
BEWILDERED BY JOY!

When something of major significance happens in your life, it is nearly always a shock. This is true whether what happens is sad or joyful. Even in a situation where someone is expecting, even wanting, something to happen, it can still be a surprise. When someone you love is dying and in pain, it is still a shock when they do actually die.

The disciples experienced two enormous shocks within three days of each other. The death of Jesus on Good Friday must have been a terrible horror for them. They were certainly not expecting it. They had been told by Jesus that it would happen, but they had not understood. They still did not grasp the costly, self-giving way of Jesus' love. Nor did they see where that road would lead.

While struggling with the bewilderment of Jesus, their Lord and Master, dying before their eyes, on the cross, the disciples then received a further, even greater, shock. Mary Magdalene and afterwards Peter and John brought seemingly incredible reports that the tomb was empty and Jesus risen from the dead and alive.

Small wonder that the disciples did not understand what was going on! Indeed, it would make the Gospels very suspect if we were given a picture of the disciples being thoroughly in control: they clearly were not, and that is what we would expect. Major changes for any of us are extremely bewildering. We need time to let the ideas and truths begin to sort out. We need greatly more time to live and work out the implications.

The disciples were bewildered by joy. The good news of Jesus' resurrection could hardly be grasped in an instant. It was bewildering, but it was a joy. A joy that they had to grow into. A joy to take away their guilt and fear. A joy to transform their lives. A joy to give them inner peace and love for the rest of their lives.

God's gifts are no less to you and me. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose for us. Jesus lives for us. He wants us to live for Him, as forgiven people, knowing his love, living his deep joy.

Happy Easter!

Anthony Priddis

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Electoral Role

The electoral role is currently being updated. If you are not already on the electoral role and would like to be included, or would just like to discuss the idea, please contact Ann Trotman on 433545.

Harvest Charity

Following the great success of the Auction of Promises last year, concern has been expressed about so much money being raised for one charity. Continuity in supporting a charity such as Raphael is vital, but it is also important that there are no ill-feelings towards any charity in the village. The idea of a donation being made to a second charity is therefore being considered for each Harvest Giving Event. A minimum agreed amount would be given to Raphael thus safeguarding our principal charity and the excess would be split in agreed proportions between the two charities. The second charity would be rotated annually and the proposer of the nominated charity would be invited to join the Harvest Giving Committee for that particular year. If you have any suggestions for a charity which you would like to see supported by the village, please let Amanda McCallum have the details in writing by the end of May. Her address is Copper Cottage, Village Road.

This year's Harvest Giving event will be held over the weekend of 29th/30th June. It has been decided to hold a village flower festival and further details will be available shortly.

Civic Service

The Chiltern District Council has chosen All Saints' to hold a Civic Service on Sunday 5th May. Please note that the service will be held at 10.00am and will be non-eucharistic. Communion will be held at 6.00pm at All Saints' on that day.

Songs of Praise Service

A Songs of Praise service was held on Sunday, 4th February, followed by a pre-lent supper. It was well supported and enjoyed by all.

Easter Services

Listed on the back page.

A.C.McC.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

The school has had many visitors this term. On our non-uniform day we had a talk about Barnados and raised £12.62 for the charity. Little Missenden and Hyde Heath visited us to watch a Science Theatre Company. Miss Dollemore returned to talk about her balloon ride which had been given to her as a retirement present. We visited Jordans School to sing and play percussion instruments with them. Mr Denyer talked about rocks and minerals and brought gemstones with him. The nurse and PC Hamm talked to us in assembly and Mr Dyason from Toybox told us about the street children in Guatemala. We have been talking about caring.

The children enjoy writing the pieces for Snippets and we hope you enjoy receiving it. We do appreciate all the useful items you bring us. The questionnaires are coming back and the children in year 2 and 3 will be busy gathering the information from them.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fund raising. The amounts raised are Christmas Bazaar (£631), Raffle (£603), Quiz Night (£553) and Chocoholics (£90). The money will be well spent. One of the things the Parents and Friends Group is buying is a door security system. Please do continue to visit us but you will need to ring a doorbell and wait for us to release the door when we know who is there. This is of course to ensure the safety of the children and we are very pleased that the Parents agreed that we could have the money for this system.

Open Assemblies are 1st May, 5th June and 26th June at 9.00am and our fete is on 29th June. Everybody is welcome.

Mrs Stallwood

1ST COLESHILL BROWNIES

Yet another action packed term with the Brownies. We had one new Brownie, Emma who joined us at the beginning of term. Half way through the term Emma came from Guides to join us as a pack leader and is a tremendous help and a huge hit with the Brownies.

We started off with 8 Brownies taking their Jesters badge which went very well. Our theme this term was keeping fit and healthy, which even included the Brownies giving themselves a manicure! At one meeting, Andy Wood from the sports development programme came to us for a 'keep fit' evening and exhausted everyone especially Tawny Owl and Brown Owl!

In February the Thinking Day service was held at St John's church in Amersham. The Brownies had to collect money themselves for the fund by doing a good turn for a penny. We handed in £9.36.

The highlight of the term had to be a visit to Amersham police station where the policemen even locked the Brownies in the cells. They had all their fingerprints taken, played with the cars and then had a good talk by two policemen. The following week, 15 Brownies took their Crime Prevention badge. We had a wonderful group photograph taken with the police so the next week we made a photo frame each.

At the final meeting, we made Easter Bonnets out of fondant icing and had a wonderful egg hunt!

Next term starts on Monday 22nd April.

Jane Davis

1ST COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY EAST 1996 UPDATE

Meetings:

- Time: Monday evenings - 7.00 to 8.30 PM
- Venue: Coleshill Village Hall
- Subs £8.00 per term

Guiders Help:

- The guider (details below) is supported by an experienced guide, Anna Stratford, from the 1st Amersham on the Common Company who comes to help every Monday.
- Some kind parents have agreed to take one guide meeting each for the period that I am away working in Moscow for the period 15 April to 30 June. Would others make sure they help whenever asked.
- Thanks to all the above.

Enrolments, Badges and Trefoils;

- *Enrolment*
Michelle, Olivia, Claire, Julie, Katie and Rachel were enrolled in February. As an example of preparation for enrolment Julie and Rachel researched birds and produced an artistic report for their colleagues.
 - *Badges*
Entertainer - the following guides qualified for this badge by using the work they did for their Christmas Extravaganza but also new work. They were tested for this by Lindsay Haubner who pronounced herself impressed with the diversity of the entertainment produced by the guides. Thank you, Lindsay, for your help and for your tips for how we can improve our presentation.
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Qualifying guides: Beth, Caroline, Emma, Julie, Hayley, Holly, Katie, Lisa, Michelle, Nicola, Olivia and Rebecca.

Cooks - Caroline and Nicola were successful when tested for this badge by Sally Pool. Thanks again, Sally!

One of our guides, Emma, is helping out with the Coleshill Brownies at 5.00 pm each Monday and staying for guide meetings each Monday - that is real commitment! This is work that will help Emma with her Service Flash.

- *Trefoils*

Caroline and Nicola completed their work for their Yellow Trefoil - which requires a variety of challenges including badges as above. This means we now have four guides (with addition of Susie and Abi) with their Yellow Trefoils.

Activities

- *Theme of Challenge and Development:*

Our Monday meetings, largely organised by the guides themselves, have been spent in the such activities as Cooking Competitions; preparation for badges (above) and trefoils; other competitions - memory testing, acting/miming, tracking and hunts - following cryptic clues.

- *Thinking Day*

Seven guides participated in the local Thinking Day Church Service. Demonstrating the theme of "Communication" the guides spoke to the congregation in 13 different languages which included: Japanese, Nigerian, Swahili, Maori, French, German, Hindi, Gujarati, English, Greek, Turkish, Spanish, and sign language for the blind. They finished with "What a man really says when he says that someone else can be persuaded by force is that he himself is incapable of more rational means of communication".

- *Fund Raising*

We held major 1995 event on December 9 when we put on the Coleshill Christmas Extravaganza for the village, friends and family andThis raised £50 from which we donated our profits to RSPCA. The event had a EEC theme - with our welcome in most European languages and included original entertainment, a raffle, refreshments and Christmas Cheer! We finished for the Christmas holidays with our traditional panto outing (to The Swan at High Wycombe) and MacDonalds!

*Anyone interested in helping guides in any capacity please **don't hesitate** to contact me.*

Kaye Smith

Amersham 433419 or at work on 01932 896713.

YOUTH CLUB

We are still planning to re-open the Youth Club, meeting on Fridays at Winchmore Hill Methodist Church Hall, but we still lack a leader to run the sessions. If anyone knows anybody who might be interested in this paid post, please ask them to contact William Brierley on 726089

In the meantime, we have successfully run a games morning in the village hall over half term and will hold a second one on Wednesday, 10th April at 10.30am. Contact William or Penny Ware (722486) for details.

P.J.W.

ALL SAINTS' MAGPIE CLUB

We have had a very happy and well attended term at All Saints' Magpie Club.

We have been finding out about what life was like for Jesus, 2000 years ago. The children have had fun making clay pots, drawing around their feet to make sandals and constructing an entire village of cardboard houses! On the last day of term we hope to have a picnic of appropriate food.

For our Magpie Club service on 24th March, the children had made a collage of life in the Bible on a giant scroll, to show their parents.

Next term begins on Friday 26th April. We meet in the Village School from 5.00-6.00pm. All children between 3 and 10 years are welcome.

My grateful thanks to all helpers and parents who have been so supportive this term.

R.V.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

A date for your diary. The Village Hall AGM will be held on Thursday 6th June at 8.30pm in the large hall, after which you are invited to stay on for a glass of wine.

For those of you who may not know, there is a separate telephone number for hall bookings (433421). Should Ann Lawrence not be available, the answerphone message will advise you a direct number of the person to contact.

Can anyone shed any light on the switches in the ladies and gents loos which have been changed from the timed push button variety back to the normal type without anyone's knowledge?!

L.E.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INVITE YOU

TO THEIR SPRING MEETING WHERE

MRS PAT SNOW
Will give a talk entitled:

Gardening as a Hobby

Followed by a HANGING BASKET DEMONSTRATION
and Mrs Snow will bring *PLANTS FOR SALE*

Everyone is welcome to attend on:
FRIDAY 26TH APRIL in the VILLAGE HALL

Doors open at 7.30pm when you can enjoy a
glass of wine and the talk starts at 8pm

RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS

Tickets are £4.00 in advance or £4.50 on the door. Available from:
Ewart Smith, John Savory, Helen Hitchen, Dick Ware, Lindsey
Haubner, Kate Barber, Heather Hollamby, Kezia Jefford, Howard
Green or Florence Krebs.

COLESHILL W.I.

It might seem to be tempting fate to try out a good idea for the third time running, but the "Pot Luck" Christmas Lunch proved yet again that the culinary efforts of the members are to everyone's taste.

The year started sadly with the news of the sudden death of Joan Whyte, who worked quietly and unobtrusively for the Institute, both on and off the Committee. She will be remembered with affection.

Despite the snow and bitter winds of this winter, attendances have been unexpectedly high, and great interest has been shown in the proposal for a series of workshops to be set up, providing a wide range of interests, including Watercolours for Beginners, Patchwork for Beginners, demonstration of Resuscitation, use of make-up, Flower arranging and the formation of discussion groups.

A visit to the National Theatre to see "A Little Night Music" was very successful, and members are now looking forward to going to St Alban's Abbey, Winslow Hall and a conducted tour of The Regent's Canal, in the coming months.

Coleshill will be hosting the first meeting of the newly-founded Chesswood Group - where a large attendance is expected.

County Events included the Resolutions Selection Meeting which seven members attended, the Art Day where several members' paintings were entered for the "Still Life" competition and for criticism, and the "Celebration of the Spoken Word" competition preliminary readings. Muriel Jones as a solo entrant, and the Chorus of twelve members led by Lindsey Haubner, and using material written by her, have all been chosen to go forward to the finals in April.

There will be a fund-raising Coffee Morning on St George's Day (23rd April) at the President's house, to which all are invited, so do please go along and help to make it a great success.

Amongst all the activities, members do find time to enjoy a good speaker. Ann Trotman shared her observations of the secret life of Exmoor, and a talk on an adventurous trip down the Blue Nile helped to dispel the February blues. More colour was evident when a Captain of Invalids from Chelsea Royal Hospital was accompanied by one of the Pensioners in his "Scarlet" (the official description of the famous red uniform). The suggestion that women pensioners might be admitted to this all-male establishment was received with a polite "No".

Fortunately, the Institute's all-women Committee is working harmoniously and to good effect, guided by the President, and always with the loyal support of members. J.P.

COLESHILL DRAMA SOCIETY

The Christmas panto was a particular success. Not only was it much talked about until well after Christmas by a number of junior critics, but it also made a useful contribution to the group's finances. It was very satisfying for our efforts to be rewarded. In addition, it did seem to confirm the belief that panto's should be before Christmas rather than after. The performance needed a cast of thousands (it was quite difficult to get more people in the audience than on stage) and it also required a vast crowd of support backstage. I would certainly like to take this opportunity to thank them all and Lindsey in particular for their contribution.

Our next production is a gripping Victorian thriller called "Ladies in Retirement". It calls for sumptuous costume and a detailed stage set. Furthermore, we are indeed fortunate to have Geoff Jordan producing it for us, as he has had much experience of producing plays in Australia. He is very organised and methodical and I look forward to this ambitious production. We are currently in rehearsals, but we could still do with some help backstage. The performances are on:

Thursday 9th May, Friday 10th May & Saturday 11th May

Tickets will be available from the Red Lion (727020) and Dick Ware (722486).

Finally, we are also planning our next Christmas production which will be another staging of the very popular "Coarse Acting" comedy series. We will soon be having play reading evenings, so if you enjoyed the panto and feel like having an evening of great fun (and with no obligation to take a part), please give me a call on 729266 - all are welcome.

John Bullard, Chairman

N.S.P.C.C.

Many apologies to the residents of Magpies Lane who missed out on our carol singing this year - I'm afraid we were beaten by the weather! However, thank you to the Red Lion pub and a few houses who got the benefit of our voices as we raised £82.76.

In all we have raised £2,400 since May 1995 which is a tremendous effort. So many thanks to the hard working committee and all our stalwart supporters

S.H.

THE RED LION

A number of villagers make use of the facility of being able to get milk, eggs, butter, bread, etc. from the Pub, and also newspapers can be ordered. To enable such facilities to be available, the doors are usually unlocked at approximately 7.30am.

The winter activities of darts, quizz and crib & dominoe matches are drawing to a close, and the respective leagues will have finished by Easter. During the summer there is a darts league match each Monday starting in Mid-May. During June, the Pub darts, and crib & dominoe tournaments take place and anybody from the village may enter.

Finally, Grand Union Morris will be appearing by the Pond on Mayday at sunrise (approx. 5.20am), followed by breakfast at the Pub at 6.00am. Last year, 47 villagers "turned-up". Let us see if we can beat that number this year.

Chris and John Ullman can be contacted on 727020 about any services provided or social events organised.

J.U.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PATSY WRIGHT-WARREN - WINNER OF THE PUB GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE!

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

Coleshill Tennis Club would welcome new members, adult, junior or social for the 1996/97 season beginning on 1st April. The subscription rate is the same as last year. £40 per adult with a one-off joining fee of £20. Juniors (under 18) are £20 - with no joining fee.

Coleshill Tennis Club has its own coach - Jason Collin. This year he will be running a ladies coaching morning on a Monday from 9.30-11.00am at a cost of £5 each. Children this year are being coached at Penn & Tylers Green Tennis Club at a cost of £2 per hour.

We are starting off the season with a Barbecue and Social Event on Friday 26th April (weather permitting) and would like to see all members and families - there is a nominal charge of £2.50 per head for food.

Finally, all those villagers who are not in our 100 club - please speak to any member of the committee - remember there is a bigger chance of winning that, than the National Lottery.

D.G.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FETE

SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE 1996, 2.15pm

at

The Cricket Ground

Yes, fete time is here again! The following have very kindly agreed to run the stalls! Your contributions will be most welcome for:

		Tel.No.
TOMBOLA	Mrs Sharon Hall Red Lion Cottage	725231
HOUSEHOLD & BRIC A BRAC	Mrs Jean Croydon Ambleside, Tower Road (no jumble please)	721209
PRESERVES	Mr Stella Platzer Solon, Tower Road	724282
BOOKS	Miss Ann Trotman Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane	433545
TOYS	Mrs Kim Hilton Sandycroft, Tower Road & Mrs Jane Stainer Elm Gables	432465 725671
GREENFINGERS	Mrs Mary Sadler Clivia, Windmill Hill	726277
CAKES	Mrs Barbara Plumridge Highfield, Village Road & Mrs Hazel Pearce <i>(2 cakes if possible - demand is enormous)</i>	433044 726482
SWEETS	Mrs Rosemary Valentine Friars Vane, Barracks Hill	725794
RAFFLE	Mrs Sue Bullough Cotswold, Village Road	724246
CATERING	Mrs Barbara Dodds Bramble Cottage, Village Road	726852

If you would like to help in any capacity, please contact Nick Sadler on 726277. If you are new to the village, we would love to get some "new faces" involved! The success of the Fete depends on your support. Do come along with family and friends.

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday	8.00pm	Holy Communion followed by "Watch" at St Mary's
Good Friday	11.00am	Matins at All Saints
	2.00pm	Devotional Service at St Mary's
Easter Eve	8.00pm	"THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY" (1Cors. 13.v12) A meditation through music poetry and images on the meaning of Good Friday in the light of Easter.
Easter Day	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
	9.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints
	10.15am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
	11.45am	Matins & Communion at St Mary's
	6.00pm	Easter Carol Service at All Saints
	6.00pm	Easter Carol Service at St Mary's

COLESHILL CALENDAR

Wednesday, 10th April	10.30am	Youth Club Games Morning
Monday, 22nd April		Brownies term begins
Tuesday, 23rd April		W.I. Coffee Morning
Friday, 26th April	5.00pm	All Saints' Magpie Club term begins
Friday, 26th April		Coleshill Tennis Club - Barbecue
Friday, 26th April	7.30pm	Coleshill Horticultural Society - "Gardening as a Hobby"
Wednesday, 1st May - Mayday	5.20am	Grand Union Morris & breakfast at The Red Lion
Wednesday 1st May	9.00am	Open Assembly, CE First School
Sunday, 5th May	10.00am	Civic Service, All Saints
Thursday, 9th May		Coleshill Drama Society
to Saturday 11th May		"Ladies in Retirement"
Wednesday, 5th June	9.00am	Open Assembly, CE First School
Thursday, 6th June	8.30pm	Coleshill Village Hall AGM
Saturday, 8th June	2.15pm	ALL SAINTS' VILLAGE FETE
Wednesday, 26th June	9.00am	Open Assembly, CE First School
Saturday, 29th June & Sunday 30th June	All Day	VILLAGE FLOWER FESTIVAL in aid of Harvest Giving

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Since the last Newsletter there have been two meetings of the Parish Council on 12th December and 12th March which was also the Annual Parish Meeting. Julie Burton was again elected Chairman and David Hall, Vice Chairman. Councillors accepted the following special responsibilities:

Planning	Richard Valentine
Open Spaces	Tony Barber Richard Valentine - (Chairman of Common Management Committee)
Foot Paths	Jean Dover Peter Lawrence
Village Hall Management Committee	Julie Burton
Children's Play Area	Jean Dover
School Governor	Gillian Bungey
Adult Education	Gillian Bungey
Highways	Peter Lawrence
Association of Local Councils	Julie Burton
Tennis Club Committee	David Hall

COLESHILL COMMON

The last of the 9 working parties was held on March 3rd, before the birds started nesting. Fourteen people took part during the season and the programme of work was completed. Since then contractors have come in to dredge and clear the willow stumps from the pond on the Common. At the moment it looks a terrible mess but its reinstatement will be the first job next autumn.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The first round of judging will be between 28th May and 14th June. The judges will be looking for "cleanliness, tidiness, signs of recent attention and care" and not for "innate prettiness". Surely we can achieve that?

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

We are still negotiating with the District Council and CHHA about the perimeter fence and not until that is satisfactorily resolved with the Parish Council take over.

MAGPIE LANE

The improvements to signing, requested by residents of Magpie Lane to try to slow the traffic, were carried out promptly. Discussion with Whitbread Chiltern Inns in December seemed promising but has, unfortunately, not yet resulted in any action.

WATER TOWER

Three Valleys Water no longer has a use for the Water Tower. Mr Andrew Tate, an architect from Watford is anxious to convert it to a home for his family. He and his wife attended the Annual Parish Meeting to present his proposals to the Council, neighbours and other interested villagers. Councillors were impressed with his imaginative plans and agreed unanimously that they would, in principle support them.

Patsy W-W, Clerk
