

July 1967

My Dear Friends,

Where the moth and rust doth corrupt! was literally true of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Amersham, when it was discovered that the roof over the organ chamber was badly affected by damp and dry rot and that part of the woodwork had beetle. All this was discovered just in time, and when I visited the Church recently workmen had already dismantled the organ prior to tackling the very big and expensive repair job that would now be necessary to make the Church safe again. But the damage had remained undetected all this time. "A stitch in time.." but that had not been taken, with the result of a major operation to the roof being necessary. But with the co-operation of all, in which, I trust, All Saints will play its part, it can soon be only an unpleasant memory. Only last month I attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the Restoration of the Church and the dedication of the new organ and choir stalls of Holy Trinity, Perm, by the Lord Bishop of Oxford. It seems that several churches built about the same period have suffered through old age and are all clamouring for repairs about this time, judging by the numerous notices and appeals one sees.

It is a comparatively simple matter to repair with bricks and mortar once the damage has been discovered. But damage done to the soul of man is not so easily discerned. Sin in the life of man is not so easily detected until it becomes obvious in a time of crisis. But in its history it has taken a long time to develop. The story of Dorian Gray is a powerful commentary on the ravages of sin and the destruction of the soul. We do well to give heed to the means of grace left us by our Lord Jesus Christ himself in His Holy Church. How do you stand in this matter? May God bless and support us all in believing and doing all the things we have had committed to us in our baptism and Confirmation in His Holy Church.

W.L.H.

BAPTISMS

- June 10 Michael Peter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Nicholls.  
24 William John, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Bungey.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

As no doubt will have been seen by the posters, Coleshill has entered for the Best Kept Village competition again this year. We have won the competition three times in the last four years but have not as yet completed the hat trick. This year we have the chance to do so, having gained the award last year and the year before.

Residents are asked if they will all do their best to help win the competition again this year. Hedges and road side verges in front of properties are important and the judges will look to such points as the absence of litter and refuse dumps, clean pond, trim hedges, tidy garden walls and fences, well kept green and common. They will also pay regard to the churchyard. Many of the graves are kept extremely tidy by relatives still living in the village, but there are others which are sadly overgrown and neglected. This can happen when the relatives have left the village, and it will be appreciated if they will make arrangements to have the graves concerned kept tidy. Perhaps friends might undertake this good office if approached.

Judging takes place throughout July and volunteers who are willing to contribute to the retention of the trophy are asked to communicate with Mr. S. Ware, the Clerk to the Parish Council.

S.Y.

## COLESHILL YOUTH CLUB

At a meeting of the Management Committee of the new Coleshill Youth Club on May 18th, Mr. Plank from the Bucks Association of Youth Clubs produced a suggested constitution for the club which was discussed. It was then proposed and seconded by Mr. Stubbings that the constitution be accepted and this was carried unanimously.

The Advisory Committee was formally elected: Chairman, Mr. Y.H. Houlton; Treasurer, Miss Kendall; Secretary, Mr. D. Ruperti together with nine other members, of whom one must be on the Parish Council and one on the Village Hall committee. Mrs. Stevens is the Parish Council member and Mr. Ruperti was elected as representative on the Village Hall Committee.

The Club is very fortunate in having two club leaders who can remain with it for at least twelve months, Mr. Brown and Mr. Cook, and having the services of Mr. Bill Faulkner.

Membership is open to young people between the ages of 13 and 21 and all new members serve a probationary period of 6 weeks before being elected full members.

## THE CHILTERN - AN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Although much has been said and written about the Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty since the former Minister of Housing and Local Government, Mr. Richard Crossman, confirmed the Order in December 1965, it is apparent that a large number of inhabitants still remain a little vague as to what this designation means. Perhaps, therefore, a few words of explanation will not come amiss.

Firstly, it is not a Green Belt. Green Belts are designed primarily in order to keep towns from creeping through urban sprawl. Green Belts can and do include countryside which is not particularly beautiful and they embrace areas already quite heavily built on. They are a planning aid - part of the overall development scheme for a large area in which local planning authorities apply stringent restrictions to certain development.

The object of the A.O.N.B. is to recognise officially the value of exceptionally beautiful countryside and to create certain powers to maintain and enhance that beauty.

The orders stem from the report of the National Parks Committee which recommended some 52 "conservation areas" - about 10,000 square miles of beautiful country which did not call for the same degree of positive management required in National parks, but which were intended as a sort of corollary to the National Parks scheme.

These were areas "whose contribution to the wider enjoyment of the countryside is so important that special measures should be taken to preserve their natural beauty". Substantially, the "areas of outstanding natural beauty" under Sections 87 and 88 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, are the Government's substitution for conservation areas.

The designation confers upon the area a national significance which, although strengthening the hand of a local planning authority in dealing with unsuitable developments, does not specifically grant any additional powers in this respect.

Under the N.P. and A. to the C. Act and the Grants Regulations 1954, grants of 75% may be obtained in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for:

(1) restoring or improving the appearance of derelict land (including the cost of works undertaken by other persons on their own land if arranged by authorities)

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(2) removal of buildings, including cost of compensation for Orders under Section 28 of the 1952 Act "securing the discontinuance or modification of the use of the land and the alteration or removal of buildings or works".

(3) tree planting, including cost of land acquired for the purpose or payment to other persons incurring expenditure

(4) tree preservation

(5) various expenditures in connection with providing facilities for Public Access to Open Country

(6) annual cost of service.

The obligation falls upon the local authority to make the Order meaningful and in all probability this may depend largely upon informed public opinion, residents' associations and the like.

In Coleshill, recommendations should be passed to the Parish Council and/or to the Rural District Councillors, who, if they think fit, will pass them to the Amersham R.D.C., who, in turn, and if they are in agreement, will recommend them to the Bucks County Council's Countryside Committee, which has been set up to deal with such matters.

If you are interested in conserving the Chilterns and retaining their beauty, the next move is yours.

D.F.Strange

### C H U R C H F E T E

As has been announced, the Church Fete this year will be held on Saturday, July 8th, at Luckings Farm, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grindley, and will be opened at 2.30p.m. by Mrs. Allan Campbell. Admission 1/- , children 6d.

The object of the Fete is to raise funds needed for costly repairs to the vestry and to install an efficient heating system in the Church.

The Committee therefore makes an urgent appeal for donations (which should be sent to Mr. Creber), for gifts in kind (which should be sent to the stall holders and to the organisers of the tombola and raffles), for cakes and delicacies (which should be sent to the Mothers Union).

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## CHURCH FETE (continued)

The Committee also hopes for a large attendance on the day and take the opportunity of extending advance thanks to those who have promised to assist, the provisional list being as under:-

### STALLS

HOUSEHOLD: The Misses Boston, Mrs. Courage and Miss Harris  
NEEDLEWORK: Mrs. Aldridge and Miss Williams, assisted by Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Powell Price.  
CAKES AND PRODUCE: Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Clifton and Mrs. Harvey  
CHILDRENS: Mrs, Nicholls  
GREEN FINGERS: Miss Malyan, Mrs. Thorne and Mr. S. Clifton  
ICE CREAMS: Mrs. Ruperti and helpers  
SUNDAY SCHOOL STALL: Mrs. R. Pusey.

### COMPETITIONS

DARTS: Mr. R.G. Barrett      COCOANUT SHIES: Mr. N.N. Nicholls  
BOWLING FOR A KEG OF CIDER: Mr. D. Ruperti and Mr. R. Stubbings  
LONG DISTANCE BALLOONS: Mr. D. Shannon      MYSTERY TOWN: Mrs. Browne  
GOLDFISH: Mr and Mrs. S. Ware      ROLL A PENNY: Miss Lorna Pusey

### TOMBOLA AND RAFFLES

TOMBOLA: Mr & Mrs. Gow, Mr & Mrs. Kunzer, Mr & Mrs. Young, Miss Asher and Mr. P. Eyres.  
HOURLY RAFFLE: Mrs. John Harrison and Miss J. McLean  
CAKE: Mrs. Higgs      BIRD TABLE: Mrs. L. Grayer & Miss M. Grayer.

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS

TEAS: by the good offices of the Mothers Union  
CHILDREN'S CORNER: Mrs. Houlton      SMASHING CROCKERY: Mr. Houlton  
MILK FLOAT: Miss Antosiewicz      PUBLIC ADDRESS: Mr. R. Woolcott  
GATE: Mr. J. Ware and Mr. Leath      PARKING ARRANGEMENTS: Mr. J. D. Grayer  
GREASY POLE:      "      SPINNER: Mr. Stephen Rann.  
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE: Mrs. Ovington.

## QUEEN'S AWARD TO INDUSTRY - A LOCAL HONOUR

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Giles Howard, the Chairman of J. and S. Engineers Ltd., who, in April were honoured with "The Queen's Award to Industry 1967" for technical ability - one of the 85 firms to receive the award out of 1300 which were considered.

## MENTAL HEALTH CONNECTION

Mrs. Appleby has received grateful thanks for the £8.10.11d which she, Mrs. Cossey and Miss Jean Gill recently collected by house-to-house visits in the cause of mental health.

Mrs. Appleby is a member of the Chesham and Amersham Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and helps to run an extremely rewarding Club for 20 handicapped children.

## WALPURGIS NIGHT

In reply to a number of enquiries, this is the night before the first of May, during which German witches rode on broomsticks and he-goats to hold revel with their master, the devil.

This information is of particular interest to those who try to solve crossword puzzles.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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|------------|---------|--|
| Thurs.     | July 6  | Mobile Library Van - Coleshill   |
| <b>SAT</b> | 8       | CHURCH FETE at Luckings Farm, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs. E.H.Grindley, 2.30p.m. Teas by Mothers Union |
| Thurs      | 6       | Mothers Union. Deanery Festival, Windsor Service at Windsor Parish Church                                  |
| Tues       | 11      | Sisterhood. Speaker - Mrs. M. Spooner  |
| Thurs      | 13      | W.I.. Mrs. M. Lunnon - Flower Arrangement. Competition   |
| Sat        | 15      | St. Swithin's Day  |
| Thurs      | 20      | Mobile Library Van - Coleshill   |
|            |         | Mothers Union Garden Party at Mrs. Collier's, Orchard House, Winchmore Hill. Bring and Buy Stall           |
| Tues       | 25      | Sisterhood. Open meeting before closing down for the month of August.                                      |
| SAT        | Sept. 9 | Coleshill Horticultural Society 22nd. ANNUAL SHOW.   |

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS COLESHILL

THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST. MARY, AMERSHAM

Every Sunday

9.00a.m. Parish Communion  
10.00a.m. Sunday School

8.00a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00a.m. Family Service  
6.00p.m. Evensong

2nd. & 4th Sundays

6.00p.m. Evensong

ORGAN RECITAL

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd. at 6.30p.m. in ALL SAINTS CHURCH, COLESHILL.

Mr. John Webster, organist of University College, Oxford, has kindly agreed to give a short recital on this date.

Mr. Webster has given recitals in this country, in Germany and Switzerland, and has recently been playing in the Bach Festival at Oxford. He has made gramophone recordings for DELYSE and E.M.I..

RECTOR: The Revd. Allan Campbell. Tel. Amersham 1135

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