

My dear Friends,

Despite some adverse criticism and hostility the evangelistic crusade of Billy Graham continues to draw crowds seeking a more satisfying way of life. The team of counsellors helping the campaign have referred persons seeking further guidance to their Parish Priests and some such enquiries have been made to me.

There is no short expeditious road. Christian life involves everyone at all levels. God speaks to His people today as He did to His prophets of old, whether they hear Him or not. The Epistle for Trinity begins with the words "Marvel not, ay brethren if the world hate you. "We have passed from death to life because we love the brethren". That God is using Billy Graham to rekindle spiritual desires is something we must be thankful for.

In a short guide to the duties of church membership, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have laid down that "all baptised and confirmed members of the church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil this duty, we call upon you:-

To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life and to bear witness to Him

"To be regular in private prayer day by day

To read the Bible carefully

To come to Church every Sunday

To receive the Holy Communion faithfully and regularly

To give personal service to Church neighbours and community

To give money for the work of the parish and diocese and for the work of the Church at home and overseas".

Belief and practice must be complementary to each other and I commend this Guide to all in the Parish.

W.L.H.

#### NEW ARRIVAL

On June 2nd, Alison Jane, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Thompson

#### BAPTISMS

April 29 Victoria Carol Edwards

June 12 Richard Malcolm Young

#### BURIAL

June 4 Following cremation. George Thomas Page, son of the late Albert George and Alice Mary Page. R.I.P.

### CHURCH FLOWER RCTA

July 3 Mrs Powell Price      July 24 Mrs McLatchie  
10 Mrs Chenevix Trench      31 Miss Atzema  
17 Mrs Weedon

### WHITSUN OFFERING

The Whitsun offering amount 3d to £29. 9. 2d.

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Again, Coleshill has been entered for this competition organised by the County of Buckinghamshire Association of Parish Councils.

The preliminary and final judging is to take place between 1st and 31st July, when the judges will look to such points as the absence of litter and refuse dumps, clean pond, trim hedges and verges, tidy gardens, walls and fences, well-kept green, common and playing fields.

The earnest desire of the village is to retain the silver cup and ornamental sign gained last year, and residents are asked to do all they can to make the village worthy of the honour once again. The Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr. S. Ware, will be happy to allot suitable tasks to volunteers who are prepared to do some work outside their own homes.

### ARTS AND MUSIC

It affords great pleasure to record that Coleshill was well and creditably represented at recent Arts and Music Festivals.

There was a large entry - vocal, instrumental, speech-making etc. - for the Chalfont St. Peter Arts Festival. Mr. Sidney Harrison acted as adjudicator and the Festival Baton for the best choir was won by the Harewood Singers, of whom Mrs. Dryden is a member. Wendy Weller won the class for orchestral woodwind and brass instruments (under 15) and gained an Honours Certificate and Festival Cup for the highest marks in classes for orchestral instruments. Lorna Pusey, with the flute, won the class for solo woodwind and brass instruments (15 and over) and was awarded a Certificate of Distinction. The Harewood Singers, Wendy and Lorna (both with the flute) all took part in the Prize-winners' afternoon and evening concerts.

A number of children from Coleshill (those attending Dr. Challoner's Grammar and High Schools and Raans County Secondary School) also took part in the Amersham Junior Schools Music Festival at Dr. Challoner's Grammar School on May 20th. Conductor was John Broadbent.

### CC GRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Philippa Rann upon being appointed Head Girl at Dr. Challoner's High School and to Heather Weedon upon having passed the B.A. Degree examination in Social Administration.

## SCHOOL OUTING By Pauline Antosiewicz

On the 8th June Coleshill School went for a trip to London Airport. There were thirty seven children and two adults and we travelled in a Jeffways coach. We started out at 8.30a.m. and arrived at Queen's Observation Building at 9.15a.m. We left the coach and the roof gardens were not open to the public but they let us go in. Some children bought icecreams and some went to the playground and some just watched the aeroplanes. Then we had a guide to conduct us on a tour round the perimeter which was 13 miles. Then we got in the coach and drove to Runnymede and we sat on the bank and had our dinner and some of us fed bread to the fishes. The boat was a bit late and it was a Salters steamer and it was called "Hampton Court". We climbed on and as we were sailing to Windsor we went through two locks -"Old Windsor" and "Romney". Some of the boys saw a kingfisher and I saw a water rat. We arrived at Windsor at half past one and walked along the edge of the river. Then some of us went to the playground and some stayed on the island where we met at twenty minutes to three and then we went home. It had been a perfect day's outing.

### MAGILA HOSPITAL

It was unfortunate that many people had to miss the delightful talk given by Sister Edith Frances C.S.P. on May 20th when she spoke about her work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Magila. The coloured slides gave an idea of the wonderful scenery in Tanzania and also of the charming motherless babies cared for by the hospital, where they are kept until the family can take charge or until they can be adopted. In reply to questions, Sister Edith talked about the present relationship between the Tanzanian government and the Europeans in the country. She emphasised that the present rulers are very aware that they owe their education primarily to the Mission schools working in Africa when no other form of education was available.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sincere thanks are extended to Mr. D.Stevanovic ("Meta") for his most skilful and generous alterations to the Frontal chest in the Church.

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The British Empire Campaign for Cancer Research gratefully acknowledge the receipt of £17, the result of a recent collection in the village. For this much credit goes to Mrs. Spackman for her laborious house-to-house calls and to Mr. Spackman for providing transport.

Fine weather attended the party given by the Women's Institute to some forty old people from the Gifford Mission, Islington, on June 15th. Apart from lunch, the tea, the hat display and sale and community singing, perhaps the highlight was the dumb charade enacted in costume by Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey's mummies.

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Readers are asked to amass treasures with which they can part for the Jumble Sale in aid of funds for the Village Hall on Oct.7th.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- July 4 Dr. Challoner's Grammar School - Sports Day  
5 Dr Challoner's High School - Sports Day  
5 Mobile library van - Coleshill  
6 Prizegiving at Colashill School by Miss Williams  
12 Sisterhood meeting! Speaker - Mrs. W.H. Richardson  
14 W.I. A policewoman will talk about the work of the Women's  
Police Force
- 16 C H U R C H F E T E
- 19 Mobile library van - Colashill  
21 Mothers' Union. Garden party at Mrs Collier's, Winchmore Hill  
Bring and buy stall
- 26 Sisterhood - Open meeting before closing down for August
- Sept 10 Coleshill Horticultural Society - 21st Anniversary Show
- Oct 1 Dance )  
2 Mixed cricket match }  
5 Whist Drive } In aid of funds for the Village Hall  
7 Jumble sale }  
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### EDITORIAL

The Editor thanks readers who have sent copy for this number of the Newsletter and asks for more as soon as possible and in any case not later than July 20th.

He extends a cordial welcome to his youngest contributor, Miss Antosiewicz, the current Miss Coleshill, who was a prizewinner in the Amersham Society's Essay Competition, and is particularly pleased to learn that a former Miss Colashill, Philippa Rann, is taking a logical step in her career by being made Head Girl at Dr. Challoner's High School - no small distinction in a school of over 600 girls.

## COLESHILL COMMON

The social history of England is full of fights to enclose or preserve common land. In 1235 and 1285, the Statutes of Westminster gave power to Lords of Manors to enclose unredeemed waste lands not needed by tenants. The enclosures caused grievances and in 1518 Chancellor Wolsey ordered the destruction of all hedges and ditches made since 1488. In 1549 there was a revolt under Ket due to grievances over enclosures and later offenders were dealt with by the Star Chamber. Nevertheless the practice continued whereby a man would put a fence round a piece of neglected land, claim it for his own and hope for the best.

In 1801 the General Enclosures Act was passed simplifying procedure and the Amersham Enclosure Act was passed in 1815. This gave the boundaries of arable fields, meadow land, common and other waste land. Roads and footpaths had to be declared. Much land came under the hammer but Colashill common was preserved. The Rector of Amersham, the Revd. John Drake was declared Lord of the Manor of Colashill or Ould Stock and there is reference to the overseers of Colashill Common, of whom no records can be traced.

There are people living today who can remember when they exercised grazing rights on the common. This kept the vegetation under control but when grazing ceased the common became overgrown and it was nobody's business to keep it in order. In 1950 the Amersham Rural District Council, acting in pursuance of the Commons Act 1899 drew up a scheme for the regulation of the common. This provided that the Council should maintain the common free from all encroachment and should not permit any partial or other enclosures of any part thereof and that the inhabitants of the district should have free access to every part of the common, subject to a number of safeguards which were specified.

The main parts of the scheme were adopted and the use of the common is now governed by a set of byelaws which were officially approved on 1st May 1953 and a set of supplementary byelaws approved 24th July 1964.

Interalia these rules prescribe that without authority no person shall take any plant or other substance from the common, nor drive any vehicle upon it, nor camp nor light fires thereon. Each year the Rural District Council makes a grant to the Parish Council for the maintenance of the common but it is in the interests of residents to keep it tidy.

A C H U R C H F E T E

SATURDAY 16th JULY at LUCKINGS FARM  
(by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grindley)

TO BE OPENED BY LADY ENID BURNHAM

2.30p.m.

Admission 1/- Children 6d.

The Committee wish to extend thanks in advance to those who have promised to assist, the provisional list being as under:

STALLS

HOUSEHOLD Mrs Long Brown assisted by Miss Harris, Miss Roberts and Mrs. Woolacott

NEEDLEWORK Mrs. Aldridge and Miss Williams assisted by Mrs Baker and Mrs Powell Price

CAKES & PRODUCE Miss Boston and Mrs Collier

CHILDREN'S Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Stubbings and Mrs Veller

JEWELLERY Miss Carol Thorne ICE CREAM Mrs Ruperti

COMPETITIONS

CHILDREN'S SPORTS }  
SLOW BICYCLE RACE } Mr R. Pusey and Mr C. Saunders

DECORATED PRAM BINGO MYSTERY Mrs Rann

DARTS Mr R.G. Barrett COCONUT SHIES Mr N. Nicholls

ROLL-A-PENNY Miss Lorna Pusey PITCHING A TRUSS Mr S. Gaunt

DISPLAY JUDO Mr John Taylor and helpers

TOMBOLA AND RAFFLES

TOMBOLA Mr and Mrs Gow, Mr and Mrs Kunzer, Mr and Mrs Clifton and Mr and Mrs Eyres

GRAND RAFFLE Mrs John Harrison CAKE RAFFLE Mrs. Higgs

DOLL RAFFLE Mrs Jamieson

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

BOWLING FOR A KEG OF CIDER Mr D. Ruperti and Mr R. Stubbings

CHILDREN'S CORNER Mrs Holton PALMISTRY Madame Zenobia

DISPLAY OF CHURCH KNEELER, complete and in the making

TEAS by the good offices of the Mothers' Union

GATE Mr J. Ware

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Cars will be parked under the direction of a volunteer to be secured. There will be a lucky Parking ticket

APPEAL

Stall holders will appreciate gifts in kind for their stalls, the Mothers' Union will appreciate cakes and delicacies, the Treasurer, Mr Creber will appreciate donations and the Committee will appreciate a large attendance on the day.

ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

Services

1st Sunday in the month: 8.00a.m. Holy Communion  
11.00a.m. Matins  
3.00p.m. Sunday School  
6.00p.m. Evensong & Sermon  
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th 9.30a.m. Parish Communion  
Sundays: 3.00p.m. Sunday School  
6.00p.m. Evensong & Sermon  
with (on 2nd. Sunday) 12.00noon Holy Communion

ST. ANDREWS, WINCHMORE HILL

1st. Sunday in the month: 9.30a.m. Sunday School  
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays :10.45a.m. Sunday School

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: Revd. W.L.Holder, The Parsonage, Coleshill.  
(Tel. Amersham 722)

PRO-CHURCHWARDEN: C. Saunders, Chapel Cottage, Coleshill.

PRO-CHURCHWARDEN & HON. SECRETARY: N.N.Nicholls, Orchard House,  
Coleshill. (Tel. Amersham 1834)

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Coleshill. (Tel. Amersham 3350)