

EASTER GLORY

As I write this, the Spring sunshine is brightening up the glorious yellow of the daffodils and bringing out the beautiful pink of the early blossom. What a contrast there always seems to be in the colours around us on a bright day as compared with a cloudy one! Yet, in one way, the colours are there just the same every day, but **we** can only see them and appreciate them some of the **time**.

Easter morning is like the sunshine: it helps us see the brilliance and beauty that are there all the time.

The women who discovered the empty tomb of Christ as the dawn was breaking on that first Easter morning did not immediately understand the significance of what they saw. How could they? It was all too earth-shattering for its true meaning to be grasped in a moment!

The glory of Christ that was seen on that first Easter day had been glimpsed by the three closest friends of Jesus on a previous occasion. Jesus was at prayer and they saw his whole appearance "lit up". They spoke about **it** as "**transfiguration**". It was as though Jesus was for a moment transparent to them so that they saw the glory **of his** love in all its power and wonder. A truly incredible and amazing experience!

What those three disciples saw on the mount of transfiguration was in fact true all the time - they just could not see it all the time. It was nevertheless there whether they could see it or not. It was there all the time because love was there all the time, the full love of God. And that is always glorious.

The Easter glory of the Risen Christ is there to be seen in a very clear and obvious way. What is less obvious but no less true is the glory of Good Friday and the Cross. The glory of God shines out wherever his love shines out. It can do so in situations which we might regard as "**unglorious**": the cross is an instrument of torture and far from the most likely place to see glory, yet it is there most wonderfully. Love is seen in the face of the suffering **Christ**, his love for us and all people.

The glory of God can be seen in the suffering of Good Friday more clearly because glory can also be seen on Easter Day. The triumph of the one helps us to see the triumph of the other.

Easter Glory - Cross and Tomb. **God's** love is glorious in every situation. His love wants to bring glory to our lives in every situation.

HAPPY EASTER!

Anthony Piddis.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services. We look forward to the Easter Services in April. These will be on the following dates:

April 8th	Maundy Thursday	8.00 pm	(St Mary's)
April 9th	Good Friday	11.00 am	
April 11th	Easter Sunday	9.00 am	

The Easter Sunday service will be followed this year by a Charity Breakfast. in aid of Mount Vernon Cancer Treatment Centre. Tickets at £3 are available from Alex Pond (Telephone 726623). The charity draw and raffle results will be announced at the Breakfast.

Lent Groups

Six groups have met during Lent following the theme "Finding Your Story" prepared in the diocese of Bath & Wells. It has proved a thoughtful and well prepared study scheme, appreciated by those taking part.

Churchyard. Two Churchyard working parties have been planned in March, for the Saturdays of 14th and 21st. The main tasks being to move the old rubbish and compost heaps to their new sites, and prune back shrubs along the south side of the church. About 20 helpers turned up on the 14th and already the churchyard has assumed a different aspect.

Coleshill Contact. A tea was held at the home of Peter & Jennifer Brock on Tuesday, March 16th. More than fifteen attended and enjoyed the atmosphere of Larkins Green.

Church Fitments. New noticeboards in the porch, and new bookshelves inside the church will help to keep notices and books under better control and give some extra space for manoeuvre

COLESHILL & WINCHMORE HILL YOUTH CLUB

Since Christmas we've run a successful sponsored can collection and entered teams in an inter-club 5-a-side football competition. The younger group have enjoyed evenings of salt-dough modelling and remote controlled car racing. As summer approaches we shall have more activities out of doors - the assault course at Woodrow, a barbecue, orienteering, have all been suggested - and would like to get going on a drama production. Anyone who hasn't been a regular attender of the club but wants to be involved in drama activities should contact Penny on 722486. Ruth Buyley, whose presence each week was so much appreciated, has now left for her trip round the world, so we would like more adult helpers to fill the rota - young or old, regular or occasional, we'd be pleased to hear from you!

HOLY BAPTISM

On 28th March 1993:

ALICE KATHERINE, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Denyer of
2 Church Cottages, Barracks Hill.

MICHAEL JAMES, son of Simon and Lesley Swerling of Upper Bottom House Farm,
Chalfont St Giles.

IN MEMORIAM

3rd December 1992 Anita Mary Ovington late of Coleshill

27th January 1993 David Curling of The Rosary, Coleshill

DAVID CURLING. There were some things about David that one knew very soon after meeting him: that here was a man with a great zest for life, for example. He threw himself into things with energy and enthusiasm. He relished a challenge, whether it was being a director of one of this country's most successful advertising agencies, sailing to Spain, or chairing Coleshill Parish Council.

It is in this last role that he will be best remembered in the village, and in that too one did not have to know him long to discover something important: what an effective chairman he was- patient, courteous and firm. It took a bit longer, **perhaps**, to recognise the depth of his commitment to Coleshill, and his concern to keep it united - united in the face of the threats to our way of life from development and suburbanisation, but above all simply united. He had great faith in the ability of an English community to run its own affairs and settle its differences amicably. He was a peacemaker and a reconciler, skilled at defusing confrontations. His fellow councillors know that he will be a hard act to follow.

He relished being High Sheriff of the County, enjoying the modest ceremonial involved, and cherishing the thought that it made him part of a tradition nearly a thousand years old. He knew the value of such links with our past, believing that they help to strengthen our identity as a nation.

We admired his fortitude in the face of disaster, as hope faded for his daughter, lost in Kurdistan. Above all, our hearts go out to Marigold, whose support he so much prized. We shall miss his wise counsel and his benign presence among us.

J.C-T.

CHURCHYARD TIDY

Two work sessions were held on Saturday afternoons in March, and attracted a commendable number of helpers. The fleet of barrows moving the compost heap almost needed a **traffic scheme!**

Many thanks to all who came - some to tend areas that they had adopted - others to join the general task force.

There is a need for more villagers to adopt a part of the Churchyard. This could be caring **for** a particular grave or group of graves, and could be done at a time of your own choosing. Please volunteer, and let one of the organisers know.

The next work sessions will be on Saturdays. the 3rd and 10th of July from 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

DAVID GEORGE

DICK WARE

CHRIS WEGE

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid week this year is from 17th - 22nd May. Miss Dollemore and the children of Coleshill First School are inviting us to their afternoon event on Tuesday, May 18th, when the children will be giving their interpretation of the theme of the week "Trade for Change". A Traidcraft stall, raffle and tea will conclude the afternoon. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THEM.

On Saturday, 22nd May, 7.15 for 7.45 pm there will be a concert in All Saints' Church, to fund raise for Christian Aid. Julia Mumby will be coming to sing, and those of us who heard her last October know that this is a treat in store. Pauline Griffiths will be accompanying her, and will also be playing with her Wind Trio to complete what should be an exciting programme. Tickets will be on sale in April.

Your village Christian Aid Committee has been planning events now for ten years, and feel they are due for retirement. If there is anyone interested in taking on this work for 1994, would you please contact me on 433545.

R.A.L.T.

DOVE WORD MINISTRIES

Dove Word is a centre in High Wycombe devoted to renewing young lives. There are three hostels and a day centre where young people who are addicts and/or homeless and whose lives are in a mess can find love and care in a Christian setting and help to build new lives - and it works! Dove Word is appealing to surrounding parishes and communities for £200,000 to buy the day centre to ensure that this good work can continue. This is not a matter just for the Church of England but for all people of good will from any denomination or none. Anyone who would like more information or would like to give a donation, however large or small, should contact Patsy Wright Warren - tel: 433356.

P.W-W.

ALL SAINTS' HARVEST CHARITY

Early warning of a date for your diaries! This year Teddy Joseph and the Drama Group are organising a CHARITY GALA EVENING on Friday 8th October. There will be plenty of fun, variety and interest and a tombola. The funds, which will again go to the Tuberculosis Control Scheme at Raphael in Northern India, which is run by the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation, are needed more than ever this year as the Government is threatening to withdraw its financial support, so even more responsibility comes onto us, and groups like ours. So do please make a note of the date and come and support us - and enjoy yourselves at the same time!

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

Our Christmas Bazaar proved to be a very happy occasion, raising the grand total of £513. The Autumn term ended with our usual Christmas Concert, Christmas Party, and the end-of-term Service which was held in the Church.

The children were invited to see the dress rehearsal of Curzon School's Concert. This term we were joined here by Little Missenden and Hyde Heath Schools to see a performance of 'Staying Up' by Floating Point Science Theatre. An Open Morning was held in January for parents of prospective pupils.

We are again taking part in the collection of Tesco Computer vouchers (one voucher for each £25 spent). Whilst we obviously would not get enough to have a computer, we might be able to raise sufficient for equipment. Your help in collecting would be very much appreciated. A box for vouchers is in the entrance hall.

COLESHILL CHURCH FETE - SATURDAY 12th JUNE

The fete will once again be held at the Cricket field on the second Saturday in June. The following have kindly agreed to run stalls in the marquee:

TOMBOLA	Mrs Sharon Hall, Red Lion Cottage	725231
HOUSEHOLD	Mrs Jean Croydon, Ambleside	721209
PRESERVES	Mrs Kay Plumbley, Old Stocks, Piggotts End	724299
BOOKS	Miss Ann Trotman, Lawyers Cottage	433545
GREENFINGERS	Mrs Ineke McCammon, Chase Close	762126
CAKES	Mrs Hazel Pearce, Rosary Cottage	726482
SWEETS	Mrs Rosemary Valentine, Friars Vane	725794
TOYS	Mrs Madeleine Murray	728561
RAFFLE	Mrs Lindsey Eardley, Elm Cottage	433815
CATERING	Mrs Barbara Dodds, Bramble Cottage	722783
LEMON STALL	Mrs Mary Sadler, Clivia	726277
THE BROWNIES	Mrs Ann Lake	726852

Please will EVERYONE try to make something for the cake stall as demand is enormous. Contributions please to the fete or beforehand to Hazel Pearce.

In addition there will be an array of outside attractions. Please help to make the fete a success by contributing to the stalls and coming along with family and friends on the day.

Howard Green has kindly agreed to join the committee.

If you would like to help in any way please contact a committee member:

Chairman:	Nick Sadler	726279	Helen Spencer	725857
	Donald Urry	727420	Peter Dodds	722783
	Dumpy Swerling	873931	Howard Green	724922

N.J.S.

MAGPIE CLUB - EASTER 1993

Visit to Longford Children's Farm. WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL - 11.00 am

Meet at the Village Hall with a picnic lunch. 90p per person, children under 2 free. If you need transport please ring:

Margaret - 727519 or Sue - 721758

All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

All Saints' Magpie Club - Dates for the Summer Term:

April 30; May 14 and 28; June 11 and 25; July 9.

In the Village School from 5.00 to 6.00 pm.

All children from 3 to 9 years are welcome.

Rosemary (725794)

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The AGM of the Village Hall is on THURSDAY 29th APRIL at 8 pm. Why not come along, and there will be a glass of wine afterwards for those present.

We have an electric industrial floor polisher to sell if you know of anyone who may be interested in acquiring one. Please contact me on 873931. It is in good working order and has been recently serviced.

Recently the small hall and kitchen have been redecorated. A new portable ramp for wheelchairs is about to be purchased and we are contemplating tarmacking the area outside the front of the hall to enhance its appearance.

The metal 'Car Park' sign that is positioned by the school playground when the hall is in use has disappeared. If anyone knows of its whereabouts we would be pleased to hear from them.

Graham Swerling

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE PACK

The work done by the Brownies this term has been very varied. Ellen, Jennifer, Rachel and Susannah have been working very hard on a new badge section called "Go Challenge". With very little supervision, they have arranged a fashion show for 22nd March. They have worked well together, planning all aspects of the evening, including arranging for other Brownies to be models and to provide refreshments. I have been very pleased with them and been impressed with their maturity.

The Brownies raised £215 (with a sponsored silence) for the feeding scheme at Crowhill School, Harare. We are awaiting details of how the money is to be spent.

They have attended church parade, and carried out their duties of lesson and prayer readings very confidently. Laura read a prayer at the District Thinking Day Service.

We have welcomed and enrolled Natalie and have sadly said goodbye to Holly and Hayley, who have transferred to Holmer Green. We were also sorry to lose Helen Oakden, Helen Connolly and Marianne Lee who contributed to much to the Pack: we miss them all very much. We now have 14 Brownies, so there is room for two or three more, especially as we shall lose some of the older girls, hopefully to Guides.

A lot of badge work has been achieved, and we are now looking forward to summer term, which starts on 10 May, when hopefully we can spend time on the progress of the frog-spawn into tadpoles and frogs and maybe see a new generation of ducks appear. We are so lucky to be able to extend our meetings to the outdoors. Thank you Rosemary.

The parents, as usual, have given support in everything and I am also indebted to Helen Spencer (Snowy Owl) and Iris Chapman (Barn Owl), without whom the amount of work would not have been achieved. Thank you.

ANNE LAKE
Brown Owl

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Spring meeting will be held at 7.30 for 8.00 pm on FRIDAY, 14th MAY. We hope that we shall have a good attendance **because** we shall have very interesting talks and we hope also to be able to make a contribution to Alex Pond's fund for the Mount Vernon Cancer Treatment Centre. Our main speaker will be Maurice Young of the Conservancy Trust and his talk is entitled "Putting Plants First - Action for Wild Plants". Mr Young's talk will be coupled with an explanation of the work being done to improve the Coleshill Village Common. Do try and come along.

There is a very fine Summer Show put on at Capel Manor near Enfield "in 30 acres of richly planted, imaginative and informative gardens". So why not book a seat on Des's comfortable 29 seater coach on Sunday, 27th June. More details at the Spring meeting on 14th May.

The Annual Show will be held in 1993 on - wait for it - oh no, you've guessed - the first Saturday in September. The Show has many virtues, possibly its greatest is that it is open to everyone who lives in the village and the range of subjects and classes is so wide that - expert or beginner - there is something for everyone to try their hand at. We aim to please. To learn more please talk to Ewart and Jean Smith, Helen Hitchin, John Savory, Kath Barber, Lindsey Haubner, Dick Ware, Howard Green, Heather Hollamby, Kezie de Winne.

J.S.

COLESHILL W.I.

Just before Christmas, the Institute lost a very remarkable member. Nita Ovington and her husband came to the village from London in 1953 in tragic circumstances. She joined the Institute in order to get to know people, and in over thirty years made an outstanding contribution to it. She was eighteen times Vice-President, twice Secretary and ten times President. Ill Health eventually put an end to her ability to attend meetings but not her continued interest. Such devotion is missed with her death.

Fund raising is an important function of the Institute, and while needing more money than the subscriptions raise to keep it running, it does enjoy helping causes outside its personal needs. On April 8th, the meeting will provide an opportunity to help Alex Pond's Appeal for the Mount Vernon Cancer Treatment Centre, when proceeds from a raffle and Bring & Buy Sale will be donated to it.

On St David's Day, Muriel Jones held a very successful coffee morning in her home which helped the Institute, and in July there will be a repeat of the Home Lunches which proved so popular a way of fund-raising two years ago.

Since the disbanding of Chenies and Amersham Common Institutes, the Chess Group has been reduced to three. However, the good news is that ten or more of the "homeless" members have joined Coleshill W.I. which is delighted to welcome them, and pleased to have a stronger membership with which to combat the problems besetting many institutes today.

Lindsey Haubner, the Craft Secretary, has made a very attractive quilted design to add to the wall hanging commissioned by Stuart Lodge from all the Institutes in the Federation½ It represents the Craft Group which has been making patchwork quilts for the past four years under Lindsey's guidance.

There have been interesting and instructive talks so far this year, all presented with humour. Mrs Kent, a farmer's wife, painted a vivid picture of how farming has changed over the past fifty years from the labour intensive job it was to the mechanisation and great hedgeless fields of today.

In her talk - "London Stores, a history of Shopping", Mrs Firkin has fascinating stories to tell of the beginnings of the big stores, including one in 1898, when the first escalator was installed, and brandy and sal volatile were provided for any lady overcome by her experience on a moving staircase.

Mrs Williamson took her audience back in time again with her "History of the Loo". This was a horror story which went on for many centuries and, not surprisingly, many euphemisms have been employed to describe the activities associated with it. The enthusiastic loo designer who installed them at his own expense at the Great Exhibition of 1851 charged members of the public one penny for using them. Over one million happy customers "spent a penny" at the Great Exhibition,

J.P.

CHURCH FLOWER FUND

Around £150 was made at the Coffee Morning held in January at Westlands. Many thanks to Pat McNeill and to all who helped to make this such a success.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

We have had a busy time since our last report. In December we held our own Christmas show in "Beauty and the Beast" - the Coleshill Guide interpretation! and made £21.00 which we donated to the Redwings Horse Sanctuary. Special thanks to Doreen Lander who stepped into the breach in a starring role when one of the guides was taken very ill. We also visited the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe to see how the professionals do theatricals and had an enjoyable evening at "Cinderella".

In the new year our four new guides were enrolled. They are well on the way to earning their Yellow Trefoil with their First Aid and Caring for the Elderly badges almost completed and Country Dancing already attained. We participated in the Thinking Day Church Service in February and Penny Cutler and Rebecca Dell gave splendid readings on "Kindness and Tolerance" - our themes for 1993.

Our latest project has been the running of a jumble sale in aid of Save the Children and the NSPCA. We made £110 which, although not exceeding our effort in 1991, was still a significant achievement. Roz Pool organised the project but she was well supported by the Guides and Mums. The Guides, in January, assisted me in running a tea party for my Islington/Highbury Contact Group. The guides provided the afternoon tea and helped entertain the group. They challenged them to a quiz designed by Emma Jane Lander but the old ladies won - with a minimum age of just under 80 and maximum of 101 years, experience counted!

Anyone interested in joining guides should contact:
Kaye Hughes on 0494 433419 (home) or 0784 474575 (work)

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

After our recent successes in the coarse acting field we are now all resting. No full-scale productions are envisaged until later in the year but we are planning a number of play readings, theatre trips etc to keep us all occupied. The field of these will be on 20th April at Nick & Mary Sadler's. We were delighted to attract some new acting talent to the coarse plays and are always keen to recruit new members. Anyone who is interested should contact any member of the Committee, which this year consists of:

Dick Ware	(Chairman)	John Bullard
Julia Murray	(Secretary)	Lindsey Haubner
Howard Green	(Treasurer)	Nick Sadler
		Peter Shaw

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

We are once again looking forward to the new season. Vic Baldwin has been hard at work on the square for some time- he never really stops. Work parties have been gathering prepapring the ground for a pavillion.

For the last couple of months players have been meeting fortnightly at Holmer Green School for indoor net practice which will revert back to Friday night nets at the ground once the nights are lighter.

This year on Saturdays we are looking forward to playing First and Second Eleven cricket in the Marrant Chiltern Cricket League, with Club Cricket on Sundays. We have once again entered the National Village and usual mid-week Knock-out Competitions.

If anyone is interested in becoming a playing member or social member contact Tony Barber on Amersham 722143.

Kate Barber

CO.LESHILL TENNIS CLUB

As you probably know, we have now received planning permission for the two courts on the cricket ground with a new access from the driveway of Rushymead.

We hope to build the courts this year but this does depend on finance and we are now embarking on a fund-raising programme with the first; social activity being a 60's Disco from 7.30 pm in the village hall. We would like to see as many villagers as possible joining us whether or not they are tennis players.

We will also be circulating information and membership details to every household in the village to find out those interested in joining. If anyone feels that they would like to become involved either financially or otherwise, please contact David George on 722535 or Sharon Hall - 725231.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL

Sun	11th	Charity Breakfast
Wed	14th	Magpie Club Outing
Sat	17th	Coleshill Tennis Club Disco
Thurs	29th	Coleshill Village Hall AGM

MAY

Fri	14th	Horticultural Society Spring Meeting
	17th - 22nd	Christian Aid Week

JUNE

Sat	12th	Church Fete
Sun	27th	Horticultural Society Outing to Capel Manor

JULY

Sat	3rd	Church Tidy Up
	10th	" " "

MOBILE LIBRARY

This is in Coleshill every Wednesday morning 9.35 - 9.50 am, stopping alternately at Village Hall and Village Way:

Village Hall: April 7 & 21; May 5, 19; June 2, 16 & 30.

Village Way : April 14 & 28; May 12 & 28; June 9 & 23.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

The Reverend Anthony M. Priddis, The Rectory, Church Street, Amersham Bucks
Tel: Amersham 729380

St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.15 am	Family Service (Creche, Sunday School)
	11.45 am	Matins
	6.00 pm	Evensong
2nd Wednesday of each month	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 7th April	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday	8.00 pm	Holy Communion
Good Friday	2.00 pm	
Easter Day	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Combined Service

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services:	9.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.00 pm	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)
Family Service:	9.00 am	2nd Sunday in month
GOOD FRIDAY	11.00 am	Matins and Litany
EASTER DAY	9.00 am	Holy Communion

Pro-Wardens	- Mrs D. Swerling, Hobbs Hole Cottage, Bottom House Farm Lane, Chalfont St Giles	873931
	- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottage	433356
Hon Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	727420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss A. Trotman, Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane	433545

Brownies	- Monday Evenings: 5.30 - 7.00 pm	Village Hall
Guides	- Monday Evenings: 7.00 - 8.15 pm	Village Hall
W.I.	- 2nd Thursday of each month (except August) 2.30 pm	Village Hall