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We were all delighted to have Mr. Holder with us at Christmas and sincerely hope that he will take full advantage of his period of convalescence in order to regain complete health and strength.

The following is an extract from a letter which he wrote from hospital on December 15th:-

"My Dear People,

Since my last letter to you in these parish notes, I have had so many kind letters of enquiry from you to which I have not been able to reply individually that I have decided this month to try to thank you all for your kind letters, cards, books and beautiful **potplants**. They are **all** greatly appreciated"

Mr. Holder tells of his progress and continues -

"As the **collect** for Advent II reminds us, it is **God** who has **caused** all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, that **we**, through comfort of the Holy **Word** might have life and hold **fast** the hope of everlasting **life**.

God's word is **God's** gift to us, the most precious thing that the world affords. Let us pray that we may indeed be a people of His Book, and pray in **the** words of the Litany, "From contempt of Thy **Holy** Word, **Good** Lord deliver us. That it may please Thee to give all Thy **people** increase of grace to hear meekly Thy word and to receive it with pure affection and to bring forth the fruits of the **Spirit**".

Mr. **Holder** adds his best wishes for a happy and joyous new year.

NEW ARRIVAL

On **December** 28th to Mr. & Mrs. Desmond **Bungey**, a son.

IN MEMORIAM

All Saints Church and Coleshill village have suffered a sad loss in the death of Richard **Field**.

A **Northcountryman** by birth, he lived all his married life in Coleshill and for many years ~~was~~ **was** a most **reliable** sidesman of the Church.

Our deepest sympathy **goes** to his wife and to his mother who nursed him so **devotedly**.

SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

The Church Committee has aimed to provide a Holy Communion Service at Coleshill every Sunday and in order to avoid a clash of commitments in case of emergency, Parish Communion will be held at All Saints every Sunday at 9.00a.m. until further notice.

In addition, Evensong will be held on the 2nd. and 4th Sundays of each month.

Sunday School will be held at 10.00a.m. every Sunday, in compliance with numerous requests which have been received from time to time. Until now it has not been possible to meet these wishes.

All Saints Annual General Meeting will be held at Coleshill School on Monday 23rd January at 8.30p.m. and it is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Any members of the congregation who are willing to be responsible for the flowers in Church on any particular Sunday or Sundays are asked to put their names against the appropriate date or dates on the list which will be displayed in the Church porch. This may provide an occasion to pay a tribute to God in memory of a special day or anniversary.

Small or large arrangements will be equally welcome and Miss S. Boston will be happy to answer any queries, for example, about vases or containers.

The Church, Chapel and School Carol Services were happy preludes to the Christmas celebrations but there seemed less than the usual number of house-to-house carol parties. It is hoped that the observance of this traditional custom will be resumed next year.

THE OXFORD OR TRACTARIAN MOVEMENT

In view of the interest shown in the article on **Coleshill** Church by John **Betjeman** in the last Newsletter, the following is reproduced from "What's What - A Complete Guide to the Church of England" by **F.B.Chancellor**, published by Howbrays -

"The Oxford or **Tractarian** Movement was initiated in 1833 by John **Keble's** sermon on national apostasy, preached before the Judges of Assize at Oxford in July of that year. There followed the first of the '**Tracts for the Times**' written by various men, including **Newman**, **Froude** and **Pusey**, who shared **Keble's** views.

The Movement was designed as a defence of the Church of England as a Divine institution and of the doctrine of the Apostolic Succession. It was a "high Church" protest against the low Church, an insistence on **English Catholicism** in reaction to the **Evangelical** revival. It may be said to have ended in 1845 when **Newman** and others in the Movement were received into the Church of Rome, but its influence was considerable and has lasted.

The Oxford Movement has no connection whatsoever with the Oxford Group, the name given - for some extraordinary reason - to a movement founded in 1938 by a Lutheran American of Swiss descent, **Frank Buchman** (b.1878), but more properly called **Buchmanism** or **Moral Re-armament (M.R.A.)**".

CAKE COMPETITION

A number of old folk, ^{in the village} and also at **Rushymede** and **Coleshill House** benefitted from a man-made cake competition organised by **Mrs. Stanton** on December 17th.

With the exception of a hard-baked doorstep, the 17 or so confections were surprisingly delectable and the champion **Chef's** cap and apron were awarded to **Mr. Y. Houlton** for an iced model of the **Red Lion**, where the judging took place. The runners-up were **E. Stiel** and **J. B. Robinson**.

After one entry had been disqualified, the booby prize went to **Mr. L. G. Stanton** for a burnt offering, and the delicacies were then sold for the benefit of the cause in a spirited auction conducted by **Mr. Rupert**.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Tues. Jan 3 Sisterhood - Mrs. I. Spooner
Thur. 5 Mobile Library Van - Coleshill
Thur. 12 W.I. Miss Miles - "Moral Welfare"
Mon 16 Parish Council Meeting 8.15.p.m.
Tues. 17 Sisterhood - Revd. 3. Chambers
Thur. 19 Mobile Library Van - Coleshill
Mothers' Union, Chapel Hall, Winchmore Hill. Speaker:
Miss Bangay "A Quiet Time in Church"
Mon. 23 ALL SAINTS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8.30p.m. in
Coleshill School.
Tues. 31 Sisterhood. Open meeting with Bring and Buy stall.
Tues. Feb 7 ST. MARY'S AMERSHAM with ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL
Annual General Meeting.

Again our young musicians are to be congratulated upon passing the examinations of the Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music with high marks. Lorna Pusey passed Grade V Theory of Music and Wendy Weller Grade V flute.

EDITORIAL

As predicted, it was not practicable to produce this issue before the end of the year, but every effort will be made to publish the February edition before the end of January.

The Editor thanks contributors who have helped in the past and asks for their forgiveness when he has mutilated copy.

He will be grateful if Hon. Secretaries will let him have as long notice as possible of all annual general meetings and suggests with great humility that they should try now to co-ordinate on the dates when they hope to hold local functions.

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