

ARE YOU A HUMAN BEING - OR ONLY A HUMAN DOING?

There seems little doubt that most of us in Buckinghamshire are 'human doings'. We live in a geographical area of great activity and 'busyness', and busyness has both strengths and weaknesses. It clearly **enables** us to achieve a great deal, whether it is at work or in terms of **friends and leisure**, or with the **family**. **Much** of that is going to be good. We obviously need to be 'human doings'!

But are we also 'human beings'? We naturally are used to describing ourselves in those words, but do they have any real content or meaning for us? Why are we called human beings and not human doings?

The language of 'human being' is vital in placing the emphasis where **it** really matters. Clearly doing is of importance, but being matters even more. It is in **being** that we relate to others, love and know **ourselves** loved. Relationships **lead** us into **activity**, but they begin **with** being.

Being comes before **doing**. This is true in very many ways for us all. It applies to us as babies, receiving and being before we are able to do anything. It applies to much of our activity in that it comes out of what we feel and how we **relate**. It is in **being** that so much of our creativity develops. Yet all too easily we come to forget this and behave as though only doing matters.

Jesus had three years of very active ministry, doing a great deal. **At** the very end of his **life**, all that changed and instead of doing, he was done to. His Passion was largely, for him, passive, with the emphasis, therefore, on being rather than **doing**, just as it had been at the beginning of his life.

Jesus' death and resurrection are, **therefore**, reminders that being is both of the essence of God, and of being **human**.

Time spent in prayer, in reflecting, in being loved and receiving (and most of us are not very good at receiving) helps redress the balance in our lives and reinstate something of the importance of being and not just **doing**.

Over Easter, make sure that you are a human being and not just a human **doing**.

Have a happy Easter.

Anthony Piddis.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services

A service will be held on Good Friday at 11 am. On Easter Day, April 16th, morning service will be followed by coffee in the Little Hall. In the evening there will be an Easter Carol Service at 6 pm.

'Our Place in Creation?' Forum, February 17th

About 75 people attended this evening, and the panel of five representing Christian Ecology Link, Creation-centred Spirituality and Intermediate Technology was drawn from four different denominations. Many of the audience were from different churches in the area, so we had a good interdenominational representation. The panel answered questions which had been sent in beforehand, and the range and depth of their answers kept their audience at peak concentration all evening. Their appreciation was shown by the number signing for information on future developments, so a Workshop is planned for Saturday, September 30th, in Coleshill School. The programme will be publicised later, but please put this date in your diary.

Financial Support for the Church

Following the open letter sent out in the last Newsletter, there has been a good response. Twenty four replies were received, which resulted in a financial increase of about £2,400 per annum. Covenants were also increased, and there were two donations.

Lent Groups

One study group was held in the village, kindly hosted by Thelma Lemaister at Ongar Hill Farm. Ten members were joined by a visitor from Fulmer Church. One or two other All Saints' Church members joined another study group in the parish. The theme 'A faith that touches the world' was well thought out, and produced good discussion.

Annual Church Meeting, March 12th

One new member, Amanda McCallum, was voted on to the committee in place of Lynn Walsh, who resigned, but who becomes a co-opted member so that she can attend meetings when she is in the area. We lose Adrian Hopwood from the committee, and wish him and Evelyn well in their future work. The Pro-Wardens' report gave details of the new arrangements for sidespeople and readers, designed to increase involvement, and the welcome offered to visitors,

Diocesan Conference, March 21st - 24th.

Eight people from the Parish (including one from All Saints) spent three sunny, spring days at Butlins' Southcoast World in Bognor amongst 1,300 other people from Bucks, Berks and Oxon at the Diocesan. The title was "2001 -Setting Course for the Future". I am not sure that we quite did that, but our thoughts and ideas were certainly stirred up. We attended varied forms of worship from Eucharists from the World Church or from Iona, to All Age Informal Worship or Led Meditation with Silence. We were addressed by some lively and controversial speakers. Subject of seminars range from "A Church for the Laity" to "The Healing Ministry", "The Challenge of Science" or "The Over 60s". Alongside these were workshops on any subject you can think of from "Ethical Investing" to "Ignatian Spirituality". But perhaps the most inspiring aspect of the three days was to be part of a worshipping congregation of 1,300 people and the spirit of Christian Fellowship which pervaded the whole Conference.

R.A.L.T.

IN MEMORIAM

December 1994, Victor Dwight of Hill Meadow, Coleshill

December 1994, Joy Hicks of Magpie Lane, Coleshill

March 1995, Joyce Jeffcoat South of White House, Amersham

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

Our thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Bazaar - we are delighted to report that a profit of £546 was made. In addition our very grateful thanks are extended to our School Governor, Mrs Gillian Bungey, who organised our Christmas Draw which raised over £700 for the school. Our Christmas concert was very well attended with over 100 guests and we hope everyone who supported this event enjoyed the evening.

Once again a most successful Quiz Night was organised by School Governor, Mrs Alex Pond and held in the Village Hall. This also raised over £700 for the school. Last week we held our annual Whist Drive and this year it was well attended and just under £80 was made. Many thanks to everyone who supported these events and for the contributions received.

The children have this term had a visit from the Floating Point Theatre Company, who put on a science play called 'Gulp' about the water cycle. They also enjoyed their annual Music Morning at Jordans School, when they sang songs from European countries that they had previously prepared, and they took part in the 9 am Sunday Service at All Saints' Church in January. They have visited Shortenills Environmental Studies Centre at Chalfont St Giles, and took part in a national non-uniform day in aid of UNICEF. The day was spent on various activities connected with 'Columbia' and £14.50 was raised by the children for the cause.

For those in the village who have not yet heard, we now have recycling bins at the school for tins, plastic bottles and paper of all kinds, so please make use of them.

MAGPIE CLUB EASTER 1995

Tuesday 11th April - 12 noon. SHIRE HORSE CENTRE, MAIDENHEAD:
Meet at Coleshill Village Hall at 12 noon. Bring a picnic lunch.
Entry fee: £2.50 adults; £1.85 children; children under 4 free.
Please ring Jane by Wed 5th April if possible to give an idea of numbers.

Jane Stainer - 725671

Friday 21st April 1.30 pm. CHALFONT LEISURE CENTRE:
Roller skating or swimming. Meet at Village Hall at 1.30 pm. Bring a picnic tea for a picnic on Gold Hill Common afterwards (weather permitting)

Madeleine Murray - 728561

Friday 26 May, 10.00 - 12 noon. COFFEE MORNING/BRING AND BUY - Village Hall.
Please come along and bring and buy cakes, biscuits, cookies, books, toys, etc.
All welcome.

Margaret Butler - 727519

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will be held on Tuesday 9th May, 8.15 pm. All are welcome, and a glass of wine will be offered to all those present. We hope to see you there.

G.D.S.

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid week runs from 14th - 20th May this year.

On Tuesday, 16th, there will be a presentation by the children in the village school, starting at 2.00 pm, followed by a talk and tea. The Traidcraft stall will also be there again.

We will be holding a Quiz Night this year in the evening of Friday, 19th May, in the village hall. Details of this will follow, but please write both of these dates down in your diaries.

There will also be the house-to-house collection during the week.

Hope to see you at the social events.

Chris George

N.S.P.C.C.

This year our first event is a Summer Cookery Demonstration on Wednesday, 24th May, by Thane Prince who is the Cookery Writer for the Weekend Telegraph.

Coffee will be served at 10.30 with the demonstration following. Tickets are £12.50 to include the demonstration and a hot lunch. Available from Rosemary Valentine or Sharon Hall.

We are in the process of having some notelets and tea towels printed depicting Coleshill scenes - they will be available soon from Sharon Hall.

COLESHILL CHURCH -FETE — SATURDAY, JUNE 10th

The Fete will once again be held at the Cricket field. The following have kindly agreed to run stalls in the marquee:

TOMBOLA	Sharon Hall, Red Lion Cottage	725231
HOUSEHOLD	Jean Croydon, Ambleside, Tower Road	721209
PRESERVES	Stella Platzer, Solon, Tower Road	724282
BOOKS	Ann Trotman, Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane	433545
GREENFINGERS	Mary Sadler, Clivia, Windmill Hill	726277
CAKES	Hazel Pearce	726482
	Barbara Plumridge	433044
SWEETS	Rosemary Valentine, Friars Vane	725794
TOYS	Kim Hilton	432465
RAFFLE	Sue Bullough, Cotswold, Village Hoad	724246
CATERING	Barbara Dodds, Bramble Cottage, Village Road	722783

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

Chairman	Nick Sadler	726277
	Mary Sadler	
	Peter Dodds	722783
	Dumpy Swerling	873931
	Howard Green	724922

NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY - A date for your diary

As part of the first National Osteoporosis week (26th - 30th June 1995) we are holding a cheese and wine party/open garden from 6 pm - 9 pm on THURSDAY 29th JUNE. The purpose of the evening is to promote awareness of osteoporosis and to raise funds for the Society for research and to help sufferers.

We are both members of the Society and are eager to promote its aims and work. Please support the N.O.S. by joining us on Thursday 29th June for what we hope will be a happy and informative evening.

Venue: Clivia, Windmill Hill.

Hostesses: Mary Sadler (726277)

Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter (724596)

Tickets: £5 each

1st COLESHILL BROWNIES

We now have twelve Brownies after enrolling June Butler and Josephine Colacicco. The girls have spent this term working very hard towards badges, including Agility, Artist and Cooks.

Stephanie Pearce and Angela Stillwell will be leaving us after Easter, and as part of their final Challenge badge produced a fashion show which was a tremendous success and thoroughly enjoyed by the parents and brownies. They raised £10 which they decided to give to Save the Children.

The girls attended both the Thinking Day Service on 17th February at St Michaels Church, Amersham and Mothering Sunday at Coleshill Church where they read the lesson and prayers. Next term commences: Monday 1st May.

Sue Tixerant
Tawny Owl

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP - More dates for your diaries

On the three evenings Thursday 13 July - Saturday 15 July, the Group will be putting on 'Caught on the Hop', a comedy by Derek Benfield. This was first presented in Chester in 1977, and I have to confess I had never heard of it before we decided to do it (have you?).

It is nevertheless an amazing play. First, to call it a comedy is a severe understatement. The cast are currently trying hard to keep straight faces when saying their lines. Whether they will have managed to control themselves by July remains to be seen.

The cast are also endeavouring to find out what's going on - proof that you don't have to understand the plot fully to find it hilarious. Not to give the game away (even if I was sure what that was) the play revolves around a multiple sequence of mistaken identities. A prize will be awarded to anyone who can answer random questions like 'Who did Julie think she was talking to when addressing Phil on page 53 and what was Greta doing in the airing-cupboard?

But you don't have to be a genius to come along and enjoy it. It will be a challenge to the cast but I'm sure a great night out for the audience. The Group would welcome help behind the scenes. Any offers please to:

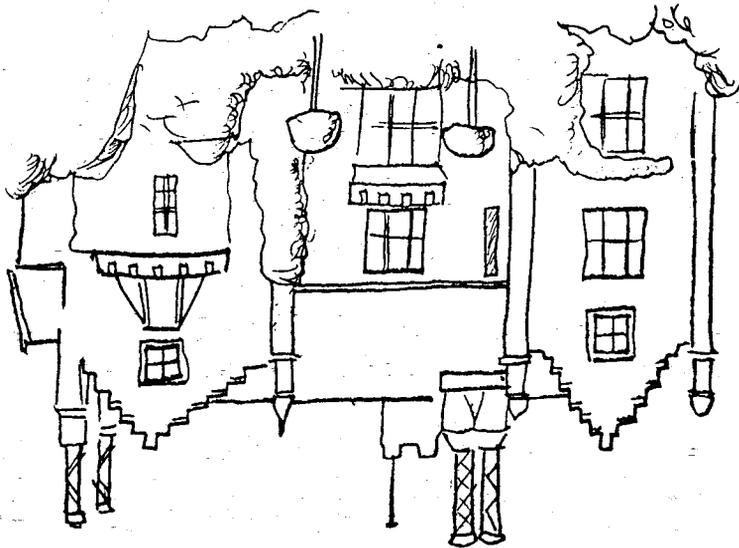
Lindsey Haubner (722589) or Dick Ware (722486)

And don't forget Santa in Space (early December)! A large cast will be needed.

Dick Ware

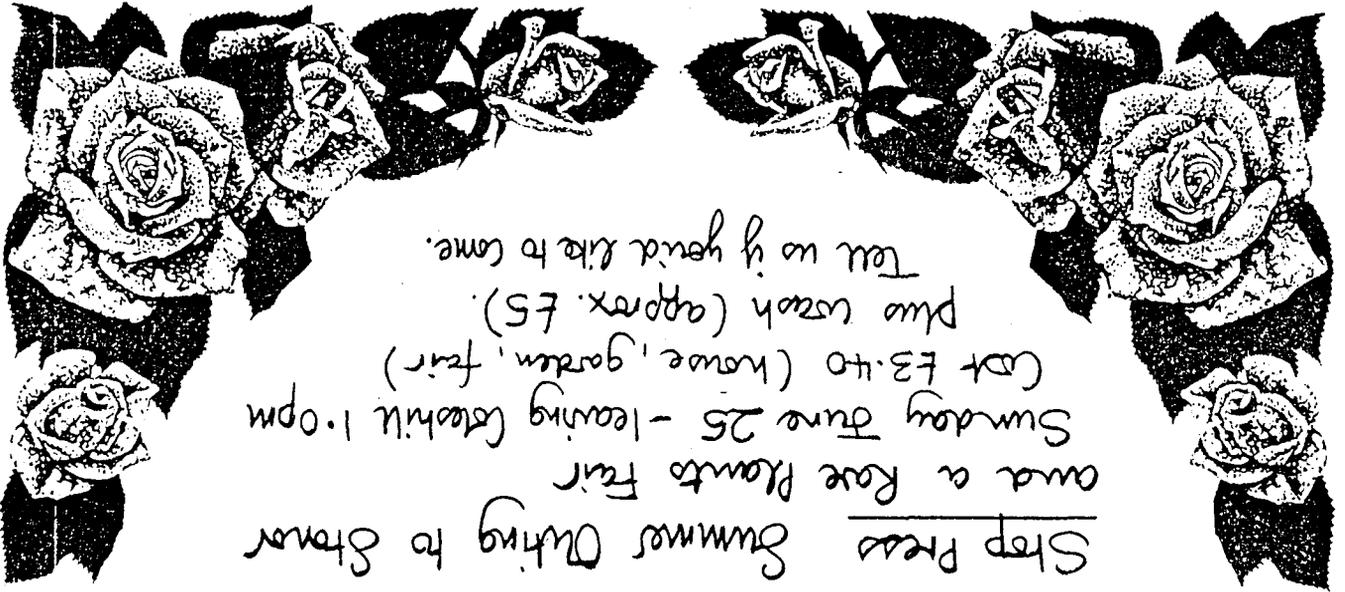
Spring Outing

- Wednesday 10 May 7:0pm Visit to Charles Manor
 — 15 & 16 Century Manor House with fortified tower
 visited by Henry VIII and Elizabeth I
 Tudor sunken garden, herbaceous borders, physic garden
 - a fine display of tulips and other bulbs in May



- Cost: £3.80 per head. Meet at the Manor 6.45pm.
 Lights can be arranged.
 Please telephone Helen Hitchen 727677 or John Savory 724112
 if you wish to come.

Step Press Summer Outing to Manor
 and a Rose Plants Fair
 Sunday June 25 - leaving Colehill 1.0pm
 Cost £3.40 (house, garden, fair)
 plus refresh (approx. £5).
 Tell us if you'd like to come.



COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

We are once again looking forward to the start of the cricket season which gets under way at the end of April. Work parties have been gathering the last few Sundays to prepare the ground and pavillion for the coming season and Vic Baldwin has, as usual, been hard at work on the square for some time.

The players have been meeting for indoor net practice on Sunday evenings and will be reverting back to Tuesday and Friday evenings at the ground when the nights are lighter.

This year we will once again be fielding 1st and 2nd elevens for League cricket with Club Cricket being played on Sundays. We have also entered the National Village Competition. If anyone is interested in doing some Umpiring or becoming either a playing or Social Member, would they please contact Tony Barber on 722143.

Kate Barber

COLESHILL W.I.

"Second time lucky" would seem to apply to two happy occasions for the Institute. For the second time, the Christmas 'Pot Luck' lunch was a huge success, provided and enjoyed by a majority of members. On Shrove Tuesday the Pancake Lunch was particularly appreciated, as last year's arrangements had to be cancelled on the day due to a sudden snowfall.

News of the deaths of Dora Post and Lena Grayer, two past members of the Institute, was received with great sadness, as was that of the sudden death of Joy Hicks. She had, apart from many other interests in the community, been a most active member of the Institute, and will be missed, especially by the Committee, whose friend and colleague she was. A fund has been raised, and a Reading Table commissioned to be used by the Institute, in her memory.

Many members have been involved with a variety of interests which the Bucks Federation of Women's Institutes offers. "A crafty look at Art" with a competition; Demonstration of the use of Pastels, and criticism of members' painting and craft work provided an interesting day out for the participants. The Resolutions Selection Meeting was well-attended, and a helpful explanatory report made by Mrs Betty Joseph. Following this up there will be a briefing meeting, when experts will speak on the chosen subjects of Food Labelling and the introduction of identity cards, before the Resolutions Meeting in May, when a V.C.O. will visit the Institute to lead a discussion and take account of members' votes.

Outings which have proved very popular included visits to the Barbican to see "A Christmas Carol" and to a BBC recording of "Friday Night is Music Night". Planned are visits to Chenies Manor in Tulip Time, and, yet another second arrangement, for a train trip to Chester, the first cancelled due to a strike. More reliable is a mystery tour, planned by Miss Ann Trotman, for those keen on walking.

The Spring Group Meeting, hosted by Little Chalfont W.I. was extremely well-attended. Contributions of toiletries for Romania Aid were collected from each Institute in the Group, and members were assured that everything would be going to a safe house, so that nothing could be diverted to the Black Market.

Mrs Mary Sadler gave an interesting account of the history of the Alexander Technique. Her remarks on the importance of good posture were taken to heart, and backs were straightened and knees together by the end of her illuminating talk. Lady Harwood's "Years at No 10" were during the first Labour Government after the war when her father, Clement Attlee, was Prime Minister, and consequently it was a particularly fascinating peep behind the scenes.

The Institute is now looking forward to a big fund-raising effort on Wednesday 14th June. There is to be a luncheon with a demonstration of Flower Arranging. Tickets (£10 each) will be on sale on and after the April Meeting, so please do come and bring your friends.

V.E. DAY - A CELEBRATION OF FIFTY YEARS OF PEACE

Those of us born since V.E. Day can only learn about the wartime years from films, photographs and the memories of the people who lived through them. To find out what people in our village remember about the forties, an exhibition is being planned in the Hall on the afternoons of Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8. You may not have lived in Coleshill at that time or maybe you were serving abroad but the war must have touched you somehow and we are interested in your stories. Can you help with the exhibition?

Any photos of Coleshill at that time would be of great interest. There was an unexploded bomb dug up near the water tower - has anyone photographs of that? Ration books, identity cards, tin helmets, uniforms, wartime recipes, even a 40's biscuit tin that you still keep cotton reels or seeds in, a wedding dress, parachute silk underwear!... anything of interest would be very gratefully received for our exhibition. Do you hold the records of any village organisation of that time? What were they up to?

We would also be grateful if you would fix on a piece of white cardboard a picture of yourself (or yourself and your spouse) on V.E. day or at any time during the war and next to it a recent photograph so we can recognise you. You may have only been two years old at the time but let's see you in your curls anyway! Underneath, in one or two lines and clear writing, can you please write your name and where you spent your wartime years. Please feel free to call me if you would like help with this or if you have ideas or suggestions to make this a really vivid and interesting exhibition. I would also be very pleased to hear from anyone who has a display case or display boards which we could borrow or who would be happy to help with putting on the display. Lindsey Haubner 722589.

As the older generations pass on, their stories will die with them and this will be an excellent opportunity to make a record for future generations in Coleshill village.

The Evensong Service in All Saints Church on the evening of Sunday, May 7 will remember the bravery, sacrifices and great spirit of our people during the war and will celebrate the peace this country has known since 1945. It will incorporate some time at the memorial which will have been newly restored for the occasion.

V.E. Day, May 8, 1945, saw some very special parties but fifty years of peace is also cause for celebration. At 8 pm on May 8 this year, the Queen will light a beacon in Hyde Park which she and the British Legion hope will be taken up all around the country. With Coleshill being one of the highest points in the Chilterns, we couldn't let that challenge pass and our beacon will be in the paddock behind the pond.

What a great opportunity for a **** STREET PARTY **** with a Forties theme to which everyone in the village is invited! The road will be closed from the church to the common and there will be food and music for ALL members of the family. Please fill in the enclosed slip to help with the catering. You are asked to bring a plate, dish, knife, fork and spoon (paper or otherwise) to eliminate a washing up party afterwards. Forties dress optional.

There will be a meeting in the church after the Palm Sunday Service on Sunday, April 9 to which anyone happy to help organise any of the events will be very welcome.

L.H.

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

The new season is almost upon us, although several hardy members have managed to make use of the courts throughout the winter.

We have been very pleased to see the courts well used and have had a good response to Club Nights during last summer. We have been very lucky to have Jason Collins as our coach, and his coaching sessions with the Juniors have been enthusiastically enjoyed. Jason is planning to continue with the free Friday sessions from 5 - 6 pm for any Juniors, and, where possible, a committee member will continue to organise extra play for them after their coaching sessions. Following this on Saturday mornings between 9 - 10 am he will run a Beginners group for Juniors. The charge for this will be £2 each. We hope more youngsters will take advantage of this.

Jason has recently started a ladies morning on Mondays from 9.30-11.30 at a cost of £5 per person for 2 hours. There are vacancies on this course, so do contact him if you are interested.

MATCH REPORT: During the winter months we have entered two leagues - the Farnham Common Cup and the Bucks LTA Mixed Veterans. Results for our first year are very good. This has given a variety of members some competition experience which they have enjoyed.

1995: THE NEW SEASON WILL COMMENCE ON TUESDAY APRIL 4th WITH CLUB NIGHT.

and this year we are having 2 club evenings - TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS. Juniors will commence on FRIDAY 7th APRIL and SATURDAY 8th APRIL.

The first MIXED FUN ADULT TOURNAMENT will be held on SUNDAY APRIL 30th. Play will commence at 11 am. This will be a great fun day and all are welcome - it is a good opportunity to meet other members and arrange future friendly games. Other events will take place throughout the season PLEASE WATCH THE NOTICE BOARD AT THE COURTS FOR DETAILS OF ALL CLUB TOURNAMENTS AND SOCIAL EVENTS.

THE ANNUAL VILLAGE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY JUNE 11th. We have entered the Aylesbury League this season.

During the coming season we hope to built a tennis hut which we feel is essential.

We do welcome all classes of membership for the new season, so please do contact our membership secretary: Lindsey Eardley on 01494 433815.

David George

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

<u>APRIL</u>	Tues	11th	Magpies Outing
	Fri	21st	" "
<u>MAY</u>	Sun	7th & Mon 8th	V.E. Exhibition
	Mon	8th	V.E. DAY STREET PARTY
	Wed	10th	Hort Soc. visit to Chenies Manor
		14th - 20th	Christian Aid Week
	Tues	16th	Presentation Christian Aid - Village School
	Tues	9th	Village Hall A.G.M.
	Fri	19th	Quiz Night - Christian Aid
	Wed	24th	N.S.P.C.C. Cookery Demonstration
	Fri	26th	Magpies Coffee Morning
<u>JUNE</u>	Sat	10th	COLESHILL CHURCH FETE
	Wed	14th	W.I. Lunch
	Sun	25th	Hort Soc. outing to Stonor
	Thurs	29th	N.O.S. Cheese & Wine Party

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has met twice since the last Village Newsletter was issued, on 13th December and 14th March. The minutes of both meetings were posted on the Parish Council's notice board next to the Village Hall. The March meeting was the last one of this Council before the local government elections. Nomination papers are due in by 12 noon on Tuesday, 4th April and, if more than seven are received, there will be an election on Thursday, 4th May. The first meeting of the new Council will be on Tuesday, 16th May. As usual, members of the public are very welcome to attend.

ROAD SAFETY IN COLESHILL

Following the public meeting in September and the Council's deliberations on the points put forward, the County Council conducted speed surveys at the end of January in three places indicated by villagers as being the right spots - ie at the top of Windmill Hill, in Village Road near the school and in Tower Road. They were done over 24 hours for six days and the full results have been made available to us. They are interesting. Nearly 70% of vehicles were travelling at less than 31mph and only five were recorded at over 50mph. This seems to confirm what the police said at the public meeting, that traffic is not usually travelling at such high speeds as may appear to onlookers. The County Council has now erected two "Kill Your Speed" signs. The Council felt that too many signs give an unwanted air of urbanisation and decided not to ask for any "No Footway" signs.

COLESHILL COMMON

Ten working parties were held between September and March and, thanks to hard work and dedication by about 20 villagers, all the work scheduled for this season was carried out. Not only was the Village Pond cleared of weed, but the pond on the Common was cleared and the willows in it cut down to let in some light; the verge and ditch down Barrack Hill were cleared and, even though the Electricity Board got a bit over enthusiastic when asked to clear around the power lines, it will soon grow back and it has been much appreciated; the path from Barrack Hill to the grassland has been substantially widened to avoid it becoming so muddy, though due to the excessive wet weather it has not as yet been very effective. Previous ditch clearance on Chalk Hill had the unfortunate effect of draining the water out onto the road which became icy during the frosts before Christmas. The ditch has now been blocked. In accordance with the Council's undertaking, all residents in Barrack Hill were consulted before the work was started there.

END OF WWII IN EUROPE

There will be many celebrations and thanksgivings nationally and locally. The Council discussed how the occasion should be observed in Coleshill. It was suggested that a suitable way to mark the 50th Anniversary would be to have the War Memorial restored and it was agreed that this work should be done. It will cost nearly £1,200 some of which will be met by the Parish Council. Several people have indicated to the Clerk that they would like to make a contribution towards the cost. If anyone else wishes to do so, would they please contact me (Patsy W-W - Tel 433356). A separate report about other activities proposed is enclosed with this Newsletter.