

WITH OUR THANKS

I think that for the majority of us from the Parish who went to Anthony's service in Southwark cathedral the other week, it was the first Consecration of a Bishop we had ever been to.

In some ways it was exactly what I'd expected. There were lots of people dressed up, the standard of music and liturgy was very high and there were certainly plenty of Bishops. But what I had not expected was the overall feeling of humility and simplicity which the service had, despite all the ceremony and sense of occasion. What was clear was that this was an act of worship in the true sense: it was clearly focused upon God and was an expression of the great debt of thanks which we owe to Him. All this was very appropriate, because this was also very much what Anthony's ministry in this village, and in this parish, were all about, which is part of the reason why so much has been achieved over the past nine and a half years.

The sense of thanksgiving which I felt in the service at Southwark is very much a theme for us at the moment within the Church and the village. Apart from Anthony's services and send off, thanksgiving seemed to me to be at the heart of the recent Coleshill Flower and Garden Festival, with its wonderful display of flowers in the Church, the exhibitions in the village hall and school and the opportunity to enjoy some of the beautiful gardens of the village. It was all a celebration in the best sense: a thanksgiving for all the many gifts of beauty, talent and property which God so generously gives us to use and to share with others.

More recently we had the Magpie Club service at the Church, where the children helped us to look once again at this recurring theme of thanksgiving through their songs and stories. We then had our usual Communion or Eucharist: a word which actually means 'thanksgiving'. It was a good service, not least because there is much to give thanks for in the life of the children of the village at present, with both the village school and the Magpie Club thriving.

As all these things remind us, thanksgiving is a very important part of the Christian way. It is when we give thanks that we truly acknowledge all that we have been given. Thanksgiving is the starting place in our relationship with God.

William Brierley

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"When something of major significance happens in your life, it is nearly always a shock." These were the first words of Anthony's article in the Easter Newsletter. How apt they were, for it was Anthony who was to receive the surprise. Since the announcement of his appointment as Bishop of Warwick, there has been much excitement and many activities in the village in celebration and in planning for the future of our parish. We will all miss Anthony enormously and are immensely grateful for all the kindness and support he has given us over the last nine and a half years.

However, his departure has presented the parish with a challenge. William Brierley has stepped into Anthony's shoes until a permanent replacement can be found and a group of parishioners is busy putting together a parish profile, describing our requirements and the tasks the new rector would be expected to undertake. Over the next few months, I hope we will all continue to give William our support and to work together to find an appropriate replacement for Anthony.

Harvest Charity

Over the last weekend in June, the Coleshill Flower and Garden Festival was held. An enormous amount of effort went into all elements of the displays and the village pulled together in its unique way to create a memorable weekend. The creative talents of the village were shown magnificently in the Church, the village hall, the school and in many of the private gardens. The flowers in the church were quite exquisite and the contributions to the arts and crafts exhibition were enormously varied. The W.I. kindly arranged all the teas with some delicious cakes. As regards the private gardens, so much work had gone into making them look their best and they certainly did. So much so that I came home feeling that I should just let our hedge keep on growing so nobody can see into our little patch.

Sadly, the weather was a little unkind on the Saturday, but on the Sunday the sun shone and village filled up with visitors and it is hoped that over £1,000 was raised for Raphael and Rushmead Hospice.

In the last Newsletter I asked for suggestions for the second charity for our Harvest Giving. Because the Harvest Giving event was held earlier in the year than is normal, we had to make a decision on which charity to choose before the date which was published in the last Newsletter. Unfortunately, I received several suggestions after this date. Any proposed charities which were not chosen this year will, of course, be put forward for next year's Harvest Giving and if you would like any of your materials returned, please let me know.

Amanda McCallum

YOUTH CLUB

We are still working at finding a paid youth worker to run a club for school years 5, 6, 7 & 8 - fingers crossed for September !

Meanwhile, we have planned some activities for the summer holidays, as follows:

Thursday 8th August, 3.00-6.00pm, Coleshill Common - Games, scavenger hunt, refreshments and kick-the-can for 10-15 year olds.

Thursday 15th August, in the early evening, on Winchmore Hill Common - an inter-village rounders match for youth club aged children (to be confirmed).

Monday 19th August, 10.30am-12.30pm, at Mount House, Village Road, Coleshill (opposite the entrance to the common) - model making with waste materials, for under 16s. Bring any interesting materials you can scavenge (and boring ones too - they'll all be useful).

P.W.

ALL SAINTS' MAGPIE CLUB

We have had a very rewarding and enjoyable summer term, with an average of 20 children attending.

The theme for the term was 'giving'. We acted out and drew pictures of several biblical stories and we also had fun making tambourines to use at our end of term service.

In April, Patsy Wright-Warren kindly brought her do 'Whisky' to see us and explained what is involved in training a dog for the deaf. This was very popular with the children.

Instead of our usual Magpie Club Service this term, we joined the 9 o'clock service at All Saints on 14 July. The children were able to share with the congregation a little of what they learnt during the term.

Next term begins on Friday 20th September. We meet in the village school from 5.00 to 6.00pm on alternate Fridays. All children between 3 and 10 years are welcome.

Thank you to everyone who helped with All Saints Magpie Club this term

R.V.

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Saturday, 14th September 1996
10.00am - 6.00pm

This enjoyable annual event is a great day out for all ages. You can choose your own route, visiting as many churches as you wish.

If you would like further information on Sponsorship forms, please phone Rosemary Valentine on 725794.

R.V.

FRIENDS OF RUSHYMEAD HOSPICE

Thank you very much to everyone who has so kindly supported us in our recent fund raising events. Since we began last November, we have raise a little over £2,500 which we are delighted about.

Our future fund raising events include a bridge drive and tea in the Coleshill Village Hall and a gift fair at Denham Golf Club - a lovely venue. As they are so far ahead, please make a note in your diaries.

Thursday 17th October - 2.00pm
Bridge Drive and Tea

Tables £20 bookable by phoning Heather Hollamby on 433350. Some tables have already been sold so do book early to avoid disappointment.

Friday 15th November - 10.30am-4.00pm
Gift Fair at Denham Golf Club

Refreshments will be available all day. We have some very exciting stalls offering excellent Christmas gifts and new ideas.

We look forward to your continued support and hope to see you at these events.

H.H.

COLESHILL W.I.

The first group meeting of the newly formed Chesswoods Group, comprising six institutes, was hosted by Coleshill. About one hundred people attended, which ensured a lively meeting, and indicated there is plenty of enthusiasm amongst our sister institutes to make this new amalgamation a success.

This year, the Resolutions Meeting was split into three groups, led by three committee members who had attended the Briefing Meeting. This informal approach encouraged a greater participation by individuals than the more usual meeting led by a V.C.O., and proved to be a successful experiment.

At the recent Festival of Flowers, Open Gardens and Art & Craft exhibitions in the village, W.I. members contributed to all aspects of the endeavour.

In the "Celebration of the Spoken Word" finals, Lindsey Haubner's Chorus, speaking her original verses on the joys and sorrows of winning the Lottery, and Muriel Jones' interpretation of a whimsical poem about the Passing of the Telegram both received Red Star Certificates.

A fine summer evening was spent at Winslows Hall, with supper in the garden, followed by a tour of the house, which was designed by Sir Christopher Wren, a rarity so far from London.

A visit to St Alban's Abbey, including an organ recital and conducted tour was very much enjoyed, and a trip of the Regent's Canal and visit to Buckingham Palace have been planned.

As usual in August the Institute will be entertaining friends from St Saviour's and looking forward to the Group Garden Party, which this year will be at the home of a member of Little Missenden W.I., part of the Chesswoods Group.

Speakers on "the Restoration of Waddesdon Manor", and the problems besetting "the Mother of the Bride" have catered for different interests, as have others in the varied programme arranged for this year.

With four new members already this year, the Institute is looking forward to attracting more newcomers at the Open Meeting on Thursday, September 12th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, followed by the usual excellent tea.

J.P.

**LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION FOR SIGHT FIRST WALK**

In late February I had a meeting with Lindsey Haubner and asked if she would put a couple of words in the Village Voice about my walk for Sight First which she kindly did. The walk took place on 14th April and on the day of the walk at East Burnham Beeches, I got there at 9.30am. I had to sign in and get a number and then I set off at 10.00am. The going was quite firm, but later the ground started to get soft.

After stopping for lunch and a cup of tea, I went on my way to finish the walk of 9.5km. In total, the walk took me 3hrs 45mins, and after having a short rest I went home.

When I had collected all the sponsorship money and donations, I had raised a total of £595.50 and I would like to thank everybody for helping me raise this amount.

There were two other Lion members who raised money. Bob Roe raised £100.00 and Tony Barrett raised £83.00.

Guy Houlton

THE RED LION

A reminder to all villagers that if you need milk, eggs, butter, bread, stamps, etc, they can be obtained from 7.30am (usually!). We close during the week from approximately 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Daily newspapers and magazines can be obtained by order.

During the winter months a men's darts team played in the Chalfont & District League on Monday evenings, and a ladies team on Tuesdays. Also on Tuesdays, two quiz teams played in the Rodwells Chiltern Quiz League and on Wednesday evenings, a crib and dominoes team plays in the Amersham & District League. Although people living outside the village to play in these teams, we try to 'field' as many villagers as possible, so do contact us if you would like to take part.

Also on Wednesday evenings during the year, Scrabble and Solo are played here by some villagers, and they would welcome new faces at any time. Both games get under way at approximately 9.00pm.

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

J.U.

COLESHILL DRAMA SOCIETY

Our spring production of *Ladies in Retirement* was well attended and in fact the drama group made a small profit. It was a splendid first effort for us by Geoff Jordan, our director. Many thanks go to him and all the performers and support staff.

By the time this newsletter is out, we will have had our annual barbecue, and this year it is at Teddy and Betty Joseph's. They have a beautiful garden and a fine croquet lawn. We always seem to get excellent weather, and it is an event to which I always look forward.

Our next production is going to be another selection of the very successful and popular *Coarse Acting*. We will be staging it on 5th, 6th & 7th December and it will include a three course meal.

Finally, I have just received details of the Autumn/Winter season productions at the Palace in Watford. Between 6th and 28th September, they will be performing a comedy *Happy Families* by John Godber. For parties of 10 or more, there is a reduced price of £8.00 (Monday to Thursday and Saturday matinee). If you are interested, give me a call (John Bullard - 729266).

J.B.

N.S.P.C.C.

We have had a quiet summer, but will be having our usual Coffee Morning before Christmas. Look out for our posters announcing the date,

S.H.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you are not a regular contributor, but would like to include an appropriate article in the next newsletter, distributed in early December, please submit it to me by mid-November. May I remind all contributors that early submission of articles this winter will be much appreciated as the McCallum household will be increasing in numbers at the beginning of November and life may be a little disorganised. Many thanks in advance to all those who have offered to help put the Christmas Newsletter together - I will be taking up all those offers, I can assure you!

A.McC.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FETE

The fete was held on Saturday, 8th June and we were fortunate in being able to site the marquee close to the cricket club pavilion and enjoy its facilities. The assistance and collaboration of the cricket club is very much appreciated and it is hoped that it will be possible to continue this arrangement in future years.

The day was a great success and many people commented on how much they enjoyed themselves.

Thanks are due to the army of people that make this possible through a great deal of hard work.

Last year I reported that Donald Urry was retiring as the fete treasurer. In fact, he took no persuasion to do it one more time but he tells me this was positively his last performance! Thank you again, Donald and also Anita, for your guidance and help over many years.

Our fete is an important event in the Village Calendar which helps to make Coleshill so special - long may it continue!

N.S.

COLESHILL CALENDAR

Thursday 8th August	3.00pm	Youth Club - Coleshill Common
Thursday 15th August	early evening	Youth Club - Intervillage rounders match
Monday 19th August	10.30am	Youth Club - Model Making
Tuesday 10th September	8.15pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 14th September	10.00am	Historic Church Trust Bike Ride
Saturday 7th September		Coleshill Horticultural Show - 50th anniversary
Friday 20th September	5.00pm	All Saints Magpie Club new term
Thursday 17th October	2.00pm	Friends of Rushymead Hospice Bridge Drive & Tea
Friday 15th November	10.30am	Friends of Rushymead Hospice Gift Fair
5th-7th December		Coleshill Drama Society - Course Acting

WATCH OUT FOR THE NSPCC CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING!

HISTORY OF COLESHILL

For those who did not manage to pick up a copy at the Flower Festival in June, copies of the fascinating history of the village, compiled by John Chevenix-Trench are available from Patsy Wright -Warren at a cost £2.00 in aid of the Harvest Giving Charity.

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting of the Parish Council was held on 11th June. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th September at 8.15pm in the small Village Hall. As always, members of the public will be very welcome and will have the opportunity to raise any issues during the democratic ¼ hour at the beginning of the meeting.

PLAY AREA

Thanks to the agreement of two householders whose gardens back onto the play area that they will renew their fences, as soon as that work is completed, it will be possible to go ahead with the formal arrangements for the transfer of ownership to the Parish Council.

COMMON

Working parties on the Common will be resumed in the autumn. Dates will be posted on the notice boards.

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

The Parish Council has joined the Bucks County Council in this scheme which involves surveying all the footpaths and assessing what work needs to be done on them. A grant can then be received from the County Council to arrange for a local contractor to do the work. Jean Dover and Peter Lawrence, the two Councillors with special responsibility for footpaths are now walking all the paths and reporting on them. If anyone finds any problems, I am sure they would be pleased to hear about them.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In view of the number of burglaries in the village over the last few months and the improvements in police procedures, the Parish Council agreed to ask villagers if they wished to reconsider the idea of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Further reference is made to this in the following article.

ELECTRICITY

An official of Eastern Electricity will be meeting the Clerk to discuss the safety of the electricity poles on the Cricket Field and the cable going through the pond on the Common.

Patsy W-W, Clerk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I recently attended the Annual Councillors Briefing Evening which was addressed by Superintendent Roger Young and his senior colleagues in connection with the Amersham Police Area Plan for 1996/97.

In the light of the recent spate of burglaries which have taken place in Coleshill during the past couple of months, I feel you might be interested in the views of Sup. Young with regard to the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes which are, at present, being run in various parts of the District.

In the opinion of the Superintendent, he was convinced that the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes were the key element in deterring what he described as "the major scourge of the community" house burglary. There had been major pay-offs, week in week out as a result of this intelligence received from neighbourhood watch participants and he could not emphasise enough the importance of such schemes to the Police and the detection of crime. It was not just a matter of neighbours watching each others houses but the pooling of information through a new system called Ringmaster.

I know the village considered forming a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme a while ago and the idea was rejected but in the light of the recent burglaries and my meeting with the Police, I feel you might wish to reconsider the subject again. I know the Police and/or a participant in the scheme from another area would be happy to address a meeting if that is what the village would consider helpful. Please advise Jack or Lindsey Haubner of any thoughts you may have on this matter

Julie Burton, Chairman

[Events have overtaken the above and a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been set up in the village. The co-ordinators are Jack & Lindsay Haubner, but each of us will probably by now have met our own area co-ordinator. Please don't hesitate to report anything out of the ordinary - you never know who you might be helping.]
