

ALL SAINTS' VILLAGE NEWSLETTER No. 120

The Rectory
Church Street
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It is with great pleasure that I write in the Village Newsletter for the first time. Let me begin, therefore, with thanks. **Kathy** and I and our three **children**, **Michael**, James and Sarah, have all felt a tremendous sense of welcome from you all. This has been lovely for **us**. We are **keen** to be as involved as possible with the village life, and to get to **know** everyone as soon as we **can**, although with St. Mary's Church to look after as well, **this will not happen** as speedily as I would **wish**.

I am **enormously** impressed by the way that All Saints' has managed during the **inter-regnum**. It is splendid to find so many people involved in so much in the life of the Church, and in such good heart. Inevitably, some are likely to be feeling more wearied or strained than others. **We** have, therefore, to look together to God to be strengthened in our work for him and renewed in our vision.

"Hold fast that which is good." So wrote **St. Paul** to the Christians at Thessalonica (chapter 5, verse 21) and it is an **exhortation** that is appropriate for us in our situation, **too**. It speaks of **our whole** way of life being good, but also holding onto the One who alone is good, God himself. Without being "fastened" to **him**, there is no strength", no hope.

As We look to our keeping of Holy Week and **celebration** of the great feast of Easter, so **we** desire to enter **anew** into the way of **Jesus'** cross and the power of his **resurrection**. **In that** new life Of Christ **is** our hope. We seek to hold fast to Him, so that we may be renewed in his strength and be led even more fully in the future into the fullness of his Risen Life.

Anthony Priddis

HOLY BAPTISM

On 15th March, Clare Elizabeth Frances **SACH**, daughter of **Colin and Gillian SACH**, of **Stockings House**, **Bottrells Lane**.

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 8th November 1986 at St Catherine's Church, Crook, **PHILIP VEGE** of '**Rosewood**', **Coleshill**, married **LESLEY LAUDER** of **Crook**, **Co. Durham**.

IN MEMORIAM

On 17th December 1986, **Edwin Loader** of **Rushymead**.

On 25th December 1986, **Thomas Ingman** of **Manor Pound**, **Village Road**.

On 22nd January 1987, **Arthur Spink** of **Grays Cottage**, **Tower Road**.

On 25th January 1987, **Valda Newell**, of **North House**, **Village Road**.

On 27th February 1987, **Edie Gardner** of **Rushymead**.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH COMMITTEE

Since **Anthony Priddis'** arrival as Priest in Charge, the number of people in church each week has risen in an encouraging way. Also, under the guidance and leadership of **Ruth Murphy**, the choir is once more flourishing with nine children and about the same number of adults. The children are now also **taking** a special part in the service by carrying the cross, **ringing** the bell and serving. The **morning service** has been brought forward to 9 am to allow **Mr Priddis** to fit in an extra family service at **St Mary's** which has proved very popular.

The Committee discussed the pattern of services and decided that they should remain virtually unchanged with the 1662 Prayer Book service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and the family service based on Series 2 on the 2nd Sunday. An innovation will be the reinstatement of the Sunday School during the service on the 4th Sunday, which will also be Series 2.

Thieves recently broke into the church at night and ripped the safe out of the wall by the door and broke open the safe in **the vestry**. They found only a small amount of money which they stole, but did not take the silver, or do any other damage. Extra security precautions have been taken, but the church will remain open during daylight hours so that villagers or visitors can go in.

CHURCH FETE - SATURDAY 13th JUNE

The Church Fete will be organised by Mr Richard Valentine (Am 5794)

The following have kindly agreed to make arrangements for **stalls**:

Tombola	Mr & Mrs David Hall	Am 5231
Household	Mrs Urry	Am 7420
Books	Miss Trotman	Am 3545
Greenfingers	Mrs Jean Smith	Am 5402
Cakes	Mrs H Collier	Am 4842
Toys	Mrs Richardson Mrs Barrett	Am 5197
Raffle	Miss Patsy Wright-Warren	Am 3534
Sweets	Mrs Valentine	Am 5794
Magpie Club - Bran Tub	Mrs Freemantle	Am 6441
Preserves	Mrs Bungey	Am 6234
Second-hand Clothing	Mrs Sadler	Am 6277
Brownies	Mrs Miles	Am 21717
Catering	Mrs Bristow	Am 21831
Broken China	David Hall	- china wanted

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MAGPIE CLUB

We are celebrating our tenth anniversary by having a party in **the** Village Hall for all the family on Friday, April 10th. There will also be an Easter Bonnet competition. Past **and** present **Magpie** members will all be very **welcome**.

On April 12th we are having a family service at All **Saints'** at 9 am. On Tuesday, April 21st, there will be a picnic lunch (destination to be **arranged!**) Meet at Village Hall at 11.30 (with lunch).

COLESHILL CLUB

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Trotman in November, **showing slides of** The Hidden Life on Exmoor, very interesting and enjoyed by our members.

Our New Year started with Mr & Mrs L Bristow showing us some lovely slides of their various **holidays**, and in February we welcomed Mr & Mrs Weedon and Mr **Maynard** with slides kindly loaned by Mrs Ovington of Church Fetes of some years ago, all of which were very enjoyable. It was very nice of The Revd Priddis to pay us a visit with two of his children during the afternoon.

We had a most delightful afternoon in March when we were privileged to hear Mr & Mrs **Woodstock's** records of lovely relaxing music. Many thanks to all who **help** us each month.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK : 10th - 16th MAY 1987

We are arranging for a house-to-house collection, which you have supported so generously in past years, and envelopes will be brought round and collected during the week.

Two special events are also in preparation. At 1.45 pm on Tuesday 12th May there will be an afternoon at Coleshill School, when the children will be taking part in an event to illustrate the theme of Christian Aid Week 1987. Rev Anthony Priddis will give a short talk and tea will be available for parents and other guests - all welcome. The Traidcraft stall will sell goods from underdeveloped countries.

On Saturday, 16th May, on Coleshill Common, we are holding another Novelty Dog Show starting at 2.15 pm. There will be a sponsored Point-to-Point for dogs and owners, as well as Fancy dress, a Dog Race, Wheelbarrow Race and other classes + tea, competitions and raffle. All details will be posted shortly.

To end our week of giving, a service of Thanksgiving for the work of Christian Aid will be held at 9 am on Sunday 17th May at Coleshill Church.

Please support all these events - it can't be wet twice!

R.A.L.T.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

Our Christmas Concert was held on 9th December to a large audience and on 12th December we went to Jordans School to see their pantomime "Cinderella". Our Christmas Bazaar was held in the morning on 13th December and was highly successful, a profit of £180.88 being made.

Most of the children attended a Christingle Service in All Saints' Church, singing a carol with Mrs Griffiths accompanying, and donated £14.03 to the Children's Society, the result of their stall at the Bazaar.

On Shrove Tuesday, children made pancake batter for the adults to cook, with a variety of delicious fillings. On 12th March, children, accompanied by staff and some parents, watched a Falconry Display at Jordans School.

The Revd A Priddis has conducted four Open Assemblies this term.

S.J.D.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Friday Fellowship catering for children aged from 4 - 11 years was held fortnightly in the Village School during the term.

After Easter the Fellowship will take place once a month incorporated within the church service. The children will participate in part of the service in addition to having their own worship and instruction in the village hall. Family services will be held every 2nd Sunday of the month as usual.

For more details please contact: Helen Spencer - Am 5857.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

The Brownies are now attending the Family Service each month. Emma Swift, Josie Dell and Sarah McNeilly made their promise in November and Nicola Barrett, Charlotte Bond and Sophie Hesford left at Christmas to become Guides. We once again joined the Coleshill Guides to sing carols at Rushmead before attending the Christingle Service. In February we had a produce stall in aid of the Blue Peter Save-the Sight Fund which "raised £21.70.

The Pack has been very fortunate in securing the services Of Dumpy Swerling, who will take over as Guider at the start of the new term. With Sue Miles continuing as Assistant Guider, the Brownies will be in very good hands.

Interest Badges achieved

Animal Lover: Anna Bayley, Annabel Eardley, Katharine Sadler.

Jester: Josie Dell, Sarah McNeilly, Sarah tiles, Julie Puddephatt, Caroline Redstone, Emma Swift, Katie Wood.

Collector: Caroline Redstone.

Safety in the Home: Josie Dell, Sarah McNeilly, Emma Swift.

Hostess: Josie Dell, Elizabeth Freemangle, Tara Hall, Sarah McNeilly, Sarah Miles, Julie Puddephatt, Caroline Redstone, Emma Swift, Katie Wood.

M.E.T.

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A most successful Bazaar was held before Christmas and also a very enjoyable Christmas lunch. We have a new President, Miss Ann Trotman - Mrs Betty Joseph having retired from the Presidency last year. A presentation was made to her on behalf of all the members in appreciation of the sterling work she had done during her term of office.

We have welcomed 5 new members since the beginning of the year: Mrs Sue Bullough, Mrs Evelyn Clayton, Mrs Jane Cortinovis, Mrs Joy Hicks and Mrs Pam Stubbings.

The talks at the meetings have been varied and interesting - Mr John Mayss on 'Country Ways and Customs in Bucks', Mrs Margaret Rutter on 'Medieval Churches in Bucks' and Mrs Dawn Ross on 'Interior Decorating- & Design'. Speakers at future meetings will cover a wide range of subjects such as 'Stump Embroidery', 'Handwriting', 'Wildlife in the Colne Valley' and 'Libertys at the Lee'. Sixteen members joined Miss Trotman in a most rewarding visit to Stockhurst Lake Nature Reserve in January.

A very warm welcome will be given to visitors and new members.

P.W.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

In December the Guides took part in the **Christingle** Service. They also joined the Brownies and sang carols at Rushymead. As usual we attended a **pantomime**, this year we saw '**Dick Whittington**' at **Hayes** which **everyone** enjoyed - this was particularly relevant as **Barbara Windsor**, local **resident**, starred as "**Dick**".

The Guides also put on an **afternoon's** entertainment by acting out scenes from '**Alice in Wonderland**' and serving afternoon tea, with games and **raffles**, to parents, friends and members of the **Coleshill Club**.

The Company has 18 **Guides** at the moment. We were pleased to welcome from Brownies **Katrina Baker**, **Nicola Barrett**, **Charlotte Bond** and **Sophie Hesford** after Christmas and they **have now been** enrolled as **Guides**. **Joanne Gregory** received her **Yellow Trefoil** (she is now **Secunder** to **Blue Tits**), **Vicky Timms** her **Green Trefoil** and **Nicky Chalwin** her **Red Trefoil** in the winter term.

The Guides have been **working** on a variety of interest badges - **Child Nurse**, **Cooks**, **Artist**, **Toymaker**, **Writer** and **Sportswoman**. Our activities have been varied since Christmas from '**Night-Hiking**', **Keep Fit**, **Fashion Competition**, **Board Game competition**.

The Guides also attended **Thinking Day Service** at **St Mary's Church, Amersham**.

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COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

We may be a small village "troupe" but we try to please everyone with **pantos**, **dramas** and **comedies**. Our next production, "**THE GOLDEN PATHWAY ANNUAL**" is **something** different, and we're sure it will appeal to people of all ages. "**THE GOLDEN PATHWAY ANNUAL**" is not easy to classify because it contains human interest, **humour**, **pathos** and **fantasy**. Above all, **it's** great fun!

The story spans **twenty-three** years of post-war Britain from 1945 to 1968. **George Peters** returns to his wife, **Enid**, after the war. They have high hopes for their son, **Michael**, who receives **THE GOLDEN PATHWAY ANNUAL**, a wonderful **encyclopaedia**. Through the pages Of the Annual we enter into **Michael's** imaginative world of dragons, **The Famous Five**, and **James Bond**. Our memories are jogged as we follow **Michael** through school, his holiday in **Bognor**, and his amusing introduction to the world of girls.

As a son, **daughter** or parent you will nod with nostalgia recognition at the adventures of the **Peters'** family.

/ "THE GOLDEN PATHWAY ANNUAL" /
/ on 21st, 22nd and 23rd MAY /
/ in the Village Hall /

Tickets on sale in early May, price £1.50,
From **Lindsey Haubner** (22589) and **Stephen Hitchen** (7677)

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our 1987 programme starts with a Spring Speaker Meeting on April 3rd when Mrs Rosemary Nicholson will talk on The Tradescant Trust & The Museum of Garden History. As usual the evening will include a glass of wine and home-made refreshments.

In response to many requests we are repeating our popular outing to the Midsummer Festival of Gardening at Hatfield House (wherev incidentally, there is a splendid portrait of John Tradescant who was gardener there in the 16th century). The outing will be on Saturday, June 20th, leaving the village pond by coach at 10.30 am and the cost will be approximately £5.00.

To reserve your seat on the coach, please contact Jean or Ewart Smith (Am 5402) or Catherine Wicks (Am 4922).

As well as the Festival of Gardening, there is the opportunity of seeing the private gardens at Hatfield House, there are conducted tours by gardening experts, and the house itself is well worth a visit (entrance about £1.00).

Now is the time to think about your entries for the Horticultural Show on September 5th, so plant and sow (or sew)

C.M.W.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PROGRAMME 1987

Friday	3rd April	Spring Speaker Meeting
Wednesday	29th April	A.G.M.- Small village hall 8 pm.
Saturday	20th June	Outing to Hatfield House
Thurs-Sat	3rd-5th September	Horticultural Show
Saturday	10th October	Greenfingers Stall -Village Pond

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

We have started our social programme of fund raising activities - our aim is to raise at least £10,000 within the next 12-18 months.

Our first event was held at the village hall on St Valentine's night, for which we are extremely grateful that all the "gangsters and molls" in the area raised £800 profit. It is surprising what people store in their closets! - so many people dressed up. The best dressed gangster was judged to be Chris Turner and the moll was Rosemary Valentine.

The next event is a "Race Night", also in the village hall, on Saturday, 11th Apr. All punters are very welcome. Tickets are now available from Sharon Hall (Am 523) and Jo Swerling (Am 6414) at £4 per head, including food. Don't forget to bring your betting money.

D.G.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is almost here and we have again entered the National Village Cricket competition. We shall also be playing mid-week knockout competitions as well as the usual Saturday and Sunday games.

Our Chairman, Mr David Baldwin, has this year retired. He joined the club as a boy, and has worked hard over the years for the good of the club as a player, committee member and as Chairman. David is, however, continuing as a player and valued member of the committee. Mr Keith Warn has been elected as our new Chairman.

Mrs Mary Tilson has also decided to retire this year. The Cricket Club presented Mary with a Crystal Rose Bowl as a small token of our appreciation for not only so ably looking after our Vice Presidents, but for all the work she has done over the years. Thank you Mary!

We would like to thank our Vice Presidents for once again supporting us so generously. If anyone is interested in joining the club as a playing member, would they please contact Mr K Warn on Amersham 28434, or if anyone is interested in becoming a Vice President or a social member give me a ring on Amersham 22143. Spectators will be very welcome at any time.

We look forward to another successful season.

Kate Barber
Coleshill Cricket Club

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>APRIL</u>	Fri 10th	Magpie Party - Village Hall
	Sat 11th	Tennis Club Race Night
	Tue 21st	Magpie Picnic
	Wed 29th	AGM Hort Society
	Thu 30th	AGM Coleshill Village Hall
<u>MAY</u>	10th-16th	Christian Aid Week
	Sat 16th	Novelty Dog Show
	Thu 21st)	
	Fri 22nd)	Coleshill Village Drama Group presentation
	Sat 23rd)	
<u>JUNE</u>	Sun 7th	Car Treasure Hunt - Tennis Club
	Sat 13th	CHURCH FETE
	Sat 20th	Hort Soc outing to Hatfield House,

MOBILE LIBRARY calls at Coleshill every other Wednesday, stopping at
The Village Hall 3.45 - 4.00 pm
Hill Meadow 4.00 - 4.15 pm
Next visits will be: APR 8th & 22nd; MAY 6th & 20th; JUNE 3rd & 17th

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The former Coleshill Residents' Association kindly gave the balance of their funds amounting to nearly £500 to the Village Hall Committee, on the liquidation of their Association. We are very grateful to them for this generous donation. We have applied the money towards the purchase of 3 rows of additional 'down lights' in the main Hall. This substantially improves the standard of lighting and I understand is particularly appreciated by the two bridge clubs which use the Hall. •

Our programme of planned maintenance for the year to 31 March 1987 is nearly complete. The small Hall has been redecorated and is looking extremely smart. Similarly the bar, the main kitchen and the small kitchen have all been redecorated. In the latter we have also made some minor improvements with tiling around the sink cupboards below the work tops.

The severe cold weather brought its problems for us. No less than 15 burst water pipes had to be repaired! We believe that our insurance policy will cover the cost of repairs, but clearly we had to take remedial action to avoid a repetition of the same problem in the future. All 800 feet of water pipes in the Hall have now been protected with high quality lagging and the 'frost stat' has been moved to a place where we hope it will be more effective.

We are also installing an electronic timer with a 200 event memory. Jean Dover will be able to enter, for the following week, every time she needs the heating on and off for either the snail hall, the large hall or both. This should ensure that the hall is fully heated in advance of each letting, on a convenient and economic basis.

On our application to the Bucks County Council for grant for ventilating equipment we have no written news, but informal enquiries indicate that it is unlikely that funds will be available in the next twelve months.

The Annual General Meeting is arranged for Thursday 30th April at 8.00 pm. in the main Hall. You are cordially invited to attend this meeting and to let us know your views concerning the management of the Hall. A glass of wine will be available after the meeting.

Peter Lawrence

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

The Revell Anthony M. Priddis, The Rectory, Church Street, Amersham.

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St. Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.15 am	Family Communion
	11.30 am	(with Sunday School and Creche)
	6.00 pm	Matins (with Holy Communion on 1st Sunday in month)
Easter Services:		Evensong
Maundy Thursday 16th April	8.00 pm	Communion Service
Good Friday 17th April, 2 - 3 pm		Devotional Service
Easter Day	6.00 pm	Easter Carol Service

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services	9.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.00 pm	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)
GOOD FRIDAY 17th April	11 - 12 noon	Matins
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>	<i>4th Sunday in month</i>

Pro-Wardens	- R. Valentine, Friars Vane, Coleshill	Tel: 5794
	- J. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill	5439
Hon. Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	7420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages, Coleshill	3356

Brownies	- Monday Evenings 5.30 - 7.00 pm	Coleshill School
Guides	- Monday Evenings 6.45 7.00 - 8.15 pm	Village Hall
Mothers' Union	- 3rd Tuesday in the month (weather permitting)	
Coleshill Club	- 4th Thursday of every month at 2.30 pm.	Village Hall
W.I.	- 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 pm.	Village Hall