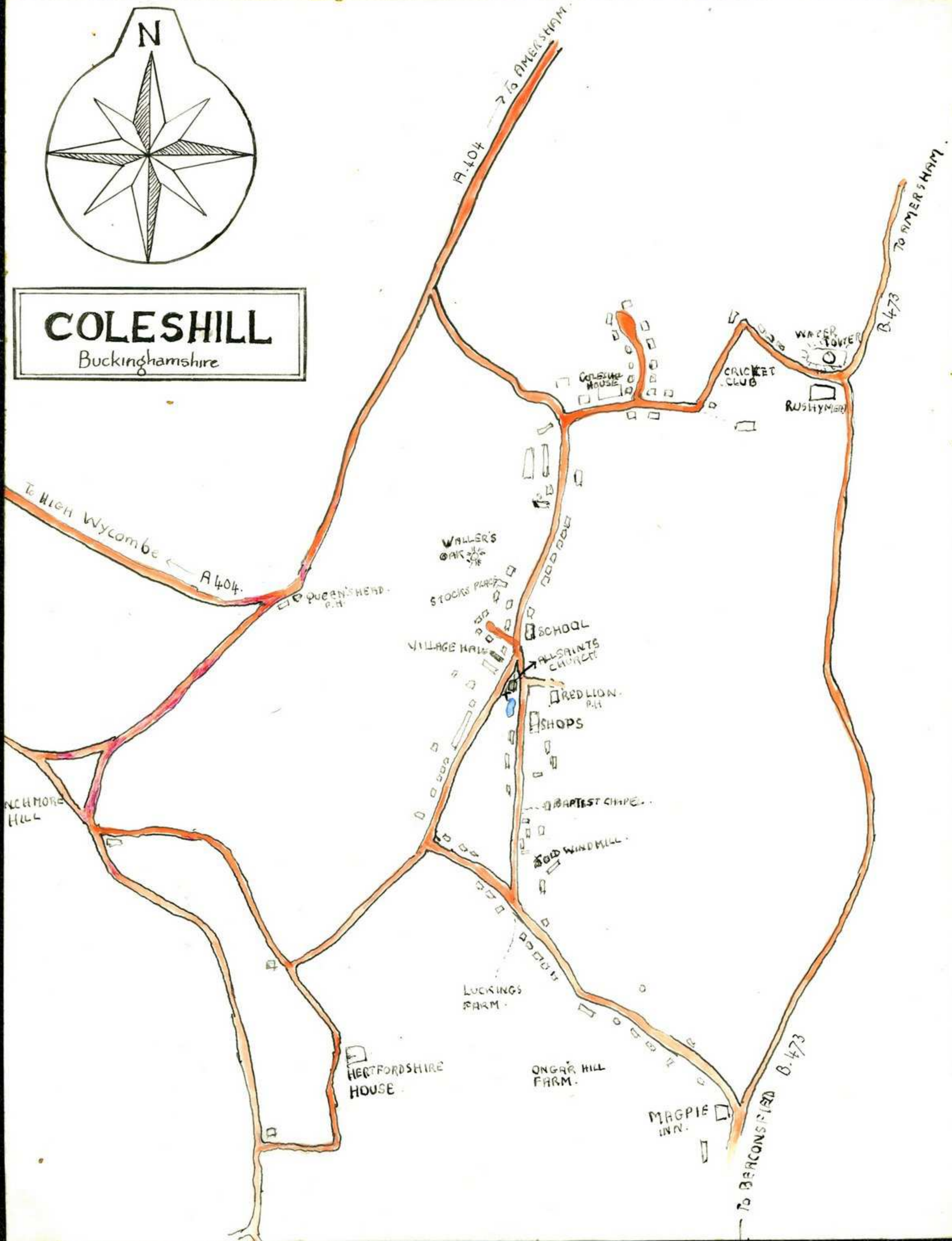
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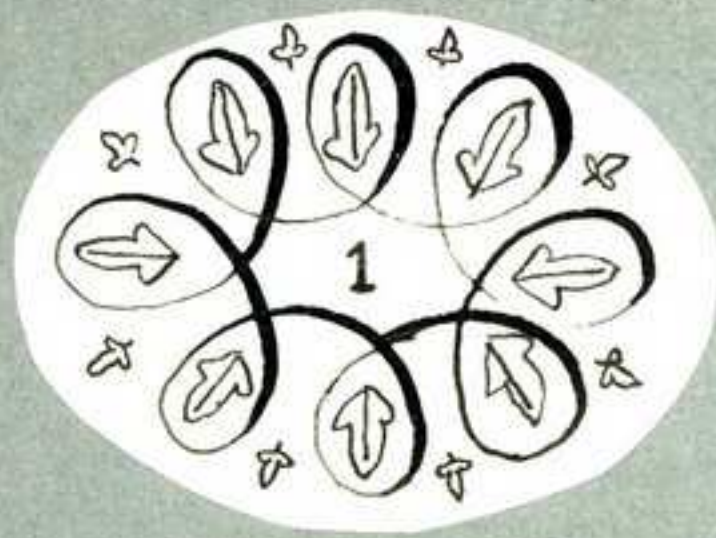
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Buckinghamshire





History of Coleshill

The village of Coleshill lies on the highest point of the ridge described in the 18th century as "the mountainous meadows round Chalfont St.

Giles". It is a straggling village which, until the latter part of the 19th century, was in the county of Hertfordshire, and a farm house, since enlarged, bears the name of Hertfordshire House.

A small part of the Tudor Manor House - Stocks Place - is still inhabited as are other Tudor houses in the village. A tithe barn of the same date was unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1965. The poet, Edmund Waller, was born in Stocks Place in 1603. In an adjacent garden there is an old oak tree known as Waller's Oak. It is believed that the poet wrote some of his songs in the shadow of this tree.



Church News

Priest in Charge ~ Rev. W. L. Holder

February 7th Memorial Service for Sir Winston Churchill.

March 5th Women's World Day of Prayer.

Lent A Group made the "No Small Change" document the subject of a study, meeting regularly once a week for this purpose. As a result, it was decided to adopt a bed in the babies' ward of the hospital at Magita in Tanzania. The bed is occupied by a motherless baby boy: regular bulletins are sent to us from the hospital.

Other Missionary Activities

Money has been sent to buy pillows for a hospital in Tanzania and plimsoles for a leper colony in South Africa. Cot blankets have been made for a children's hospital. Collections of Green Shield Trading Stamps have helped to buy a typewriter for a hospital in S. W. Tanzania.



July 10th

Church Fete.

August

Sunday School Outing to Littlehampton.

October

Harvest Thanksgiving. The fruit and vegetables were distributed to the elderly in the village and to the W.V.S. kitchens for the Meals on Wheels Service.

Gifts to the Church

Two new carpets for the Sanctuary and Chancel.
Curtains for the Vestry door and west end of the Church.
White book markers.

Christmas

The large fir tree in the Church yard was illuminated during the twelve days of Christmas. A service of carols and lessons was held on Boxing Day.

Mother's Union

Meetings are held monthly alternating with Winchmore Hill.



The Common 1965



'All Saints' Church'



Coleshill Baptist Chapel.

Since 1859 Coleshill Baptist Chapel has served the village. It has no resident minister, but relies on the Lay Preachers Association to supply the pulpit for Sunday evening worship.

On the third Sunday of each month after evening worship a communion service is conducted by a member of the Amersham Old Town Baptist Chapel. In the past few months the congregation has been slowly increasing.

A Sisterhood meeting is held every fortnight on a Tuesday afternoon, and soon it is hoped to re-start the Sunday School.





Two views of Amber Cottages

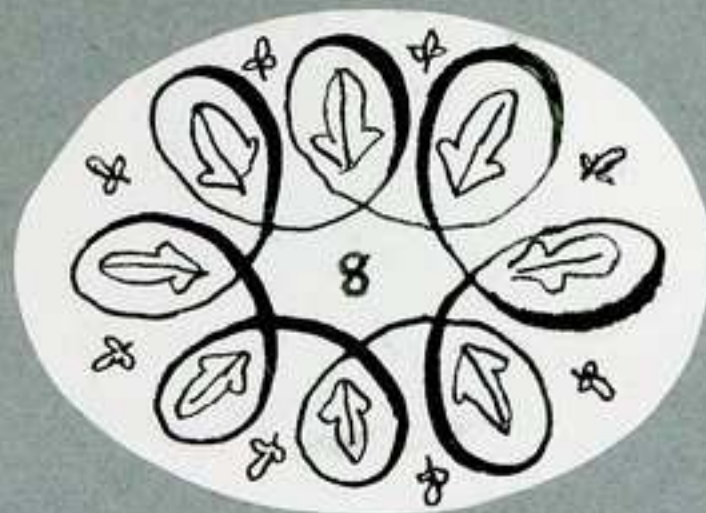




'Best Kept Village' sign ~ September 1965



Cleaning out the Pond ~ Spring 1965



Parish Council.

There have only been three clerks ever since the Council was formed in 1894 - and they have all been related.

Mr Muckley, Mr J. Ware, and Mr S. Ware. The Council has 10 meetings a year and meets in the Parish Room.

Chairman - Captain N. B. Platt. Vice Chairman

Mr R. G. Stubbings. Clerk, Mr S. Ware. - Mrs S. Stevens.

Miss R. Howard - Mrs H. C. Norton. Mr J. Ware. Mr C. Terram.

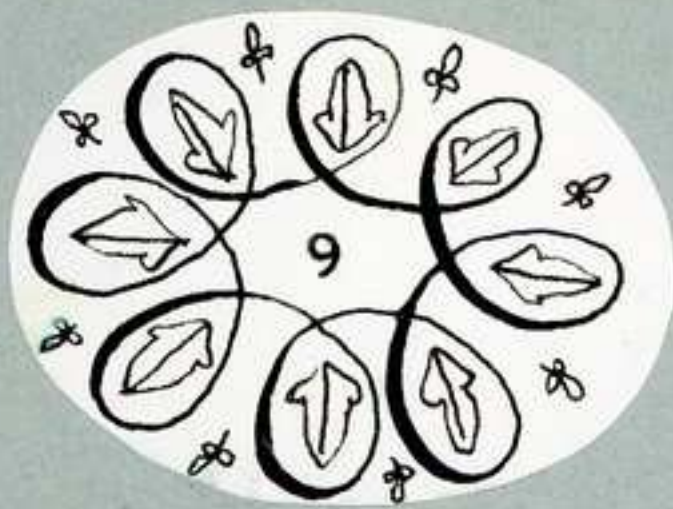
Mr Gibbon How, Mr D. Curling

During 1965 there was the fourth clearing of the Common in the central and southern area - leaving the oak saplings. It is hoped to improve the footpaths and playing area.

Coleshill won the "Best Kept Village" Competition in the 500-1000 population class. In commemoration the Penn Branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England presented a flowering Cherry Tree which was planted by the pond on 27th March.

Two wooden seats placed nearby were given by Miss R. Howard and Mrs S. Stevens.

The Parish room is let to the Horticultural Society for meetings - also to the school for Violin Classes.



Residents Association.

This has been a comparatively quiet year. For this we owe much to the present Rural District Council, which has shown firmness and fairness in dealing with building applications, both here in Coleshill and also in the wider area for which it is responsible.

A significant step was taken during the year in the formation of the Chiltern Preservation Society, to which are affiliated some thirty associations like ours. This gives more force to the expression of public opinion at County and Ministerial level. It is a relief also to know that we are now in a district scheduled as an area of Natural Beauty.

We are delighted that Coleshill this year regained the Best Kept Village Trophy. Members of the Residents Association enjoyed the annual clearing of weeds from the Pond and nettles from around the Village Hall.



Village Hall

Coleshill can rightly boast of having a fine village hall, which was opened on the 1st May 1923 with a seating capacity of 150. It is administered by a Committee and every organisation in the village is entitled to have a representative on this Committee.

Many improvements have been carried out in the hall recently. The stage, which was in a bad condition has been repaired, beautiful curtains hung and footlights installed, thus making a good setting for play productions etc. Electric heaters have been installed in toilets and kitchen to guard against freezing up. The kitchen is well equipped so that the hall is suitable for all social functions. The two dressing rooms are being furnished with new floor covering, curtains, etc. The hall is now insured for £10,000 - a far cry from the original hall of some 40 years ago which cost £300 raised by Mr. J. Harrison Sen. and his "Merrythoughts Concert Party."



Horticultural Society.

The Society was started in 1945 by Mr C. Jerram. There were 300 entries for this year's Show on 11th September which was opened by Mrs S. Stevens.

Sections. I. Collagers of Coleshill. Grindley Challenge Cup - won by Mr Aldridge

II Open. Jerram Challenge Cup - won by Mr P. Wright.

III & IV Jam and Pastry. Coleshill Challenge Cup. won by Mrs P. Riley

IV A. Childrens Classes - Miniature gardens and Cookery

V Flowers. Stevens Challenge Cup. won by Mrs C.E. Ovington.

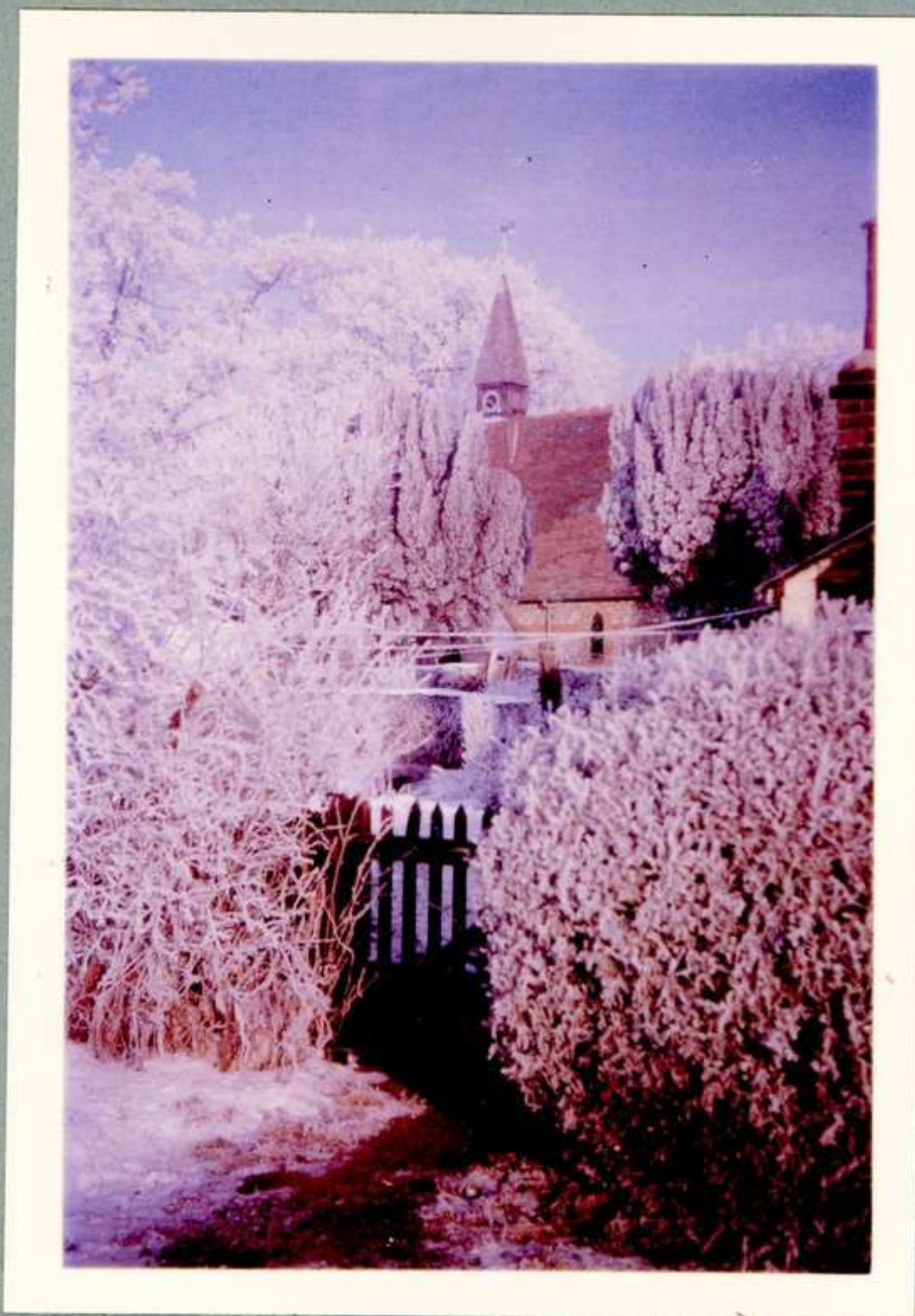
Prizes were presented by Mrs S. Whittaker - followed by an auction of the produce - conducted by Mr L. Hansford. There was a credit balance of £10.

It is hoped to make a special effort for the Jubilee next year.

Mrs S. Stevens was unavoidably unable to be present owing to illness.

The Committee sent her a large bunch of prize-winning flowers





All Saints ~ Coleshill

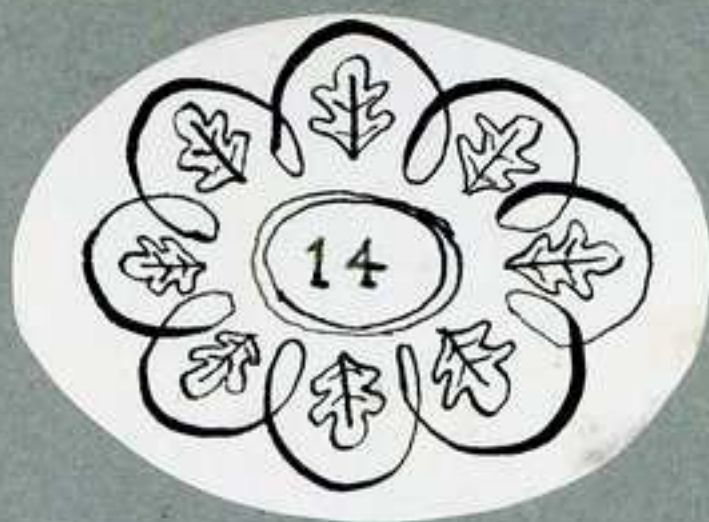


Magpie Lane



Two views of the Village Pond





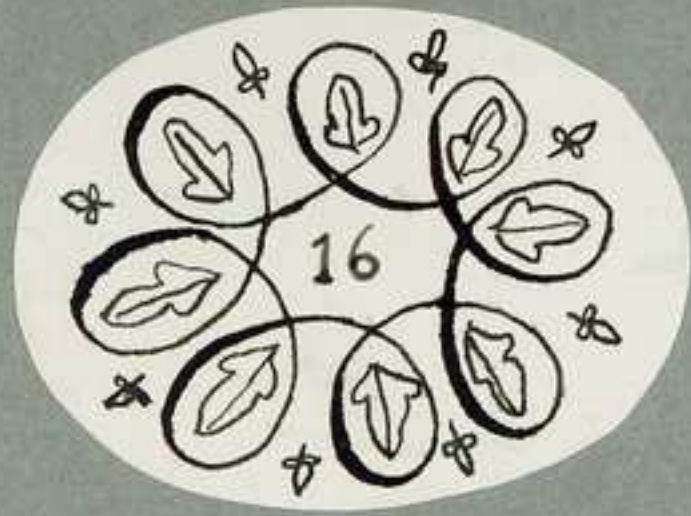
Coleshill Stones.

This is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Pollard who came to Coleshill on 5th Nov. 1961. They sell all groceries, fruit, paraffin, bread, etc; and specialize in tea, freshly ground coffee and bacon. Easter is a busy time for Mr. Pollard, and at Christmas he runs a Christmas Club and Draw. Orders are delivered daily to villagers, also to Girl Guide and Boy Scout Camps during the summer months. It is most important for a village shop proprietor to know the "fads and fancies" of his customers, and to make sure he has anticipated their orders and requests for Christmas and Easter.



A. Bowler & Sons

This shop was started in 1959 and enlarged in 1962. Later in the same year it became a sub post-office. From the shop, newspapers are delivered, Sundays and weekdays, by six boys and girls, calling at about two hundred houses. The papers, which once were collected from Amersham Station by bicycle, now come by motor-van. The shop provides groceries, confectionary, bread, household equipment, stationery, electrical items, sewing material and chemist sundries. Also on sale are fruit and vegetables, bedding plants, cigarettes, chocolates and sweets of all prices (2 for 1^d and even 4 for 1^d!) A deep freeze has been installed and has proved most useful. The Christmas Club, too, is very popular.



The Magpies

The present house was built by Weller's Brewery in 1873. Originally, Magpie Lane was called Bowers Lane, and there was an inn on the corner site in those days. This was the coaching house for the mail, run from Berkhamstead to Windsor. In all probability this was the public house referred to in the 'Life of Thomas Ellwood' who was Milton's secretary and lived in the district.





The Red Lion

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hansford of The Red Lion have a very long standing with the village, in as much as they were both employed by a firm of London Insurance brokers who were evacuated to this area during the War, and who occupied Rushymead as part of their offices. The present 'Red Lion' was rebuilt on the old site about sixty years ago, and Mr. & Mrs. Hansford took over in 1959. Dart matches are held every Monday and Friday evening, and the Football Club also meets on Monday evenings. The Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club takes place here in February.



Weather

1965 was the wettest for many years.

In January we had rain, hail, thunder and snow, with temperatures from 30-47 degrees.F. February was the driest month of the year with a little snow on the 19th and 20th.

We had snow for the first six days of March and the lowest temperature ever recorded of 15 degrees, but beautiful sunny weather at the end of the month with temperatures of 65 degrees.

We had thunderstorms in April and temperatures below average in May. June was a little warmer with temperatures over 70 degrees at times, but a wet month nevertheless. July was very wet indeed with thunderstorms and hail and snow storms on the 23rd. covering the ground for a short time like mid-winter. August had the best two weeks of the year at the beginning, but finished wet.

September was the wettest month with 5.32 inches of rain.

October was the finest month of the year, the warmest since 1959, but November was the coldest since records began, and had 3.44 inches of rain. December was mild with 21 days of rain, and on the 28th 16 degrees of frost was recorded.



Country - side

Flowers There are many varieties of common wild flowers in the district, and we are fortunate to have some less well-known, including Coral Root (*Cardamine Bulbifera*) - and Orchid (*Marsh Helleborine* - *Epipactis Palustris*).

Wild Animals A few foxes and squirrels.

Birds We see many of the well-known birds and have good opportunity to hear their song. Thrushes, blackbirds, plovers, larks, robins, all the finch family, and tits. In the late autumn afternoons we often see great flights of starlings generally flying in a south westerly direction at almost exactly the same time every day. We also have magpies - far too many -, woodpigeons, and a few nuthatches, green woodpeckers and spotted woodpeckers, but very few, if any, wrens. House martins nest under the eaves of many cottages.



Marsh
Helleborine



Coral Root



Services

Transport ~ London Passenger Transport Board ~
Public bus route,
Amersham Quill Hall Estate to Beaconsfield.
(1/- from Coleshill Church to Amersham Station)
Amersham Quill Hall Estate to Winchmore Hill.

Taxi Service ~ Mr. T. A. Lewis, Hill Meadow Cottage.

Postal Service ~ General Post Office, delivery by motor van.

Two collections on weekdays ~ 9.15 a.m.
5.15 p.m.

Sundays ~ 3.15 p.m.

Four post boxes ~ ① Rosary ② Sub post-office
③ Magpie Lane ④ Hertfordshire Lodge.

One public call box opposite Coleshill sub post-office.

Police ~ Amersham Sub-division.

P.C. Moseley from Holmer Green patrols the area.

Doctor ~ No resident doctor. Health visitor Miss Boyle from Amersham attends the village.



Road Services ~ Amersham Rural District Council provide one road man, Mr. Spackman who was issued with protective clothing in July which has yellow luminous shoulder patches.

Refuse Collections ~ Amersham Rural District Council collect every week. The collectors are issued with protective clothing. Hygienic Disposal Bags were issued at Christmas for extra refuse.

Gas ~ North Thames Gas Board in parts of the village.

Electricity ~ Eastern Electricity Board - overhead pylons connecting up to the Grid System.

Water ~ Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company. Piped water in 299 houses ~ 4 with stand pipe only.

Drainage ~ Mostly private cess pools. Council houses have community drainage piped into the woods.

Library ~ Mobile Bucks. County Council van comes alternate Tuesdays, stopping at three places in the village.

Grove Mill.
completed 1965.



old Windmill
in the background.



The South Terrace.



Front door



Looking south



Larkins Green.



The Old Berkeley Hunt Meet

13th February.



Winchmore Hill.

Church of England. St Andrews Church was closed temporarily after twenty-five years. Forty-five to fifty children attended the Sunday School regularly on Sunday mornings.

Methodist Church. A service is held every Sunday evening - about thirty people attending. A Sisterhood meeting is held on the first Tuesday in the month.



Mother's Union. Meetings are held in the Village Hall alternate months with Coleshill - about thirty-five members - A "Bring and Buy" Sale is held in the garden at Orchard House each July.

Sports. Football Club have a senior and junior team - Cricket Club have a first and second team -

Factories. Rose & Co: make the Wheel-Back chairs - and they employ fifteen men.

"NESCO" make Metal chairs and about fifty coloured people are employed here.

The majority of the men from the Village work at Dancer & Hearne at Penn Street - also a small number at the three local farms.

There are two shops. The Corner Shop - general stores owned by Mr E. Smith.

Butchers Shop - owned by Mr P. Clark.

There are two Inns. Potters Arms. Landlord Mr Dean -

The Plough. Landlord Mr S. Moyes.



Church Fête. 10th July.

It is doubtful whether any other Church fête was opened in Darleek language - but this was Doctor Hugh Saxlön's contribution to the speech made by his wife when the Saxlön family opened the Church Fête.

This year the Fête was held in the gardens of Cherry Tree Farm by kind invitation of M^r and M^{rs} G. Whittaker. The barns and outhouses were a great asset on a somewhat dull day - housing stalls for fancy goods, household wares, raffles and competitions, also the excellent tea provided by the Mother's Union.

A remarkable show of agility on the Trampoline, and a gym display was given by boys from Raans County Secondary School. There were children's races, side shows, games, and the ever-popular Fortune Teller - Madam Zenboia.

The Social evening began with a sizzling of sausages on the Barbecue, followed by a Bingo Session - and a Dutch Auction. Attractive, blonde, blue-eyed Paulina Antosiewicz, only ten years old, was elected "Miss Coleshill" in the beauty competition.

A tremendous amount of organizing ability had gone into the preparation of the Fête by M^r G Whittaker and M^{rs} C.E. Ovington.



and many other kind helpers, so it is gratifying to report the large takings of £380.

As the first £100 was collected a rocket was fired. The sum mounted to £200, up went another rocket. At £300 the last rocket went up into the sky.

Special Events

Bonfire night A huge bonfire was erected on the Common this year. Hollowed-out turnip lanterns were placed by the paths to guide the way to the fire, which had been added to for weeks by the children. Hot dogs and hamburgers were sold, piping hot, at 6d. each, and toffee apples were popularly sticky with the children. The profit helped finance a Christmas Party which was held for the children in the Village Hall.

Cyclists' Grand Prix Forty fast racing cyclists tore through the village one Sunday in March. They did 6 laps of 10 miles each, so there were plenty of spectators in the village that day.



Cricket Club.

The Cricket Club's picturesque ground is on the edge of the village and high on the Chilterns.

Playing in the Third Division of the High Wycombe League we finished in the fifth position. Captain Johnny Watson. Bill Francis took the brunt of the bowling - ably supported by David Baldwin.

After the keenness and concentration of Saturdays' League games the Club relaxed into the friendly social atmosphere of the matches on Sundays. Altogether 20. Sunday games were played - 13 Won. 6. lost. 1. drawn.

The Annual Cup games against Chillbolton were both lost, but being blessed by what seemed the only fine day of the Summer, in our away game the team and coach of supporters from the Village seemed to forget their defeat - and a good time was had by all.

Although funds are limited we managed with the aid of our Chairman Mr. Jack Adams to add two new changing rooms to the pavilion, which addition should prove a great benefit to our players.

Our playing members are some twenty strong, but new recruits are always welcome.



Football Club.

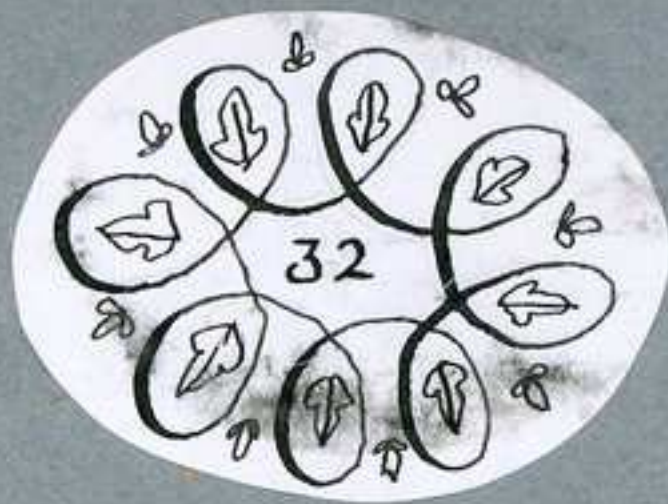
Ground - Larkins Park - Magpie Lane -

Colours - Black and White - Captain - R. Walton -

The Club finished eighth in the Wycombe Combination Division 2. There are sixteen members - Matches are played on Saturday afternoons. 26 Matches were played - 6 were won - In spite of small membership it was decided at the General Meeting held in May, to continue the Club, and to make enquiries through the Local Press for more players.



Local children enjoying themselves at the Coleshill Church Fete



Village Hall Fete.

In 1965 the Committee found they had to make special efforts to augment the funds required for the maintenance of the Hall and decided to ask supporters to dedicate a week - "Coleshill Week" to the cause.

The first event on the programme was an extremely happy Whist Drive on 29th Sept: with Mr. Jim Ware as popular Chairman. In the meantime appeals had been sent out to all householders for articles for disposal at a Rummage Sale - described as a "Grand Rummage Sale" - to be held on October 1st. The result exceeded all expectations - never before can so much advantage have been taken of such an opportunity to jettison junk, and at opening time, there still piles of unsorted treasures. The Sale was successful but, even so the "Mr. Sleptoe" who had been engaged to clear the Hall, took away enough stuff to stock another sale.

By then - some of the Committee were shewing signs of distress but they had the Hall ready for a Subscription Dance on 2nd October. Purposely the Dance was designed to appeal to semi-squares, who possibly had been Bright Young Things years ago, and so Eddy Friday's Dance Band played waltzes, fox-trots, one-steps, with hardly any twists at all, before exciting enthusiasts to such revelry as the Lambeth Walk. Ninety people came - and the Dance, with its

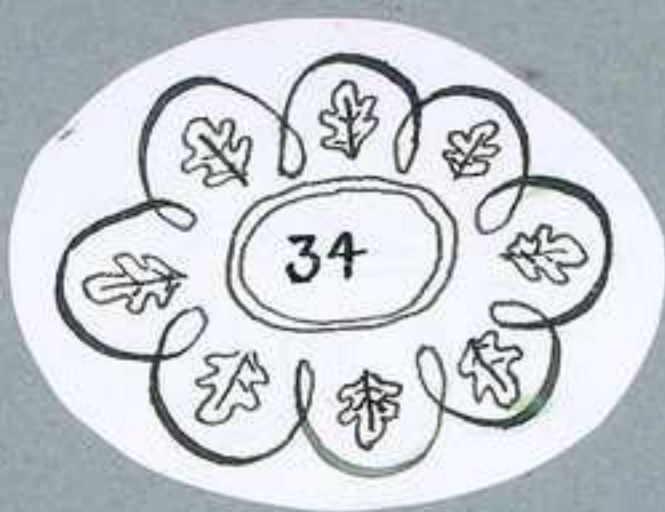


inevitable Tombola arranged by the W.I. and raffle, was voted a social and financial success.

The ladies still had it in them to make 22 more efforts, and on Sunday 3rd October that number of the avowed gentler-sex took on the local side at Cricket. Each lady had two lives; nevertheless at the end of their innings the score board had an unusual appearance 60 runs for 21. Wickets. The result was a well merited tie.

In spite of the somewhat boisterous weather, the afternoon was great fun, and a collection by "Miss Coleshill" was well supported. The Fête raised the grand total of £170.





People

The population was 966 (1964 A.R.D.C. report), and there were about 80 dogs!

The oldest inhabitants were Mrs. Wycliffe - Taylor aged 96 in September, and Mr. Harry Appleby aged 79. The youngest inhabitant was Melanie Jayne Weller, born on December 20th 1965.

There were approximately 15 births in the village, 2 marriages and 7 deaths.

Occupations - Many residents commute daily to London : others are employed at
Dancer + Hearn (Penn Street)
Goya - Brazil (Amersham)
Bus drivers and conductors
Water company
Gas Board
Farming



OUR OLDEST
INHABITANTS

Mrs. Wycliffe-Taylor
aged 96

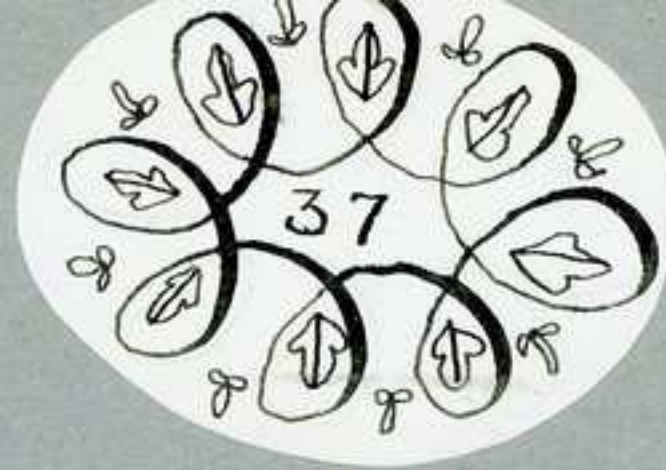


Mr. Harry Appleby
aged 79



Village Blacksmith

The era of the village blacksmith is fast passing. yet there is still an active forge at Coleshill. Mr. Frank Slade operates this, and he now has a portable forge which he uses for mobile services.



Milk Deliveries

Mr. Douglas Pusey has arranged the daily milk delivery for the last eleven years to the 200 houses in the village. His father, Mr. Charles Pusey, first started the deliveries 65 years. All the milk comes from his brother Mr. Charles Pusey of Middlegrove Farm, Great Missenden. It is tuberculin tested, pasteurised, and bottled in The Chesham Dairies.

First quality - gold tops - costs $11\frac{1}{2}d$ per pint: second quality - red tops - $9\frac{1}{2}d$

Building Developments

Four new houses were built in the village during the year. Three were on the site of the old post-office, and the other was built close to the windmill.

One old barn was demolished to make room for house building.



Coleshill School

In the year 1965 Coleshill Church of England Primary School had an average of 61 pupils between the ages of 5-11; 17 in the infants class taught by Miss Dollemore, a new teacher who started in January; 23 in the class of 7-9 year olds taught by Miss Davison; and 21 in the headmaster, Mr. Barker's class for 9-11 year olds. In July 14 children left to start secondary education, one boy having passed the 11+ to go to Dr. Challoner's Grammar School in Amersham.

The recorder group trained by Mrs. Griffiths produced extremely good results and played at the Open Day and Prizegiving in July. In June the group with the choir attended the County Music Festival at Holmer Green.

Ten children started violin lessons in the Parish Rooms taught by Miss Wykes.

The older children were taken on two outings during the year. In May they visited County Farm near Aylesbury, and at the end of June they had the exciting experience of a boat trip round the Docks starting from London Bridge.

Fun was had on the Village Green at Penn Street when



that school challenged Coleshill in an annual sporting event.

In October the Conker Contest was held in the playground, the winner being David Edwards who emerged victorious with a conker which had conquered 188 others!

Forty excellent lunches were prepared daily by Mrs. Hearne and her helpers in the school kitchen.

A Whist Drive with Mr. Jim Ware as M.C. was held for parents and friends in March to help swell the school funds.

The children enjoyed the annual Christmas party, and also acted in a nativity play in the Church, which brought a very successful school year to an end.



Open Day
at
Coleshill School

July 1965

Recorder Group playing

Sarah Pusey receiving
a prize from Mrs. Stevens

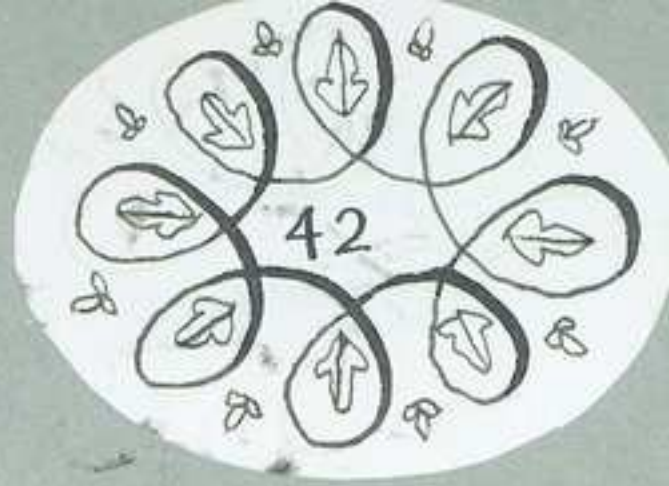




Mrs. Stevens congratulating
Paulina Antosiewicz
on receiving her prize.



Applauding the
prizewinners.



FASHION - 1965

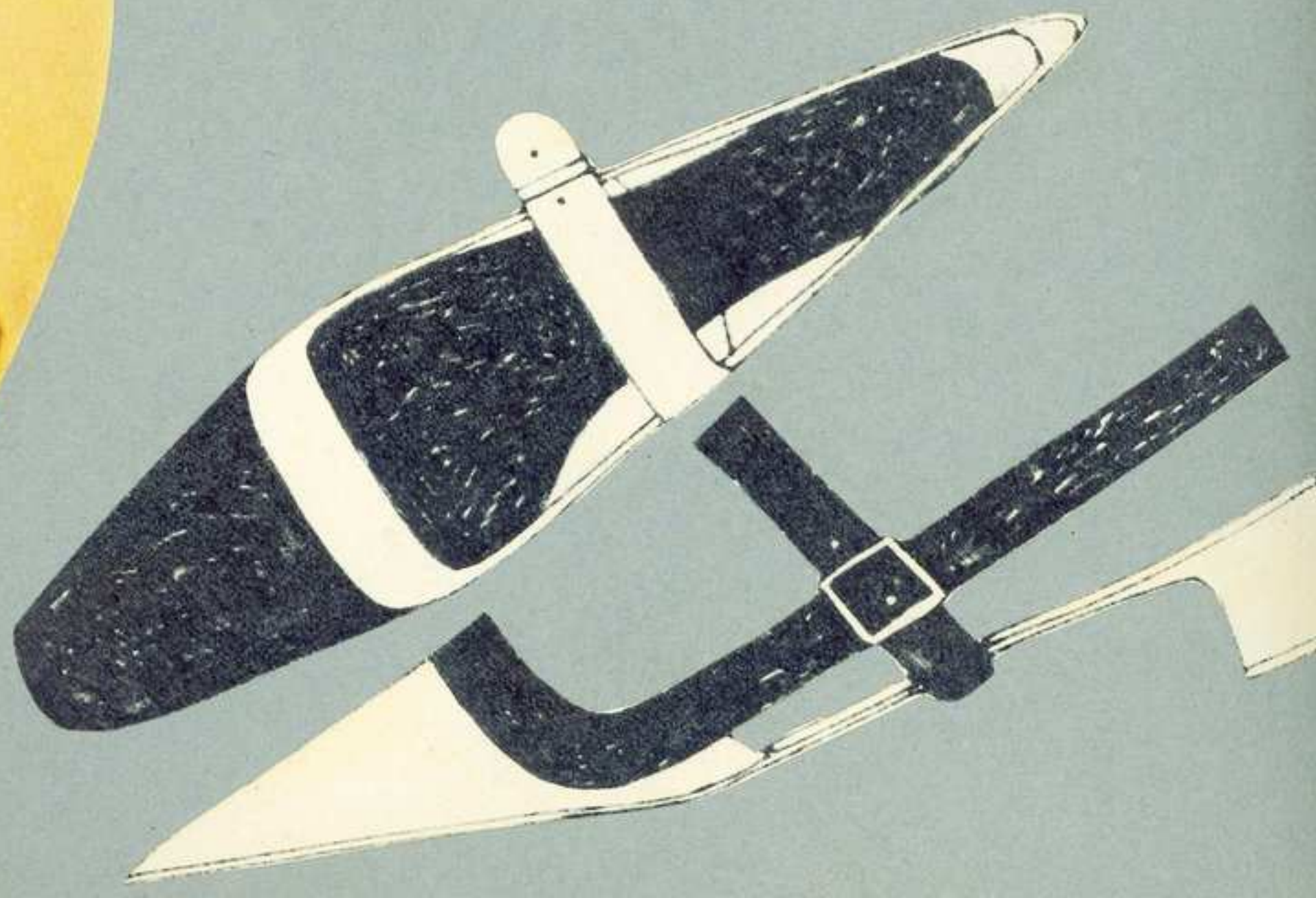


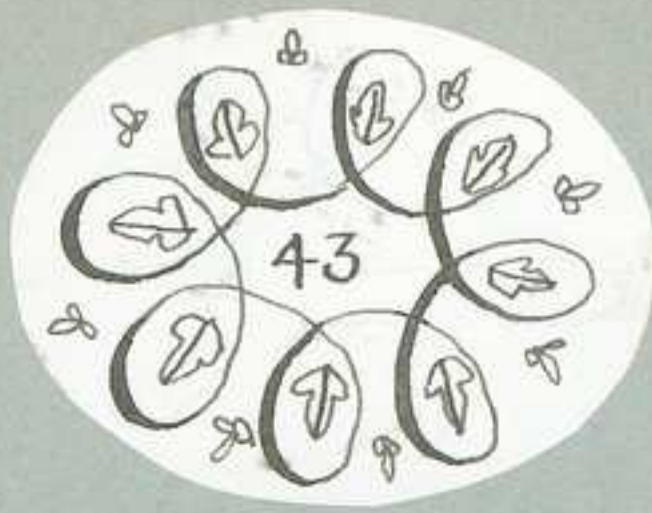
This was the year that skirts crept four inches above the knee for day-time wear, and long wool skirts became the rage after 6 p.m.

Square toed shoes with chunky heels returned, and boots rose thigh high.

Bags were also square and chunky.

Hats turned into helmets, while the skimpy look appeared in coats, skirts and sweaters.



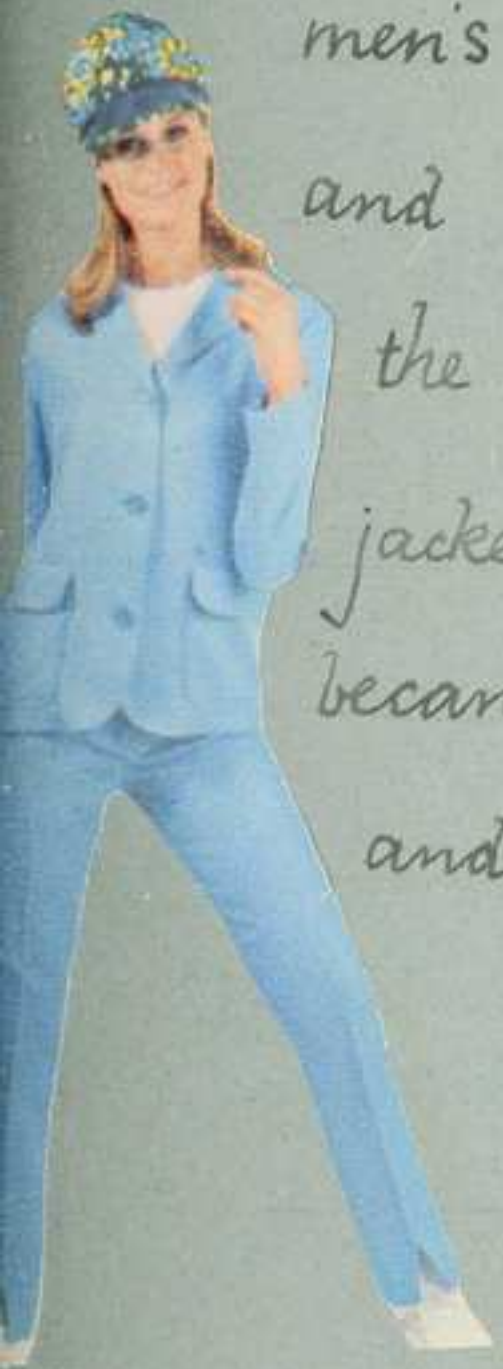


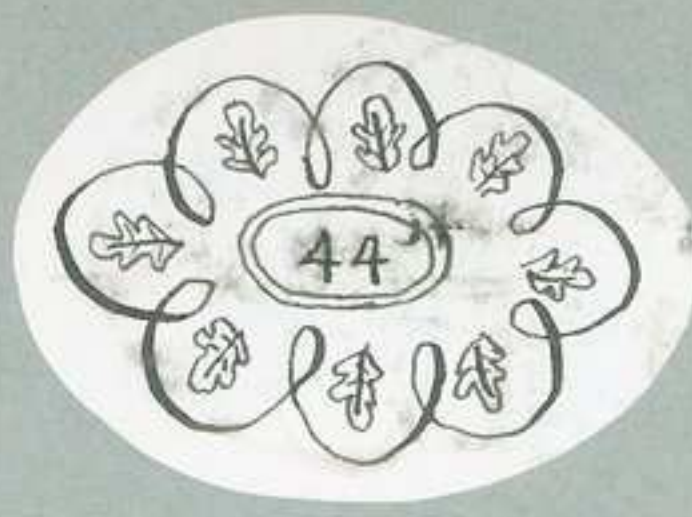
Women made a take-over bid for men's fashions. Coloured wool socks and stockings were in, so was the trouser suit and safari jacket ~ even string vests became bathing costumes and shirts became dresses.

Hair styles were shorter and straighter, and make-up pale with emphasis on the eyes.

Yet feminine frumpies were not to be denied, for daises were everywhere.

Coloured stockings gave way to white lace.





As always, the traditionalists were still catered for - Molyneux returned to the fashion world. Billowing chiffons and large hats were still worn at Ascot.



Winter undies
were woolly
and sensible -
just like
Grandma's.

Fashion for the average man was still on the conservative side, although trousers became a little narrower and velvet collars re-appeared on overcoats. However for the younger male, Carnaby Street and the 'Mod' look came into its own, with a variety of design and colour not seen since the days of the Regency bucks. Hair was worn longer than ever - sometimes below the shoulders.





Food Fare

It is now possible to live entirely from the store cupboard, and deep freeze, but nevertheless there is still an urge for learning and improving in the true cook.

The greatest change in the last decade has been in frozen foods, with de-hydrated and canned foods also being very popular.

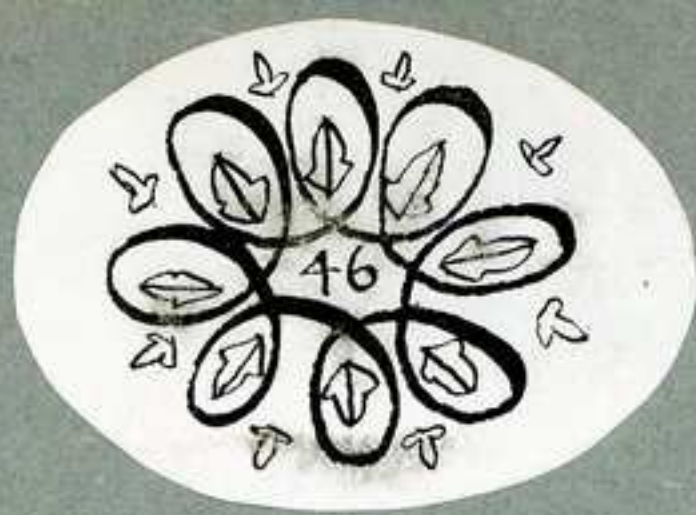
Cake and bread is often sold pre-packed, and also cleaned vegetables.

Chicken has now become an economical and every-day dish, instead of a luxury, due to new breeding and marketing methods, although these have lessened the flavour, thus making the free-range bird much sought after.

More milk and cream are being used, and a greater variety of cheese. Wine is also becoming more popular, especially for the table. The introduction of instant coffee has made this more widely used.

The increase in travel has brought many foreign ideas into the menu; rice now playing a large part in savory dishes. Indian and Chinese restaurants have appeared in most towns and are very popular.

Cheese and fresh fruit often replace sweet courses and generally speaking, savories are more favoured than sweets.



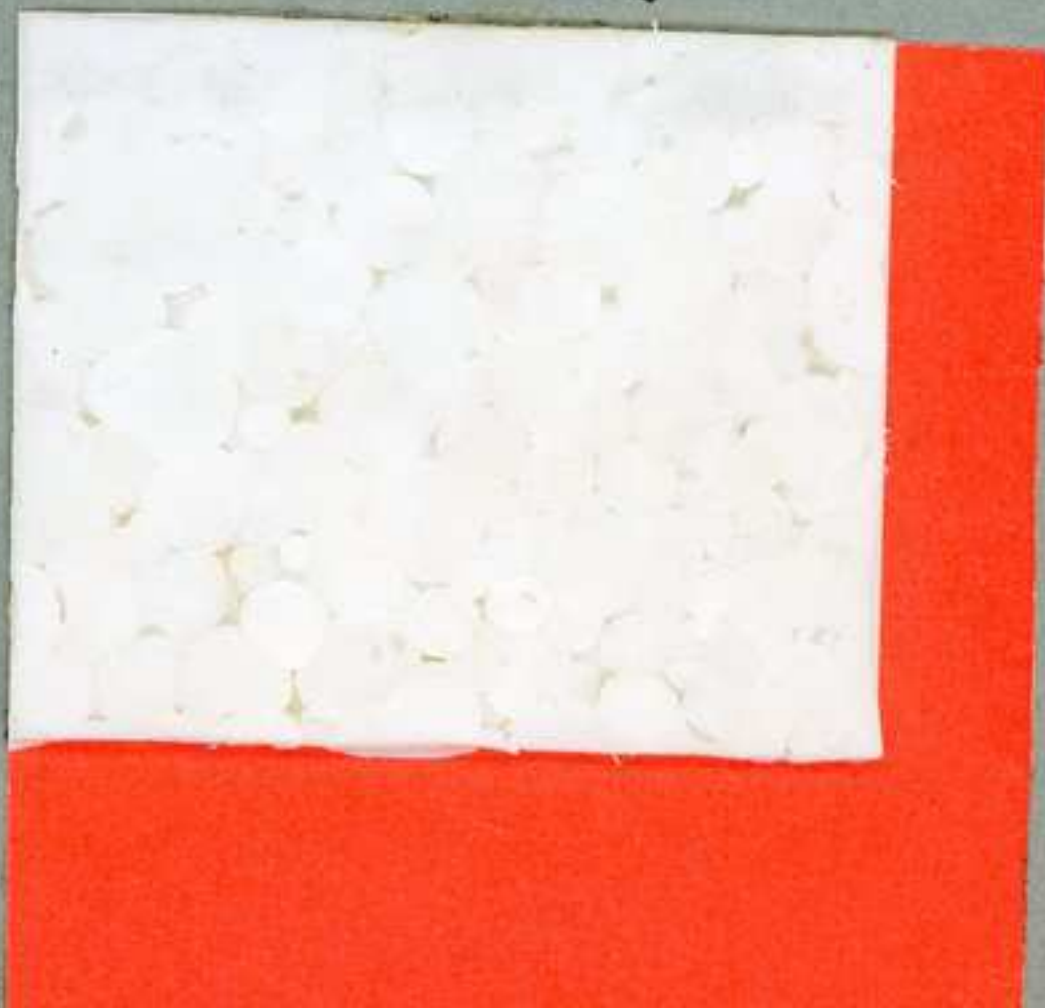
HOUSEHOLD AND HOUSE FURNISHING

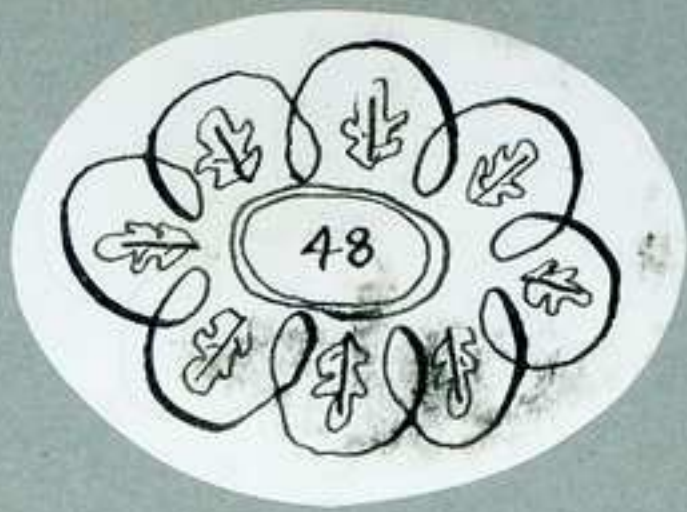
At long last, Britishers began to appreciate the need for warmer homes and 1965 was notable for the immense amount of attention directed to the installation of various forms of central heating ~ by solid fuel, by gas, by oil, by electricity and by space heating ~ and to measures to conserve heat, by double glazing and by the provision of insulating material in attics and elsewhere.

For years, the scarcity of domestic help had focussed attention upon labour saving devices and inventors had given much thought to the production of machines which would provide further relief for the individual from domestic chores. Whilst, a few years ago, a housewife was content with a refrigerator, a vacuum cleaner and a hair dryer, in 1965 she was interested in washing machines, spin dryers, washing-up machines, food mixers, toasters, electric blankets and refuse disposers. In her kitchen she sought hygiene and utility combined with a cheerful blend of colour. Fitted cupboards appeared and sink units utilising stainless steel and plastic materials which were easily cleaned and not prone to scratches.



New materials were pressed into service. Detergents proved a blessing although they did not always justify their claims to produce whiter than white. The appearance of fibre glass curtains was improved and housewives appreciated the advantages of their fire resisting qualities, their durability and their spongeability. Plastic lattice blinds proved immensely superior to the old fashioned Venetian blinds, and extensive use was made of a new material "Kotina" (a foamed polystyrene) to prevent condensation, and as a heat insulator.





Fluorescent lighting was adapted for household use and concealed lighting was preferred to central lights. More use was made of man-made fibres in blankets and clothes.

The advantage of close fitting carpets was realized, and in design there was a swing to Victoriana on walls with curtains to match wallpapers.....





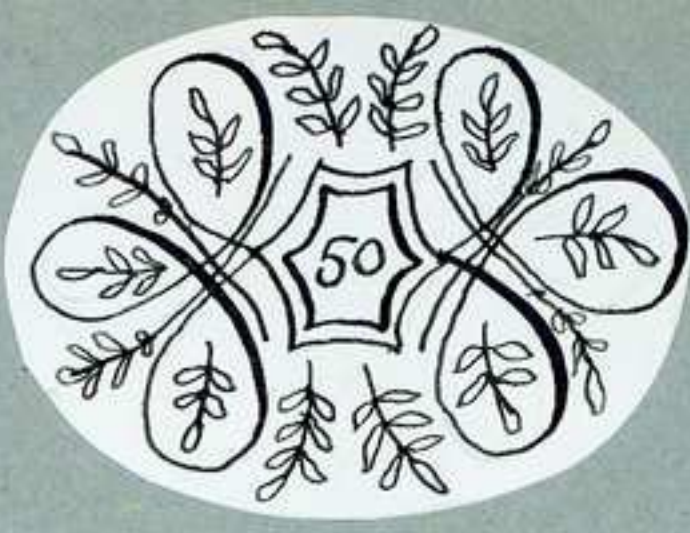
Fibre-glass curtain material

"Do it yourself" was a familiar slogan, and there were few houses without electric drills. Distempers were replaced by emulsion paint.

Jelly paint was a boon to the not-so-handy man, and a fly-repelling emulsion paint may be the first sign of a new era.



Modern self-adhesive materials are now commonly used for surface decoration.



Trees of Interest in the Village



Waller's Oak

This oak tree, believed to be over 400 years old, is in the garden adjacent to Stocks Place.

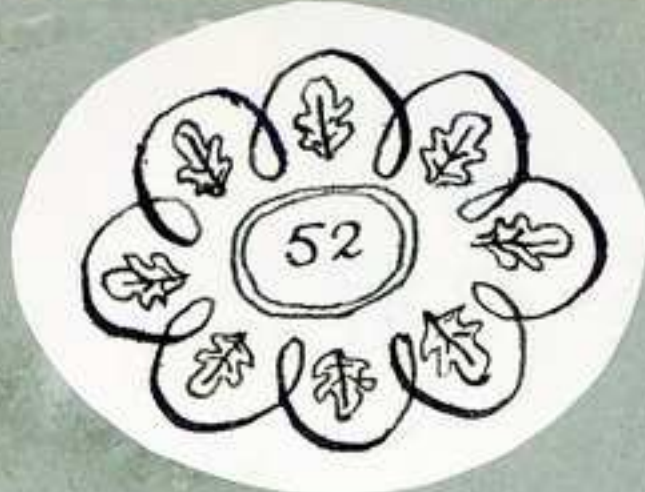
It is thought that the poet Edmund Waller wrote some of his poems in the shade of this tree.



The fir tree in the Church
yard which is illuminated
at Christmas.



The cedar tree ~
a notable land
mark in the village



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W.I. Rally at Clivedon



WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Our Institute was formed in December 1949 and meets on the third Thursday in the month in the Village Hall. Early this year the Banner was started and took shape at Handicraft Classes, the final result being on show at Clivedon. We hope to enter it in the Embroiderer's Guild Open Exhibition to be held in May. An outing to the Playhouse theatre at Oxford was much enjoyed by all. In the Spring the Drama Group was formed whose members worked hard and enthusiastically led by Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Rann, to stage their first and very successful production at the September meeting. We were delighted to play host to the other Institutes at the Spring Group Meeting in March.

The other Group activity, the Flower Stall at the Clivedon Rally was a great success, and those who attended had cause to thank the Providence which transformed a wet and windy Friday night into a gloriously sunny Saturday.

In May, the Institute heard a report of the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall, and we heard from Mrs. Ramsay of her unique experience of attending the Royal



Mrs. Rann and Mrs. Fisher (secretary) selling flowers at Clivedon

Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, an event unfortunately marred by inclement weather. Our usual party of Old People from the Giffard Mission in Islington was entertained in July, and our guests had a very enjoyable day. During the year, we have bought ourselves new china decorated with the W.I. monogramme, and these were paid for by coffee mornings and other individual efforts. The Institute provided and ran a Tombola at the Village Hall Dance, a venture which realised a total in excess of £27 for the Hall funds.

We organised the house to house collection for the Churchill Memorial Fund resulting in £51-17-1d., and



have made collections of old spectacles for S.S.A.F.A., and old nylon stockings for quilts.

Our two overseas links are still maintained: one with Herr Gorski and his wife, displaced persons living in Germany, to whom we again sent a Christmas gift: the other with Tasmania, through the Associated Countrywomen of the World Organisation, and with whom a regular and informative correspondence is exchanged.

As a permanent record of this Jubilee Year, we are arranging to provide a seat at the end of Chase Close for the use of the Old People from the two Homes, and we hope to see this in position and ready by the Spring.

In November we held the Annual Bazaar, always a popular event, and which was a great financial success with an all time record of £119-18-5.

In all, this has been a most enjoyable and successful year and one which has seen our membership increase from 53 to 63 members.



l to r. Back Row ~ Miss Ford Mrs. Lewis Mrs. Harvey Mrs. Long-Brown
 Mrs. Waite Mrs. Robinson Mrs. Powell-Price Miss Howard Mrs. Martin
 Mrs. Rupert Mrs. Ramsay Mrs. Gowe Mrs. Cousins Mrs. Browne
 Mrs. Grayer Mrs. Collier Mrs. Denyer Mrs. Rowson Mrs. Gaunt Mrs. Griffiths.

to r. Front Row ~ Mrs. Higgs Mrs. Aldridge Mrs. Dwight Mrs. Harris
 Mrs. Browne Mrs. Fisher (secretary) Mrs. Ovington (President)
 Miss Williams Miss Baxter Miss Crighton Mrs. Adams Mrs. Slade

l to r. Seated ~ Miss Boston Mrs. Rann Mrs. Redding Miss Roberts



Farming News

Luckings Farm, owned by Mr and Mrs H. Grindley is a corn and dairy farm of 345 acres. The Luckingshill Jersey herd consists of 68 milking cows, and about 45 young stock.

During the year 3 calves were exported to Libya and were flown out from Gatwick. The cows have gained One Gold Medal, Eight Orders of Merit, and Twenty-two certificates of Merit from the Jersey Society for milk and butter fat production.

We are now crossing some cows with a Charollais bull to help beef production and hope to get the first of these calves next May.

The corn grown is about 60 acres of winter wheat, and 115 acres of Spring barley. The abnormally wet summer made the hay making and corn harvest very difficult, but thanks to the grain drier, we managed to get all the corn into the bins in good condition.

Crops grown in the district.

In spite of the very wet weather in 1965 the crops were quite good. The hay was not cut until the end of July and was rather spoilt by the weather. Oats, barley and wheat were harvested by combine harvester at the end of August and were up to standard.

View from
Waller's Oak"



"Stocks Place"





Prices in 1965

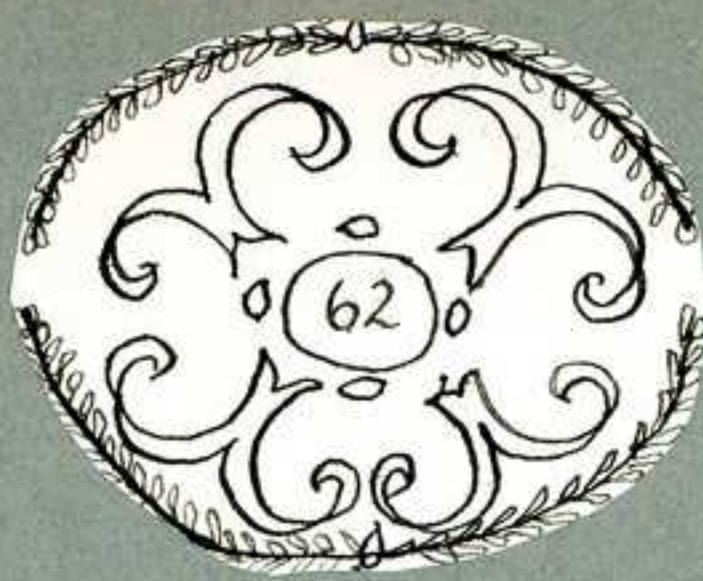
<u>Meat</u>	Roasting Beef	5.8 per pound
	Stewing Steak	5.0
	Leg of Lamb	4.4
	Shoulder of Lamb	3.2
	Loin of Pork	4.6

<u>Bread</u>	Large white loaf	1.5
	Small wholemeal	10

<u>Butter</u>	English	4.6 per pound
	Empire	3.9

<u>Drinks</u>	Whisky	£2.8.6 per bottle	Customs + Excise Duty 38.6
	Gin	£2.6.9	36/-
	Beer - draught mild	1.6 per pint	

<u>Petrol</u>	Price before April	4.5 per gallon
	after April	4.11 to 5.5½ per gallon
	Excise Duty	3.0 per gallon.



Old Peoples' Homes

Coleshill House On April 1st the Greater London Council took over Coleshill House and it is now administered by the Borough of Harrow. There are 46 ladies and the house is staffed by village housewives. During the year all of the residents receive two invitations each to have tea with ladies of the village.

There are religious services every Sunday ~ a weekly transport for shopping ~ a Clinic ~ Chiropody service ~ Film shows in the winter ~ a visit to the Pantomime at Windsor ~ a day at the sea ~ a drive to Whipsnade Zoo ~ and a hand bell ringing party came to welcome the New Year.

Rushymead There are 44 ladies and 6 gentlemen resident in Rushymead which is now administered by the Borough of Hillingdon. There are entertainments throughout the winter months, and services and outings similar to those at Coleshill House. A Christmas party was organized by Mr. + Mrs. N. Nicholls and Mr. + Mrs. C. Young of the village.

