

ALL SAINTS' COLESHILL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER No. 77

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

It has always been the **Church's custom** during Lent that we should endeavour to show some form of discipline and **some** form of Self Denial.

Perhaps we are being asked adequate self denial in the Country at the moment - at least we have to check our desires for speed, heat and light. That does **not** mean we can sit back. The question we should now be asking is "How can a Christian help in the present **crisis?**", and the simple answer surely is that as individuals we must show what a Christian life is. A life without greed, **envy**, hatred and malice. A life which shows hope, care and **neighbourliness**. A life which is prepared to give (and giving of all kinds at personal cost) not taking at every opportunity and from any source available.

Our attendance at Church is important so that we can be an active member of **God's family**, not just a nominal **member**. One who comes to Church to give of himself and then goes out from worship with **added** strength to give to others. Regular prayer strengthens all our **efforts**.

Yours sincerely,

ALLAN CAMPBELL
Rector

CORRESPONDENCE

Coleshill House.
2nd January 1974

To the Villagers of Coleshill.

Dear Villagers,

We certainly appreciate your kind thoughts for us at Christmas. It was a lovely surprise on going into the dining room on Christmas morning to find a gift awaiting every one of us.

Best wishes and a Happy New Year from all,

Sincerely,

The Old Dears at Coleshill

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Dear Mr Editor,

Village Hall

As Chairman of the Village Hall, I have a most wonderful Committee - ladies who will help in getting the hall ready for functions, make themselves responsible for teas and light refreshments and turn up in full force for spring **cleaning**. The men are also wonderful and bear their expert minds upon heating, lighting and plumbing, all of which require attention from time to time.

I am however stuck with the surrounds and **for** the past few years have had to rely upon **septuagenarians**. All that is required is that the weeds round the hall and the hedges should be kept in order. This will only take **about** two or three half days or evenings throughout the year.

Can I appeal for some young volunteers.

Anita M Ovington
Chairman

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COFFEE MORNING FOR WOOL FOR THE CHURCH KNEELERS

The sum of £46 was raised for wool for the Church **kneelers** at the coffee morning held at "**Lansdown**" on Thursday, 24th January, by the kind invitation of the Misses Boston.

Grateful thanks are **recorded** to all the helpers and to those who attended or contributed.

PROPOSED PICNIC SITE - SWYNCOMBE DOWNS

The **Chiltern** Society are proposing to establish a picnic site on the edge of the Chiltern Escarpment near **Ewelme** which offers wonderful views of the Oxford plain and the Berkshire **Downs**.

Subject to the fuel position this should be a most enjoyable afternoon or evening ride from Coleshill and from time to time progress will be reported.

RECITAL

On the evening of **Friday, 21st December**, a song and organ recital was presented by the **Coleshill Village Drama Group** in **conjunction** with the Church. Miss Patricia Scanlon, **mezzo-soprano**, who works frequently for the BBC and at The Royal Opera House, was accompanied on the organ by Mr Ralph Davier, the well-known Swedish recitalist, who also played four pieces for solo organ. It was a delight and a privilege to have such music, of the highest professional standard, brought to our village.

The Coleshill organ, though small, is of vintage quality; it was built in 1906 by that aristocrat of organ-builders, **William Hill**. Its beautiful case contains, however, only fourteen speaking **stops**; there are no reeds, no mixtures, and only an old-fashioned and awkward '**yank-down**' swell **pedal**. The Church **itself**, moreover, is **acoustically** dead - there is no trace of the resonance so helpful to organ tone - so that a single wrong note, even a muffled note, is painfully noticeable. Mr Davier surmounted these formidable obstacles with apparent ease, exploiting with brilliant ingenuity the tiny resources of the instrument. It was a daringly ambitious programme. There is not space to discuss individual items of the recital, but Miss **Scanlon's** singing of **Franck's Panis Angelicus**, in which she gave full voice to the long legato line of the melody, was one of the highlights of an exceptionally enjoyable evening.

J.G.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB A.G.M.

At the Annual General Meeting on the 26th November **1973**, the Hon. Secretary reported that the Club had just about retained its position in **the Wycombe League, Division II** by finishing off their last six matches with a flourish. The Sunday side had retained the **Jim Ware Cup** by beating Perm Street by 6 wickets.

The name of **E J Junger** appeared three times amongst those who had scored 50 runs or more, **D M Mash** was top **with** a score of 86 and there were two others, **G Clifton** and **S Chalwin**. The outstanding bowler was **K Edwards**, his best performance being 9 for 37.

Two dances had been held which largely accounted for the balance to be carried forward and another is being arranged for **Friday, 19th April 1974**.

The Club would **welcome** new members and a **competent** scorer who should be over 18 years of age.

The following officers were elected for the **coming** season

President - Jack Adams, Chairman - Bob Tilson, Hon. Sec. - David Nettleton. Hon. Treasurer, Bill Francis, Match Secretary - David Baldwin, Fixture Secretary - Eddie Junger, Groundsman - Tony Barber, Saturday Captain - Doug Mash, Vice-captain - Gordon Brown, Sunday Captain - Geoff Clifton, Vice-captain - David Baldwin.

CAROL SINGING

The Carol Singers would like to thank all those who gave so generously on the evening of Sunday, 23rd December.

We **collected** a total of £25. This money was used to buy each resident of Coleshill House a small Christmas present. The remainder was given to Mr Panton to be put towards the **Church** decoration fund.

We would also like to thank the Publican of the Magpies for his most welcome hot punch which fortified us for our walk **home**.

Loveday Pusey.

TALES OUT OF SCHOOL

Past Perfect

We are pleased to record Simon Michell's success in the recent slogan competition organised by the local health authorities to encourage the return and disposal of old medicines. The school was able to send several entries and we are glad that one was a prize-winner. Simon received a token valued £1.

The Christmas entertainment in School on 19th December was a happy occasion enjoyed by children and guests alike. The atmosphere was relaxed with maximum audience-participation. A collection for school funds realized £8.62½ plus a bonus gift of oranges and chocolates for the children's Christmas party from a satisfied customer.

Future Indicative

Parents and friends are again invited to join the children at morning assemblies on the last Wednesday in each month. The second Open Assembly of this term will be Ash Wednesday, 27th February at 9.00 a.m.

The next function we hope to organise will be the Annual Whist Drive in March.

MAN-MADE CAKE COMPETITION

Again at Christmas, Mr Mountier of the Red Lion ran a highly successful man made cake competition. He induced a lot of enthusiasts to display their masterpieces, which had to comply with the rule that no female had a hand in the effort, and in addition he organised a raffle.

The competition was judged by Mrs. Fauz and "Reg" of Drews Bakeries who put up the cake for the raffle. It speaks worlds for Mr Rupert as an auctioneer when he realised some £158 for the cakes when they were put up for auction and in addition there was £52 for the raffle run by the "Red Lion", i.e. £210.60 in all.

The proceeds were sent to the Princess Marina Centre for Spastics at Seer Green who, acknowledging their grateful thanks, added:

"As perhaps you know, some years ago we built a hostel for 7 ambulant spastics and our next project is to increase the size to accommodate a further 4 spastics and the cost is likely to be in the region of £10,000. The intake will not be increased thus enabling some of the present occupants to have a room of their own, many of these having lived together intimately for some 10 years or more with no privacy, and thus the money you have so generously contributed will help finance this project."

BROWNIE NOTES

We started this term on the 14th January with the same number of Brownies as we had last term. Since then we have acquired one new recruit and a transfer of a Brownie from Devon, making a total of 20.

We have 10 Brownies doing the House Orderly Badge before and after half term and several Musician and Singer Badges also are to be tested.

For Thinking Day this year our four sixes are having an exhibition each six depicting a different country. News about our money raising effort for Stoke Mandeville and a Christmas carol singing is to be found under "Guide Notes".

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH - OFFICERS 1974

Pro-Churchwardens	(Priest) Mr. E. Powell-Price (People) Mr N.N. Nicholls
Hon. Treasurer	Mr A.M.V. Panton
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. J. Dryden
Synod Representatives	Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mr N.N. Nicholls
F.C.C. Representatives	Miss S. Boston, Mrs. J. Dryden, Mrs. Harris Mr. A.M.V. Panton, Mr. E. Powell-Price.
Village Hall Representative	Mrs. Harris
Council for Social Work Representative	Mrs. M. Nicholls
Mission Representative	Miss Williams
Local Church Committee	Miss M. Asher, Miss S. Boston, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. P. Lawrence, Miss H.C. McLean, Mrs. A.M. Ovington, Mrs. J. Pusey, Mrs. P. Stubbings, Mrs. E. Waite, Miss. P. Wright-Warren, Mr. R.F. Coales, Mr. H. Kennerell, Mr. R.G. Stubbings.

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The Bring and Buy Sale, held on the 10th December, in conjunction with the Brownies, was a great success and we were able to send £41 towards kitchen equipment for the new paraplegic hostel at Stoke Mandeville. Many thanks to everyone for their kind support.

Friends, Guides and Brownies sang carols at Coleshill House on 23rd December to everyone's enjoyment. The house was beautifully decorated and the Guides and Brownies were given refreshments and presented with a large box of chocolates. The Guides presented a bowl of bulbs which they had grown for the ladies and gave Miss Burley a Guide calendar.

A Guide, Susan Ware, read a lesson at the Carol Service.

This term, the Kingfishers have a new member, Rachel Wege, and we hope the District Commissioner will enrol her on the 11th February.

We had our first Company hike this month, made a fire and cooked lunch, and plan to have more in the future.

A London District of Brownie Guides are to hold their annual Revels at Grove Mill and we have promised to help with this event. We shall have about 120 Brownie visitors and their Guiders.

H.J.M.C.

Guide Meeting time: Monday evenings in the Village Hall 7.00 p.m.

LOOKING BACK 1975 - LOOKING FORWARD 1974

1973 has been a better year for our **collections** for missions. **Fifty** books of Green Shield stamps have been **despatched**, this excellent result having been achieved partly with the help of several gifts from outside Coleshill. The polio victims at **Kwa Mkono** will benefit greatly as the stamps are being used to buy calipers and other equipment for them.

The blanket department also has had a very successful year, **twenty two** blankets having been made, some from knitted squares, the rest light crocheted blankets for the babies.

Very many thanks are due to those who collected stamps and gave wool and to those who crochet, knit and make up the knitted squares.

The collection of used postage stamps continues and three large parcels have been despatched to Cancer Relief. In December, the final collection of stamps was sent to the Blue Peter Stampede to help the starving **and** homeless in Ethiopia.

And what about 1974? It will be hard work to keep up the Green Shield Stamps collection under present conditions, so please help all you can. The need for wool is **URGENT** as the cupboard is bare.

Meanwhile in Africa the work goes on. Hari still occupies the Coleshill Cot and is steadily growing in strength. There is the possibility of a new modern hospital being built by the **Tanzanian Government** to replace the old and unsuitable present buildings. The new hospital would still be under the guidance of the Sisters and would continue the excellent work being done in the training nurses - men and women. Perhaps, too, in the future it might help in the training of doctors.

M.W.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS?

1. On Thursday, 10th January, Mr. **E.A. Alliot** gave a most interesting talk about Old **Amersham** to members of the **W.I.**, during the course of which he said that in the Old Town there were a number of houses without any numbers - or rather the numbers were shown on the inside of their front doors. Apparently this was due to a difference of opinion some years **ago between** the postal authorities, who wanted houses to be numbered and the landlord (presumably the Lord of the Manor) who was not willing to incur the necessary expense. Eventually the postal authorities provided the numbers and the landlord, **seeing** himself beaten, stirred up the numbers **before** distributing them.

2. There are some old folk who toy with the idea that **some** of the old houses and **cottages** in **Coleshill** are reputed to be haunted. There is one spot on the road through the village where **people**, walking there after dusk, instinctively feel they must **break** into a jog trot.

People in houses on the same road have frequently been awakened by the sound of running footsteps at 2.30 a.m. and just at dawn by the echo of the hoofs of a galloping horse.

Can anyone confirm this?

(Please no facetious **replies**)

NEWSLETTER

Owing to technical **difficulties**, this issue is not in the usual form. Nevertheless it is hoped to issue the next number in time for Easter, and copy should be in the **Editor's** hands by **Friday, 22nd March**.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on **Friday, 1st** March, in the Baptist Church, **Coleshill**, at 2.30 p.m. when the speaker will be Miss **Philippa Rann** and the theme will be "Make us Builders of Peace".

All women will be very welcome at the Service.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual **General** Meeting of this Society will be held in the Parish Room on **Friday, 8th** March, at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mrs. Lawrence needs someone to replace her in running the Sunday School.

She has been helped by Mrs. Vince, Mrs. **Horsbrugh-Porter** and Mrs* **McCammon** and they will kindly **continue** to do this, but someone is needed to be responsible for the overall arrangements.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February

Thur 21 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
Mothers' Union, Winchmore Hill
Wed 24 Ash Wednesday. **11** a.m. Holy Communion

MARCH

Fri 1 Women's World Day of Prayer, 2.30 p.m. Baptist Church, Coleshill
Thur 7 Mobile Library Van Coleshill
Fri 8 Horticultural Society, **A.G.M.**, Parish Room 8 p.m.
Thur 14 W.I. Miss Honor **Wyatt**
Thur 21 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill

APRIL

Thur 4 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
Thur 11 **W.I.** Mrs. Maria **Piccaver**
Fri 12 GOOD FRIDAY
Sun 14 EASTER SUNDAY
Thur 18 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
Fri 19 Cricket Club Dance
Tue 23 Village Hall A.&M.

