

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

July 1974

My Dear Friends,

The Summer term at school is almost over and holidays are the main thought in everyone's mind. "A change does you good" we are told and probably it is true. A change of scenery and a change of company and a change in our routine thinking is a necessity.

Our Lord found it necessary to go apart into a quiet place frequently so that he might be refreshed in body and spirit to do more efficiently the work he had come inter -the world to do.

When you go on holiday, it will be "a change" and it will "do you good" if you visit Churches near where you are staying. Go to a service and compare it with your own. Look around and examine the building and all that is in it, see how it is cared for - or not - and compare it with your own. It is a very interesting and enthralling occupation.

I wish you all happy and restful holidays.

Yours sincerely
Allan Campbell
Rector

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 22nd June, 1974. David Charles Pryke to Jane Mountier

IN MEMORIAM

As briefly announced in the last number, Miss Marian Baxter, M.A., M.Sc., passed away on the 23rd May 1974 and at the funeral service at All Saints' Church on the 28th May, the Reverend L Hickin paid a glowing "tribute to her memory. In the course of which he said that Miss Baxter had lived in Buckinghamshire for 55 years, 27 years at Chesham Bois and 28 years at Colehill.

During that time, she had made an outstanding contribution to the cultural, intellectual and above all to the religious life in this part of Buckinghamshire, which was so dear to her. Endowed with great gifts, she used them all to the full.

She had great musical ability, was an excellent pianist and an accomplished viola player. She was largely instrumental in founding in 1933 the Amersham Musical Festival.

Miss Baxter was a deeply religious person. She was the kind of person Browning had in mind when he wrote "Through such souls God, stooping, shows sufficient of His light for us in the dark to rise by".

CHURCH FETE

Again the Church Fete, held on Saturday the 8th June, was a popular success. By the courtesy of Mr Jack Adams, it was held in the Cricket Field and the weather, threatening in the morning, turned out to be fine for the afternoon.

The Reverend and Mrs Campbell received Lady Burnham who, after a most gracious speech, declared the Fete to be open.

Results were as follows, a record, from which a deduction of some £85 has to be made for expenses, including hire of the marquee.

Gate	£26.90	B/fwd	£385.83 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tombola	83.50	- Coconut Shy	10.00
Raffle	48.05	Broken China	5.70 $\frac{1}{2}$
Household	67.16	Bowling	13.50
Green Fingers	53.00	Ping Pong	1.90
Toys	21.32 $\frac{1}{2}$	Donkey Rides •	3.80
* Guide Stall	17.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	Slippery Pole •	2.02
** Brownie Stall	11.33	Card Raffle	2.55
Cakes	18.55	Fancy Dress -	.75
Sweets	15.40	• Donations	7.00
Teas	13.84 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sundry	1.50
Ices	4.25		
	C/fwd	£385.83 $\frac{1}{2}$	<u>£434.56</u>

* Total takings - £35.05 - half to Winchmore Hill

** Total takings - £22.66 - half to Winchmore Hill

Mrs McCann wishes to thank all those people who responded so generously to the house to house appeal for the tombola and in fact thanks are also "due to" all those who contributed to the other stalls.

Congratulations are extended to Mr Nicholls and his band of helpers, including the Mothers' Union who looked after the teas, Mr Woolacott who organised the public address system and to those who arranged publicity.

As usual the fancy dress parade for children was immensely popular and the winners were:

- 1st Alexandra and Victoria Hesford as "Inflation"
- 2nd Kate and Clare Stevens as "The News followed by the Weather"
- joint 3rd (James and William Stickley as "Babes in the Wood"
(Jane Smith and Alexander Horsbrugh-Porter as "Cops and Robbers"

The suggestion has been made that next year the children should file through the marquee so that stall holders may see them prior to them parading before the judges.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Our last and most exciting event must come first, we have camped! Mrs. Thorne, County Camp Secretary, very kindly - and we are so grateful to her - ran a weekend camp at Grove Mill on 5th - 7th July. Hard work but great fun. On the Saturday afternoon we had mini Olympic Games, with splendid medals made by Rachel Wege; Kingfishers were the victorious Patrol, and Mrs. Harvey, who kindly spent the afternoon with us, presented the medals and small prizes.

Paddington Guides camped in Coleshill for Whit week and we joined them for a Camp Fire on 30th May and half the Company camped for one night with them.

On 3rd June, Joanna Swerling and Davina Curling were enrolled as Guides in Grove Mill Garden.

On 8th June we ran a Country Market stall at the Church Pete which was most successful. Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Davis for lending, erecting and taking down the tent, and to everyone who so generously contributed to the stall, and those who bought from us.

On 10th June Mrs. Griffiths tested and passed Mandy Reavey for her Minstrel's badge.

On 24th June, Mrs. Wege gave us a very helpful talk on the care of teeth, and Mrs. Thorne gave some camp training.

On 29th June we went with the Brownies to watch Paraplegic Games at Stoke Mandeville. It was a little disappointing as the Children's Games were not on that day and we were not allowed to see the kitchen we helped to equip,

On 8th July we went swimming by kind invitation of Mrs. Curling. Mrs. Wege came along in case we should need her assistance - happily it was not needed.

I.B.M. United Kingdom has generously given us a cheque for £25 in order to buy a Company flag which we hope to have soon.

Term ends on 15th July, meeting begin again on 16th September at the new time of 6.45 - 8 p.m.

H.J.M.C.

CHURCH ORGANIST

We are pleased to announce that Miss Penny Weedon has accepted the post of organist and thanks are extended to her, to Mrs. Hollingsworth and to Mrs. Waite for having helped us out during the past six months.

During the holiday season, Mrs. Hollingsworth will play at the morning service on August 4th, Mrs. Waite will play at Evensong the same day and at Evensong on September 1st. Miss Penny Weedon will play at other services.

SUMMER FESTIVAL AT ST. MARY'S

Excellentlly produced by Mrs. Brazil and convincingly acted by the Parishioners, their friends and pupils of St. Mary's Church School, the two recent performances during the Summer Festival in St. Mary's of a Pageant - or History of Amersham Through the Ages - was an outstanding success.

The colourful dresses and clever grouping of the scenes and tableaux deserve special mention, and most impressive were the fine Backcloth of the Church Tower, painted by pupils of Brudenell's School, the beautifully symbolised Maypole and Roundabout representations, the Dancing Bear mask in the Amersham Pair scene, and, above all, the appealing sense of theatre shown by the children taking part.

From the opening scene, depicting the perils of travel caused by the attention of robbers and wild beasts in the Chilterns, we passed on to the building of the Church in 1140. Then came a clever impression of the various crafts followed by the people of Amersham, the quarrels and jealousies between Amersham and Chesham folk with the Bishop of Lincoln - in whose diocese Amersham then was - settling differences between warring neighbours.

Highly dramatic notes were introduced by a realistic scene of the burning of six Protestant Martyrs in 1521 and the passionate denunciation of Mary Tudor by John Knox when he preached a fiery sermon in St. Mary's in the year 1553.

Other lively and well produced scenes were the founding of the first schools in Amersham dating from the times of Dr. Corke and Dr. Challoner, of the Cromwell era, when the town was occupied by Roundhead troops, but St. Mary's was spared from desecration by the intervention of John Hampden.

E.P-P.

BROWNIE NOTES

A party of Brownies, Guides and adults went to Stoke Mandeville on June 29th to see the National Games for the paralysed and other disabled people held in the Sports Stadium. Although the weather had been inclement it turned up trumps for us on that day, as it did on July 1st when the Brownies and Brown Owl (!) went swimming at the kind invitation of Dr. Curling and here we would like to thank her sincerely for the use of her pool.

On July 15th, St. Swithin's Day, we are having a party for 12 ladies from Coleshill House. This ends our term and next term will start on September 16th with 20 Brownies and 2 new recruits. From next January we will cease to have a waiting list so any interested girl between the ages of 7 and 11 or before 7 years should contact me in order to go on the then depleted list.

G. Richardson
(Brown Owl)

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - FLOWER SHOW

The Annual Village Show is to be held this year in the Village Hall on 14th September.

The Committee look forward to this Show having even more than the usual support. Entries staged last year numbered 388 and it is our aim to reach a new target of 450 entries this year - just one more exhibit from each entrant would achieve this; better still, can you interest a friend who has hitherto not entered anything to support us?

As you will see when you receive your schedule, in many cases the number of blooms/fruits etc. required in a class has been reduced making success even easier!

We would also draw your attention to two new awards to be made for the first time this year. One is the Woolacott Vase to be awarded for Section 4s Artistic and Decorative. The other is the Wand-Tetley Book Award to be given in the Children's Section. This year it will go to the winner of a Class for children aged 8-13 with the greatest number of named grasses.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Post, at 'Penridge', will be very pleased to receive the annual donations from existing patrons and any from those wishing to become patrons. These donations are used towards the Show expenses and are very necessary in order to keep this annual village event thriving.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Show.

Diane M. Hesford
Hon. Sec.

COLESHILL C.E. SCHOOL. OPEN EVENING.

On Thursday, 4th July 1974, over 100 parents and friends visited Coleshill First School for Open Evening.

They walked round the school and saw examples of the children's work and then they were entertained by pupils to a hilarious variety of activities which included instrumental music, poetry, singing, music and movement and drama.

Guests of honour were Mr. Kenneth Collingham, County Music Adviser, and Mrs. John Collingham, who presented books to Pauline Barber, Paul Bell, Paul Clarke, Simon Michel, Melanie Weller and Clive Wright, who will have to leave at the end of term. Mr. Collingham and Mrs. Griffiths played piano duets half-way through the programme.

In her opening remarks, the Headteacher referred to the school's long tradition of excellence in art, natural history and music, stretching over three-quarters of a century and probably longer, although records are sparse for the early years of the school's existence. Many in the audience had themselves attended the school as pupils in earlier years.

Much interest was shown in the tumbled stones and plants grown by children. It was a happy evening.

COLESHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AND GENERAL RATES.

As agreed at the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary wrote to the local M.P., the Rt. Hon. Ian Gilmour, telling him of the views expressed regarding the high level of the General Rates, and especially the extraordinary increase in Water and Sewerage General Rates, and asking that these views should be included in his representations when the matter came before the House.

A reply was received that this would be done, and on the vote being put, the Government was defeated and a promise given by the Minister that consideration would be given to the whole question of the rating system, but not until next year. Meantime, we can only hope that the Rate Support Grant will be returned to its former level for Rural areas.

THE NEW BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

On April 1st, 1974, most of our traditional County boundaries disappeared. Buckinghamshire lost the towns of Eton and Slough and a small neighbouring area. Otherwise its boundaries are intact, but four borough, seven urban and eight rural Councils disappear and are replaced by five District Councils - Milton Keynes, Aylesbury Vale, Wycombe, Beaconsfield and Chiltern - with sufficient resources to administer a full range of local services.

The responsibilities of the new Councils are shown in the Newspaper issued by the County Council, a copy of which has been delivered to every house in the Village of Colehill. Further copies may be obtained from the Council Offices in Amersham. Broadly speaking, the services which need to be planned over a large area become the responsibility of the County Council. Services which are considered to be efficiently administered at a more local level become the responsibility of the District Councils.

Parish Councils will continue to operate with broadly the same functions and some of the other borough and urban districts, which have been absorbed in the new larger districts, will themselves become parishes, and some of them, as in the case of Amersham and Chesham, will call themselves Town Councils and the Chairman of each of these Councils is now the Mayor.

Earl Howe represents Penn and Amersham Town, which includes Colehill, on the County Council and Amersham-on-the-Hill and Little Chalfont are represented by Mrs. Kingston and Mr. Roberts C.B.E.

Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Stoneham and Mrs. Wainwright represent Colehill and Penn on the Chiltern District Council.

The following are members of the Colehill Parish Council -

Mr. D. Curling Chairman

Mrs. W. Grindley, Mr. Gibbon Howe, Mr. N.N. Nicholls,
Mrs. J. Norton, Mr. M. Rann, Mrs. E. Stevens,
Miss M. Stone, Mr. R. Stubbings

with Mr. S. Ware as Clerk

THE NEW BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (Contd)

There is now an Oxford Regional Health Authority, within which is the High Wycombe Health Council. On this Health Council serve members of Voluntary Organizations and the District Councils. The Chiltern District Council representatives are Mr. K. Ansell of Amersham, Mr. J. Poston B.A. of Chesham and Mrs. E. Stevens of Coleshill. Also serving is Dr. S. Mattingley of Amersham, one time Chairman of Amersham Rural District Council and Mr. P. Caudery of Chesham, recently retired Chief Inspector of Health, Amersham R.D.C., who has spent many years in the services of Amersham and Chesham Hospitals. There may be further news of this Health Service when it gets down to work.

E.S.

OLD AMERSHAM. THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Old Amersham is full of places of historical and architectural interest and recently some tours of inspection, under dedicated guides, have been arranged - some under the auspices of St. Mary's in connection with their Summer Festival and one, conducted by Mr. Edgar L. Pike for members of the Coleshill W.I.

Prom time to time it is proposed to publish notes of some of the items shown on these tours.

Pride of place must go to the Parish Church of St. Mary. We first hear of it when the Church was bestowed by Geoffrey de Mandeville, first Earl of Essex upon Walden Abbey (Essex) in his foundation charter of 1140 and the grant was confirmed by Henry II. It was built of local split flints and stone dressings and the main portions of the nave and transepts date from the 13th century (early English). The main features are described in a leaflet "A quiet look round the Church" on sale at the Church, price 10p, proceeds towards the Restoration Fund.

Inside the Church, the first thing which holds one is the beautiful East window, now restored. This contained probably priceless 17th century Dutch stained glass representing the Twelve Apostles. Last year it was maliciously and extensively damaged by vandals but has now been replaced, very creditably at great cost.

In the past six years or so a great deal of restoration work has been carried out. The Chancel Roof has been beautifully decorated and all the walls have been whitened. The Chancel screen has been taken away and now screens the organ. After years of use the wooden floors have fallen into decay and some have been replaced by gleaming white stone. The Tower Arch, beautiful and slender, and the South Porch have been restored and decorated in glowing colours.

Go and look at the Church with its new beauty. It almost takes your breath away to see the sun streaming through the East Window and the effect of the light upon the fine proportions of the Church.

A meeting was held on July 17th when it was agreed to form a social club, to be named the Coleshill Club, for those over 60 years of age and associate members.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18th, in the Village Hall, 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. and afterwards on the third Wednesday in every month.

For further particulars apply to Mrs. Weedon, Amersham 4020, who has been elected President.

- + To raise funds for the new venture, a cake stall will be +
- + held near the Pond on Saturday, August 31st, 10.30 am - 12 noon, +
- + and gifts of cakes etc. will be greatly appreciated. +

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Very generously a gift of £5 has been made towards the expense of producing this Newsletter. The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but thanks are gratefully recorded.

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The W.I. wish to announce that their next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd (instead of Monday September 9th) and by kind invitation of Mrs. Grayer it will be held at her home at 1 p.m.

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As a result of the recital arranged by the Drame Group on May 17th, reported in the last number, £45.00 was sent to Christian Aid made up as follows:

Recital - £26.86½, Donations - £17, Sunday School - £1.13½.

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Some time ago an appeal was made for help in connection with cutting the weeds and grass outside the Village Hall. The Weedon Family responded and right well did they do the job.

The Village Hall Committee wish to record their grateful thanks.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

August	Thur	8	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
	"	22	" " " "
	Sat	31	Cake Stall, Village Pond, 10.30 - 12 noon
Sept	Thur	5	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
	Tues	10	Village Hall Committee, Village Hall, 8.15 p.m.
	Thur	12	W.I. Mrs, Isabel Darby "Serendipity - Have you got it?"
	Sat	14	<u>Coleshill Horticultural Show</u>
	Wed	18	Coleshill Club
	Thur	19	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
	Fri	27	<u>Jumble Sale</u>

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= Residents are asked to put on one side saleable articles which they can =

= spare for the Jumble Sale in aid of the Village Hall on Friday, September =

= 27th. Transport arrangements will be announced later. =

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BUS GUIDE - 22.6.74

By the courtesy of LONDON COUNTRY BUS SERVICES LTD.

<u>BUS 398 to BEACONSFIELD via COLESHILL</u>										SD	NS	SC
QUILL HALL ESTATE			0749	0843	1052			1252		1535	1552	1556
AMERSHAM STATION			0757	0851	1100	1200	1300	1400	1543	1600		V
GORE HILL	0615	0705	0801	0855	1104	1204	1304	1404	1547	1604	1604	
COLESHILL CHURCH	0622	0712	0808	0902	1111	1211	1311	1411	1554	1611	1611	
COLESHILL MAGPIES	0625	0715	0811	0905	1114	1214	1314	1414	1557	1614	1614	
B' FIELD BEECH TREE	0632		0818	0912	1121		1321	1421	1604	1621	1621	
B' FIELD OLD HARE	0635		0822	0916	1125		1325	1425	1608	1625	1625	

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QUILL HALL ESTATE	1642	1740	1903		0853	1052	1252	1452	1652	1752	1852							
AMERSHAM STATION	1650	1748	1910		0900	1100	1300	1500	1700	1800	1900							
GORE HILL	1654	1752	1914	0707	0904	1104	1304	1504	1704	1804	1904							
COLESHILL CHURCH	1701	1759	1921	0714	0911	1111	1311	1511	1711	1811	1911							
COLESHILL MAGPIES	1704	1802	1924	0717	0914	1114	1314	1514	1714	1814	1914							
B' FIELD BEECH TREE	1711	1809		0724	0921	1121	1321	1521	1721	1821	1921							
B' FIELD OLD HARE	1715	1813		0727	0925	1125	1325	1525	1725	1825	1925							

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B' FIELD OLD HARE			0805	0827	0827	1002	1202	1402	1502	1702	1825		2007							
B' FIELD BEECH TREE			0809	0831	0831	1006	1206	1406	1506	1706	1829		2010							
COLESHILL MAGPIES	0720	0816	0838	0838	1013	1213	1413	1513	1713	1836	1929	2017								
COLESHILL CHURCH	0723	0819	0841	0841	1016	1216	1416	1516	1716	1839	1932	2020								
GORE HILL	0730	0826	0848	0848	1023	1223	1423	1523	1723	1846	1936	2027								
AMERSHAM STATION	0734	0830	V	0852	1027	1227	1427	1527	1727	1850	1939									
QUILL HALL ESTATE	0742	0838	0856	0900	1035	1235	1435	1535	1735	1858										

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B' FIELD OLD HARE	0802	1002	1202	1402	1602	1802	1902	2002										
B' FIELD BEECH TREE	0805	1006	1206	1406	1606	1806	1905	2005										
COLESHILL MAGPIES	0812	1013	1213	1413	1613	1813	1912	2012										
COLESHILL CHURCH	0815	1016	1216	1416	1616	1816	1915	2015										
GORE HILL	0822	1023	1223	1423	1623	1823	1922	2022										
AMERSHAM STATION	0826	1027	1227	1427	1627	1827	1926											
QUILL HALL ESTATE	0833	1035	1235	1435	1635	1835	1933											

- SC - Schooldays only (for School Children only)
- NS - Not Schooldays
- SD - Schooldays only
- V - Via Stanley Hill

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

Rector; The Reverend Allan Campbell M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham. (Tel. 7135)
St. Mary's Parish Office (Tel. 4712)

N.B. The Parish Office is now in the Church, North Side.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services: 8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
10.00 a.m. Children's Service - 1st Sunday in the
month this service
is Holy Communion
Series III
11.00 a.m. MATTINS
(plus Holy Communion
on 3rd Sunday)
6.00 p.m. Evensong
Each Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' COLESHILL

Sunday Services: 9.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
10.15 a.m. Sunday School
First Sunday 6.00 p.m. Evensong

St. Andrew's Mission Church, Winchmore Hill

2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Pro-Churchwardens: N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House (Tel; 6734)
D. Powell-Price, Coleshill Lodge (Tel; 3949)
Hon. Treasurer: A.M.V. Panton, Wallers Oak (Tel; 6183)
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Dryden, 14 Woodside Close, Amersham (Tel; 3449)
Brownies: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 5.30 p.m. - 6.45 p.m.
Guides: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 6.45 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Choirs: Thursday Evenings in Church at 7.00 p.m.
Mothers' Union; 3rd Thursday afternoon of every month at 2.30 p.m.