

The Rectory,
Church Street,
Amersham.

December 1992.

A Baby

A baby! Amidst all the frenetic activity associated with the preparations for Christmas, it is sometimes very hard to remember that the reason for it all is just a baby.

"Just a baby"? Yes. Maybe a special baby. Maybe even a very special baby, but **still, nevertheless**, a baby.

And that is the whole point. He had to be a baby. If he had not been a baby, he could not have grown up into an adult human being. If he had not grown up into an adult human being, then he would never have lived our **predicament**, our situation, our pains and **difficulties**, joys and hopes. But he did because he had begun life as a baby.

As we contemplate again the events of that first Christmas, we find ourselves looking at a very ordinary little group of people: a carpenter and his heavily pregnant wife, an overbusy inn-keeper, shepherds about their business. The situation that they were all in was also more "ordinary" than we should wish it to be, for they were, of course, living in a country that was under military rule of a foreign power.

The circumstances of **Jesus'** birth were in no sense privileged. Quite the reverse. He began as he meant to go on, knowing the worst of what it is to be human. That is not to say that he could experience every human situation in its outward form. As far as we know, he was never made redundant from his work, (though he was without work for three years), or had cancer. But he did know the full and complete range of human feelings and thoughts. He certainly experienced extreme pain from being tortured. He knew what it was to be hungry and rejected and despised by others. He knew isolation and alienation and temptation.

If Jesus had not experienced this full range of human feelings because he had not been a full human **being**, then he would not be able to help our situation. It is precisely because he did live out a complete human life and show within it all the way of love at every moment that he is able to save us from our **predicament**. What he had not lived, he could not have healed. But he does heal it all because he began as a baby.

Anthony Priddis.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services. Christmas services will be on the following dates:

13th December	Christingle Service	5.00 pm
20th December	Carol Service	3.00 pm
25th December	Christmas Day	9.00 am

The Churchyard. A working party is planned to move the compost heap to its new site. This will make a lot of difference to the appearance of the area on the north side of the church.

The seat donated by Mrs Walsh in memory of her sisters, Margaret and Sybil Boston, is now in place looking up towards the north aspect of the church. Mrs Walsh has visited the church to see it, and our thanks to her for her gift.

The Harvest Charity. This year's fundraising was both fun and effective. The main event was the entertainment put on in Church at which Tenniel and Evangeline Evans explored the many uses to which walls can be put and gave us much to think about as well as many laughs. The theme was picked up in song by Julia Morby who was accompanied by Ruth Murphy. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Other fundraising was through a raffle and cake stall after the Harvest Thanksgiving service and another raffle at the Harvest Supper. The Church and several individuals were very generous in giving donations so that in total we have been able to collect this year £1,414 - another record.

The Director of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation has pointed out that, because of the recession, it is becoming more and more difficult to collect money. so our contribution is particularly welcome. It will once again go to help the TB work at Raphael in Northern India. I shall be able to see this in operation on my visit there and hope to bring back some more photographs and video to show how worthwhile the work is. Many people have made a contribution to achieve this excellent result. A big thank you to all. Leonard Cheshire's great wish before he died was that his work would be able to continue. Let us hope that we can help it to do so. P.W-W.

Deanery Synod. Congratulations to Patsy Wright-Warren who has been appointed as the new lay-Chairman to the Deanery Synod.

William Brierley. We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new deacon. who will take up his duties next July. William has already been introduced to members of the P.C.C., and we look forward to welcoming him to All Saints.

CHRISTIAN AID. The dates of Christian Aid next year are May 17th - 22nd. We shall have our School event on Tuesday May 18th, and our fundraising on Saturday May 22nd will take the form of a Concert in which Julia Morby will take part. Please make a note in your diaries now.

R.A.L.T.

HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper was held in the Village Hall on Friday, 9th October, with an attendance of nearly 120. Once again, Dumpy Swerling and her helpers produced a delicious hot first course and that was followed by a vast selection of sweets and puddings kindly provided by ladies in the village. Second - even third - helpings were there for the taking. It was the usual highly social gathering and a much enjoyed evening.

Even so, as far as can be remembered, this was the first supper for which there was no waiting list for tickets. Perhaps this is an indication that, after many years, the annual celebration should take a different form, eg. a lunch after the Harvest Festival Service. It would be helpful if those who have views about the future of the supper could convey them to Donald Urry, Dumpy Swerling or Ruth Murphy.

HOLY BAPTISM

On 11th October 1992, GEORGE OLIVER, son of Bruce and Kim Clark of Brentford Grange Farm, Coleshill.

On 25th October 1992, ALEXANDRIA FAYE, daughter of Christopher and Ann Allman of Coleshill Lodge, Coleshill.

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 2nd August 1992, Benjamin Gathorne-Hardy of London married Philippa Heimann of Hertfordshire House, Coleshill.

On 22nd August, Guy Stuart Clark of Maidenhead married Amanda Susan Hamilton of Amersham.

On 10th October 1992, Mark Paul Warburton of Winchmore Hill married Joanne Bates of Aylesbury.

CONGRATULATIONS: Our congratulations go to Beryl and Colin Smith on their recent marriages - Beryl to Graham in Devon and Colin to Annie in Peterborough.

IN MEMORIAM

November 1992. Ivy Owen of Winchmore Hill.

November 1992. Bernard Whitefield of Orchard House, Coleshill.

November 1992. Jessie Pusey of Rushymead Cottage, Coleshill.

MRS JESSIE PUSEY. It was with much sadness that we learned of the death of Jessie Pusey. Jessie was married in December 1939 to Douglas Pusey and came to Coleshill to live at Windmill Farm with her in-laws until Douglas was discharged from the army. They then were able to set up a home of their own in Rushymead Cottage, where they raised a family of three boys.

Jessie was very much involved with village life. - As well as helping Douglas to run the milk round she was a member of the W.I., and a leading member of the Mothers' Union, organising the excellent teas at the village fete for many years. Likewise she took on the responsibility of the Harvest Supper for over 10 years, and it says a great deal for her personality that she was never short of plenty of willing helpers.

She died peacefully, after a short illness, on 22nd November 1992. She will be greatly missed by many in the village and our sincere sympathy goes out to her three sons, Roger, Michael, Brian, their wives and the rest of her family.

A.W.

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

WHAT CAN COLESHILL DO TO HELP ITSELF?

Remember that questionnaire that went round the village earlier this year? There was an outline of the responses and the action taken in the last issue of the Newsletter. The Joint Group representing the Church Committee and the Parish Council have now gone through every question and answer carefully to tie up any loose ends and to allocate responsibility for continuing action.

Transport - In the last Newsletter I asked for a volunteer to co-ordinate a village transport scheme. In true Coleshill fashion I got two! Joan Allan (721859) and Helen Savory (724112) have kindly agreed to contact all those who indicated that they might sometimes need lifts and to put them in touch with those who had offered to give them. If there is anyone who did not fill in the form or say they might need help, it is not too late. Just get in touch with Joan or Helen or, if neither is available, with John Chenevix Trench (725439).

Environment - The start made on clearing the Common which has been organised by the Coleshill Common Management Committee is reported elsewhere in this newsletter. In addition, David George, Dick Ware and Chris Wege have agreed to organise the many volunteers who have adopted a part of the Churchyard.

Playgrounds - are subject to a survey by the Chiltern District Council, and the Parish Council will be considering the need in Coleshill in the light of that review.

Neighbourhood Watch - attracted considerable interest. John Powell has kindly agreed to arrange for a village meeting with the police and to mastermind any further activity that is necessary for such a scheme.

A good deal of activity has come out of the exercise. We hope that you feel that it was all worthwhile. The Joint Group has now been disbanded, confident that all the matters raised will now go ahead as a responsibility of either the Church or the Parish Council.

P.W-W

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

The 'Pop-In' in the Village School on a particularly wet Saturday morning did not attract as many newcomers as we had hoped, though those who came (and the representatives of the village organisations!) said that they had enjoyed it. We were able to present them with a booklet about coleshill which has been prepared for us by the Chiltern District Council. We have also been round to those who were unable to attend to let them see a copy. For the future, we aim to visit people as soon as possible after they move into the village to give them a booklet and try to make them feel welcome. Any 'intelligence' about comings and goings would be welcome. Please let anyone from the Church Committee know so that they can make the necessary arrangements for visiting.

P.W-W

POPPY APPEAL

We collected a record £381.08 in the village, and the British Legion is most grateful for the generosity of donors and the efforts of the collectors.

A.G.U.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

On a lovely sunny day in September, all children and staff had an enjoyable and instructive time in High Wycombe, studying the River Wye with David Dyson of the Urban Studies Centre.

We took part in a competition to collect tins, cans and plastic bottles for recycling. Our thanks to all who have collected "stars" for us from the Bucks Advertiser - we still hope to win! Our Harvest Festival held in school, conducted by the Revd Anthony Priddis, raised £39.12 from the sale of produce brought by the children, which has been sent to Christian Aid.

You will have no doubt noticed the scaffolding over the main part of the school, whilst the re-roofing was going on. This has been a major task, but is now satisfactorily completed, with access for the swifts which regularly nest here.

Our Christmas School Bazaar is on Saturday, 5th December, at 10.30 am. Please come and help support our School.

End-of-term Service will be held in Church on Friday, 18th December at 11 am.

COLESHILL & WINCHMORE HILL YOUTH CLUB

The youth club opened on Friday, 15th September and has met every week since, sometimes at Coleshill Village Hall and sometimes at Winchmore Hill Memorial Hall, with one outing to Slough Ice Arena and one evening at Woodrow High House to play uni-hoc and 5-a-side football.

About twenty youngsters regularly attend in each of the two age groups (10 to 12 and 12/13 to 17). There is music, pool, table tennis, board games and a thriving tuck shop. Supervision has been from a small group of parents and villagers, with the regular help of Ruth Bayley (taking a year out before a postgraduate teacher training course).

Six people, including Ian Dover, Victoria Furniston and Dickon Ware, took part in the Bucks Association of Boys' Clubs sponsored 20 mile walk in October and raised over £300 between them, part of which has been used to buy pool balls and cues and a uni-hoc set.

We are grateful to all those in the village who have given or loaned us equipment - especially to Jim Truett for making the dartboard mounting and scoreboard - and to the Village Hall committee and the Church for their enthusiastic support of the project.

If there is anyone in the village - ideally, young adults - who would enjoy helping with the group on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Penny Ware on 722486.

P.J.W.

MAGPIE CLUB - Christmas 1992

Tuesday 22nd December - 1.30 pm - CAROL SINGING

Meet at the church. Please bring four mince pies in a plastic bag for a gift. (Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult).

Wednesday 30th December - 3-5 pm - CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH ENTERTAINER

In the village hall. Please bring a contribution of food for tea and £1.00 per child or £1.50 per family towards the costs.

Madeleine	728561	Sue R.	721758	Sue C.	721610
Rosemary	725794	Eleanor	721610	Nicky	721724
Margaret	727519				

1st COLESHILL (ALLSAINTS') BROWNIE PACK

First of all I would like to say Thankyou to Katy Hatton who ran the pack for me this year, until I returned home at the end of June. Thanks also to Kim (Tawny Owl) who attended meetings until George was born, and who allowed us to have our Teddy Bears' picnic at the farm at end of last term. Last but not least Thanks to the 'Mums' who, as usual, have given me help and encouragement when needed and to the girls who accept all the changes in their usual manner.

We now have 18 Brownies, all enthusiastic and all clad in the new uniforms of yellow and brown. They enter into all activities with their unbounded enthusiasm. This term we have welcomed back Snowy Owl (Helen Spencer) and this half term welcomed Barn Owl (Iris Chapman) and Lucinda who has just been enrolled. Tawny Owl is still on maternity leave, we hope that she will return next year. The Brownies were thrilled that George was baptised at our last Church Parade and they enjoyed writing prayers and making cards for the occasion. They are preparing for the Contact Group to visit them for a party and are looking forward to singing carols at Rushymead and attending the Christingle Service.

All those, who hadn't done so, have now obtained their Agility Badge and by Christmas all will have earned their Hostess Badge. They are all working hard on either their Footpath, Road or Highway badges, keeping all the 'Owls' on their toes, trying to keep up with the pace ! The Mums and Dads continue to give the girls support and encouragement to participate in all that goes on.

We finish this term by joining the Brownies from 1st Amersham on the Hill at Woodside School for a Christmas Party. We return to start a new term on January 11th.

I am trying to compile a short history of the Pack and would be grateful for any information (however small). I have the original registration certificate from 1936 and know that it was suspended in 1939, but would like to know when it restarted and who joined etc.

Anne Lake
Brown Owl

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

We are pleased to report a modest increase in our numbers since the beginning of this term taking us to 7! Welcome to Miranda Colacicco, Suzie Pool, Rebecca Dell and Penny Cutler. Determined as ever to prove that small is beautiful, we have embarked on an ambitious programme of activities.

Our weekly meetings have been spent making sweets and pancakes and discovering some talent in this as well as how easy it is to burn the pans; we have also been skating at Slough. Most of our evenings have been spent working on our Christmas Show "Beauty and the Beast" to be held at the Chapel Hall, Winchmore Hill on Monday 7th December at 7.15pm. We are donating the proceeds from the entertainment and raffle to Redwings Horse sanctuary. Everyone is welcome and is promised a unique experience.

We plan in the new year to repeat our very successful Jumble Sale in aid of charities for both children and the aged. Last time we raised in excess of £150.00 so we will be looking for support in giving and buying from the village early in 1993.

Anyone interested in becoming a guide, please call KAYE HUGHES
Arnersham 433419 (home)
or 0784 474575 (work)

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

For the Festive season the Drama Group are presenting:

ANOTHER 3-COARSE EVENING *****

Three hilarious plays by Michael Green on THURSDAY 3rd,
FRIDAY 4th and SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER. Tickets from LINDSEY 722589.

Prices: Thursday £3.00 at 8 pm; Friday & Saturday 7.30 for 8 pm - £8.00
to include a 3-course dinner!

After Christmas on Friday 22nd JANUARY 1993 at 8 pm the Group are holding their A.G.M. at the Village Hall. After the meeting, it is hoped that members will entertain the assembled company with their creative abilities.

E.J.

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In July, the Institute held an open meeting where it was hoped people would come to see what goes on, and be enthused to join. Some did, and they are very welcome.

There is no meeting in August, which leaves it free for entertainment. Once again our friends from the St Saviours Centre for Deaf People came to lunch and this year they went to World's End Nursery to have a look around before returning for tea. They come from West London, and enjoy a trip out to the country.

Mrs Adamson's garden party, which she holds each year for the Group was well-attended, providing an opportunity to get to know a wider circle of W.I. members.

In September, the President, Rosemary Saunders held a coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan Nurses which was well supported by the Institute. It was one of over 800 similar events in Bucks which raised more than £400,000, and it is hoped they will be included in the Guinness Book of Records of the Biggest Ever Coffee Morning.

At the October meeting Mr Bailey showed some beautiful photographs he had taken of British Butterflies, accompanied by an interesting talk on the fifty or so varieties which have survived the ravages of modern farming.

There is now a W.I. market in Amersham (St John's Hall) on Friday mornings at 9 am. W.I. markets all over the country (excluding Scotland) will take orders for gifts of their produce to be delivered locally, thus taking away all the labour of packing and posting by the donor, and providing the recipient with a very personal present. With Christmas in mind, two weeks notice is required.

At the Annual General Meeting, there was an active discussion about the necessity for future fund-raising, as a result of the Treasurer's report. Sue Bullough brought diagrams to illustrate how the money comes and goes, and it was made very clear that the actual cost of holding the monthly meetings is not covered by subscriptions, "tea money" and raffles.

Committee member Sheila Paine has moved to Kent, and Lindsey Haubner will take her place next year. The rest of the Committee remains the same. Rosemary Saunders will continue to be President and Sue Bullough Treasurer, and Helen Savory will replace Muriel Jones as Secretary. Pat Emblow continues as Vice-President.

The next outing will be in January to the National Theatre's production of 'Carousel'. On Thursday 10th December at 12.30 for 1 pm in the Village Hall, the W.I.'s Christmas Lunch will provide a happy ending to the year's meetings.

J.P.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Since the last newsletter the main event has been, of course, the annual show at the beginning of September. We congratulate the many entrants on their hard work and the trouble that they take to make sure that this long standing event in Coleshill village life continues to be successful and enjoyed. It is very pleasing to the committee to see not only the continuing participation of longer term residents, but also people new to Coleshill taking part. This year there was a magnificent number and range of entries in the Children's classes. Our plea, perhaps, is for more vegetable growing - and participating - don't just eat them!

Finally on the Show, congratulations to the Cup and prize winners:

The Grindley Challenge Cup	Mr J Chenevix-Trench
The Jerram Challenge Cup	Mrs D Heimann
The Woolacott Vase	Mrs L Haubner
The Cotswold Challenge Cup	Mrs D Heimann & Mr E Miles
The Coleshill Challenge Cup	Mrs S Platzer
The Edmond Waller Cup	Mrs J Ferguson & Mrs B Plurnridge
The Ovington Rose Bowl	Mrs P McNeil
The Windmill Bowl	Mrs P Griffiths
The Clifton Cup	Mrs L Haubner
The Le Mead Cup	Mrs S Hall
The Joseph Cup	Mrs P McNeil
The Orchard Trophy	Mrs D Heimann
The Wheatsheaf Children's Cup	Tessa Ware and Mark Tuffney
The Magpie Club Award	Ellen Tuffney
The Society's Premier Cup	Mrs D Heimann

Our final event of the year was the Greenfingers plant etc Bring & Buy stall at the end of October which made a useful contribution to the Society's funds and found new homes for many deserving herbaceous plants.

Now, like all Coleshill gardeners, we rest content - all those autumnal gardening jobs completed - set fair for 1993. But not for long - January will see our worthy Chairman springing to life and starting the planning for our Spring meeting. See you then.

J.S.

COLESHILL BRANCH OF THE N.S.P.C.C.

Once again we would like to thank our friends in Coleshill for their continued support - even during a recession. It is our aim to send a cheque for at least £1,000 each year to the Society who are badly in need of funds. We hope by the end of the year to have reached this target which would not be possible without the generosity of our many supporters.

Our Annual house-to-house collection in October made £259 which was £30 higher than in the previous year. Also that month, Sharon and David Hall kindly lent their lovely home for a Coffee Morning and sale of Christmas cards etc. from which we added a further sum of £398.

At this time, our thoughts are very much with Mrs Whitefield, whose husband died recently; they had been happily married for over sixty years. Mrs Whitefield is an Honorary Member of the Beaconsfield NSPCC for whom she has worked tirelessly for over 25 years, and many successful fund raising events were held at their former home near Beaconsfield. Even though her husband was in poor health, Mrs Whitefield made the time to support us at our last Coffee Morning.

We shall be singing CAROLS on MONDAY 21st DECEMBER, meeting at the Church Porch at 7 pm. All 'voices' very welcome -- please come warmly clad and bring a torch. This year we shall be singing in the Chase Close/Tower Road area and we would be grateful if residents of that area could switch on an outside light as this would add to the safety of our mission!

G.M.B.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

To celebrate 10 years of the present Hall, an all-day party was held in October. We hope we catered for all by commencing at 4 pm with tea, followed by "Drinks" and then a Disco & Supper for the more energetic members of the village. Denis Hall, our President, welcomed everybody and reminded us of and thanked those who helped financially and in other ways during the construction of our new Hall. Judging from comments received by the committee after the event, it was a great success. Eight residents from Rushyead attended the tea, enjoying it immensely, and had to be persuaded to leave at Disco time! They commented that they wanted in the future to be more involved in Village life.

We have recently had the exterior of the Hall decorated and some minor repairs carried out to the roof. We have been awarded a grant by the Bucks County Council to enable us to carry out the necessary work for the installation of a permanent ramp - the amount was less than we had hoped for; but in this financial climate and money that is available for improvements, it is better than we expected.

It is pleasing to report in recent months a Bowling Club and a newly formed Village Youth Club have become regular users of the hall, along with Table Tennis and Martial Arts Clubs, so the balance between 'Resident' Users is beginning to equal that of 'non-Resident' Users.

Once again our thanks to Alan and Jean Dover, and our Bookings Secretary, Ann Lawrence, for the work involved that enables the hall to function as smoothly as possible.

G.D.S.

Ann Lawrence has a new telephone number for Village Hall enquiries and bookings which is 433421. You can still ring her on the old number, although Peter would like to have the use of his phone sometimes!

Ann still has a few things which were left behind in the Hall after the two Village events. Gone missing are two of the new red trays and another salt & pepper set. Please contact her if you find them or have something missing.

COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Spring issue of this Newsletter reported the setting up of the Common Management Committee, under the aegis of the Parish Council. Its mandate is to protect and conserve the common by active management, before it becomes completely overgrown, for the benefit of all. At present, the Committee consists, in alphabetical order, of Tony Barber, John Chenevix-Trench, Graham Thorne, Ann Trotman, Patsy Wright-Warren and Spike Wright.

As no doubt you'll have observed, they have made a start in the southern triangular tip bounded by the lower half of Windmill Hill and the upper part of Chalk Hill. The main aims in that area have been to fell a number of dead trees, especially elms, (and sane not-so-dead that were impeding growth) and to clear away a log of stifling bracken and undergrowth; then to create a more open space between 'two 'islands' of denser cover (for birds) - as well as to fashion a semi-circular footpath around the perimeter. Foot access will be made easier opposite to Thornbury Cottage but low posts will be put up there to prevent unwanted wheel-entry. Some ditch clearance is also going on.

A lot of this has already been done on five working-party Sunday mornings since the beginning of September; it is hoped to finish there by Christmas. Those five parties had an average turnout of 14/15 - all villagers - often in filthy weather; the total number of individual participants to date is around two dozen. Our grateful thanks must go to all of them, especially those who have made several appearances. Everyone who volunteered for Cannon work on their recent Village Appraisal form can expect to be enlisted! Invaluable advice, and loan of equipment, has been available from the local officers of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and should be acknowledged, as should a grant from the County Council of £600 towards the purchase of equipment.

COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Contd)

Early in the New Year, it is planned to go to work on the next stage - the adjoining area of the upper half of Windmill Hill up to Wheatsheaf Cottage. The path by the latter will be 'gated' by the Parish Council and then widened (when the various workmen have finished). This will then become one of the main foot-access points to the common. When that happens (in the spring?), the intention will be then to 'block-off' the steep, and dangerously blind, path opposite Windmill House.

This is the village's common, of course, so it goes without saying that any Management Committee member will be very glad to receive comments and suggestions, as well as offers of help, from any villager - especially, perhaps, from those whose properties adjoin part of the common. The whole job is likely to take a year or two to complete, but the results should more than justify the efforts.

A.J.W.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Thurs	3rd)	
Fri	4th)	Coleshill Village Drama Group Production
Sat	5th)	
Sat	5th	Coleshill School Bazaar
Sun	13th	Christingle Service 5 pm
****	Sun 20th	Carol Service 3 pm ****
Mon	21st	Carol Singing - N.S.P.C.C.
Tues	22nd	Carol Singing - Magpie Club
Wed	30th	Christmas Party - Magpie Club

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CHARITY TEA

THERE WILL BE A CHARITY TEA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CAROL SERVICE (not NSPCC)
Proceeds to a charity to be named on the day.

Tickets :	£1.50	From:	Alison Dening	433779
			Jacky Ferguson	726603
			Barbara Plumridge	433044
			Micky Prothero	724683
			Dumpy Swerling	873931
			Mary Wege	724152

C H R I S T M A S G R E E T I N G S - 1992

Jack Adams
Joan Allan
Tony & Kate Barber
Peter & Jennifer Brock
David & Sue Bullough
John & Julie Burton
John & Ann Chenevix-Trench
Walter & Evelyn Clayton
Kitty Clifton
Ronald & Mary Colles
Nancy Collier
Catherina Cossey & Family
Leslie & Jean Croydon
David & Marigold Curling
Norman & Minnie Darvill
Tony, Pat, John & Fiona Dawson
Christina (Deaky) Deacon
Jim & Alison Dening & Family
Charles & Anna-Marie Desoutter
Alan & Jean Dover & Family
Ted, Ann, James, Robbie & Nicky Downie
Jonathan & Lindsey Eardley & girls
Louie Edwards
Jack & Pat Emblow
Robin & Jacky Ferguson & Family
Janice, Steve & William Foster-Jones
Bernard & Joan Frost
David & Chris George & boys
Maisie & Andrew Grant
Lena Grayer
Howard & Catherine Green
John Guest
David & Sharon Hall & girls
Denis & Chloe Hall
Jack & Lindsey Haubner & Family
Les & Joy Hicks
John & Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter
Bill & Barbara Houlton & Auntie
Geoff & Ginny Jordan
Teddy & Betty Joseph
Chris King

Peter & Ann Lawrence & Family
Marjorie Long-Brown
David & Ineke McCammon & Family
George & Pat McNeil
George & Ruby May
Henry & Diana Maynard
Simon, Ros, Lucinda, Charlie & Olivia Morris
Ron, Ruth, Gregory & Alex Murphy
Michael & Madeleine Murray & Family

Philip & Hazel Pearce
Tony & Stella Platzer
George & Barbara Plumridge
Peg Pomeroy
Derek, Alex, Philip & Susannah Pond
Dora Post
John & Jean Powell
Margaret Price
Micky Prothero
Roger Pusey
Brian & Pam Pusey
Jim & Pleasance Riley
Gillian, Colin, Clare & Fiona Sach
Nick & Mary Sadler & Family
John & Helen Savory
Ewart & Jean Smith & Family
Cecilia Spackman
The Spencer Family
Mollie K. Stone
Pam & Paul Stubbings
All the Swerling Family
Peggy & Ann Trotman
Donald & Anita Urry
Richard, Rosemary, Amber, Neil & Stuart Valentine
Betty Waite
Dick, Penny, Tessa & Dickon Ware
Sidney & Ann Ware & Family
Chris & Mary Wege & Family
Mercie & Martin Williamson
Spike & Phyllis Wright
Patsy Wright-Warren

The above have advised that they do not propose to send
Christmas Cards locally, but extend to all friends their
best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB would like to wish everybody
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bob & Mary Tilson send Christmas Greetings to all friends in Coleshill
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When all donations are received from the above greetings, a cheque will be
forwarded to the Treasurer of All Saints' Church

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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

St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.15 am	Family Service: (with Sunday School & Creche)
	11.45 am	Matins
	6.00 pm	Evensong
2nd Wednesday of each month	10.00 am	Holy Communion

SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER

(Candlelit)	6.00 pm	FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & LESSONS
THURSDAY 24th	11.30 pm	MIDNIGHT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALLSAINTS' 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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER	5.00 pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER	3.00 pm	CAROL SERVICE
CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00 am	PARISH COMMUNION

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Pro-Wardens	- J. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill	725439
	- Mrs D. Swerling, Hobbs Hole Cottage, Bottom House Farm Lane, Chalfont St Giles	873931
Hon. Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	727420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss A. Trotman, Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane	433545

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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

Mobile Library: This calls in Coleshill every Wednesday morning 9.35-9.50 am,
stopping alternately at Village Hall and Village Way.

Details on noticeboard outside Church

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Best Kept Village Competition: In response to a letter from the Clerk, the organisers had said that, if next year there was a problem with the timing of cutting the verges before judging the competition, they should be notified.

Faith in the Countryside: All items raised on the village questionnaire had now been addressed and responsibility allocated for further work. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek someone to co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Although the 'Pop-In' morning had not proved a great attraction to newcomers, the Church would pursue this and ensure that all newcomers would in future be visited as soon as possible and given one of the booklets prepared by the District Council.

The Joint Group from the Church Committee and the Parish Council felt that it had now completed its work and asked to be disbanded. This had already been agreed by the Church Committee which had written to the Clerk expressing support for the joint venture which had proved productive. The Parish Council agreed to the disbandment of the Joint Group which could be reconvened at a later date if the two parent bodies felt it desirable.

TENNIS CLUB

The group of Parish Councillors under the chairmanship of Mrs Burton had met with representatives of the Tennis Club and agreed a draft lease and draft Rules and Regulations. These, with the agreed amendments were presented to the Parish Council. They were agreed subject to pointing out to the Tennis Club that the clause in their Rules and Regulations giving them power to vary the rules should not apply to the issues about the constitution of the membership and the committee agreed under the section on the Purpose of the Club.

The following motion was proposed by Mrs Burton, seconded by Mr Wright and agreed unanimously:

"the Coleshill Parish Council agrees to grant a lease, as drafted, to the Coleshill Tennis Club, subject to the presentation of a satisfactory development and running financial capability statement."

PLANNING

In response to the Chairman's letter expressing concern at the lack of attention given to the Council's objections to Application 92/0515/CH (The Magpies Public House), he had received an apology assuring him that the Council's views would always be given proper weight by the officers, that members of the Planning Committee would be made fully aware of them and that the procedure had been altered to ensure that they would, when received before the due date, be incorporated into the officers report.

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Mr Wright Reported on the activities of the Common Management Committee. We had affiliated to BTCV which had provided helpful advice, loan of tools and insurance cover. Four working parties supported by 24 helpers overall had made substantial progress in clearing the southern triangle. A grant for £600 had been gained from Bucks CVS for buying tools.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

12th January and 9th March 1993. A decision on a suggestion that meetings might in future be held four, instead of six times a year would be taken at the next meeting.

Introducing Neighbour Notification for Planning Applications

Chiltern District Council now operates improved procedures for giving publicity to all new planning and related applications.

The Council now notifies neighbours, who are either the owner or occupiers of property adjacent to an application site, to advise them:

- of an application which may affect them;
- where and when the application may be inspected;
- the time within which written comments or objections should be made; and
- where the written comments or objections should be sent.

While the Council will be undertaking this notification it hopes that, as a matter of courtesy, applicants will continue to notify their neighbours of an application that they are about to submit.

Here are the answers to some familiar questions:

Q Can anyone comment on a planning application?

A Yes

Q Do the new arrangements apply to all *planning applications*?

A Yes, except minerals and waste disposal applications, and the County Council's own operational development: such matters are submitted to the County Council for determination and will be subject to their publicity arrangements.

Q Where can I inspect planning applications?

A At the Planning Department of the District Council Offices in King George V Road, Amersham (the offices are open 9.00 am to 5.30 pm, Monday to Thursday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm on Friday).

The documents available for inspection will be the application form and plans together with accompanying letters or statements (if submitted) from the applicant or agent.

It will be helpful if you bring the notification letter with you, or quote the application number, to avoid delay.

Q If I wish to comment or object, what do I have to do?

A Neighbours and other interested parties will be afforded 21 days to submit written comments or objections to ensure consideration by the Council before a decision is made.

Letters should be sent to the Chief Planning Officer, Chiltern District Council, Council Offices, King George V Road, Amer-

sham, Bucks HP6 5AW (Fax Number 0494 729011).

Oral comments or objections will not be accepted as they can be open to misrepresentation or misinterpretation.

Q What should my letter contain?

A It is helpful to the Council if you include:

- your name and address;
- the application reference number and address of the site (to ensure that your letter is considered with the correct application);
- whether you are commenting, supporting or objecting to the application;

• details of your comments or reasons for objecting (these should relate to planning issues, although you may wish to include other matters to amplify your planning ones: the Council will make its decision on planning issues, not on non-planning ones).

Your letter will be acknowledged in writing by the Planning Department.

Q Will my letter be made public?

A Yes. Your letter will be available 3 days before the Planning Committee meeting (and thereafter) and may be inspected by the applicant, agent, local press and public and other interested parties.

Q Can I attend the meeting when the decision is made?

A Yes. Planning Committee meetings are held in public in the Council Chamber at Chiltern Council Offices. The Planning Committee, which comprises elected Councillors, will consider a report and recommendation from the planning officers. In many cases there may be little or no discussion.

Applications are approved with conditions, or refused with reasons. Submitted letters are available to the Councillors to read before the meeting and a summary of the key planning points is included in the officers' written report. If letters are received too late for inclusion in this written report, a summary will be reported verbally at the meeting. Neither you nor the applicant will be able to address the Committee.

Chiltern Council has delegated to the Chief Planning Officer the authority to approve minor applications when there are no objections, or the comments can be resolved by conditions. These

do not form part of the Planning Committee's agenda.

Q If I object will the application be refused?

A Not necessarily. Planning authorities try to be fair. They have to weigh up many issues before reaching a decision. These will include the proposals in the application; the policies in the Structure and Local Plans for the district; the responses from statutory and other consultees. Town and Parish Councils, neighbours, residents, local societies and organisations; and the advice and recommendations of the planning officers.

Further Information

Chiltern Council has published two leaflets which are available from the Planning Department:

- "Can I Comment on a Planning Application?" (which covers the items in this article)
- "Publicity Arrangements for Planning Applications" (which gives details of the other publicity arrangements, e.g., the statutory register of all applications, weekly list of new applications, site notices and statutory notices for certain categories of application).