

March 1978

The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

Easter is the most wonderful and most joyful Festival in the whole of the Church's year. We are lucky in England because it also coincides with Spring, a new outburst of life, and we can decorate our Church with all the freshness and beauty of the spring flowers.

The very centre of Christian worship is the Holy Communion Service and that is where we should all meet on Easter Day.

The Church of England does not as a rule give us orders. It tells us what is expected of us, but does not compel us to obey. However, the Prayer Book goes as far as the Church ever does to give us some instruction about our observance of Easter. In the Prayer Book there are some general rubrics (or instructions) set out in the Holy Communion Service and one of them says: "Every confirmed member of the Church SHALL communicate at the least three times in the year, OF WHICH EASTER IS TO BE ONE." Nothing could be clearer,

I look forward to welcoming all of you to the Holy Communion - The Lord's Supper on Easter Day at 9.30 a.m. at All Saints' or at St. Mary's at 10 a.m. or 11.30 a.m. This is a Family Service when we pray for each other, as well as ourselves.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation by the Bishop of Buckingham at St. Mary's on Thursday, 16th March at 10 p.m.

It is disappointing there are no candidates for Confirmation from Coleshill this year. The Rector is anxious to have names for prospective candidates for 1979.

HOLY BAPTISM

On January 29th, Benjamin Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Panton and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alastair Panton, Waller's Oak, Coleshill.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sorrow that we report the sudden death of Mr. Lionel Jo Edwards on Sunday, 12th February, after a short illness. Mr. Edwards and his wife, Louise Elizabeth, to whom he had been married for 52 years, had lived in Coleshill since 1963.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and relatives.

The funeral of the late Councillor Dennis Hazell took place at ALL SAINTS CHURCH Coleshill, on Saturday, 11th February.

Councillor Hazell was a pupil at Coleshill School and spent a great part of his life in this village.

We extend our deep sympathy to his widow and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After Easter the Sunday School will take on a different form, in conjunction with the Magpie Club. Instead of meeting on Sunday mornings during the service, meetings will be held on a weekday after school. It was thought that the children would bring their own picnic tea and be prepared for games, activities, a Bible story, discussion or quiz. In doing this the committee hope to cater for a larger age group of children. Details will be announced later.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Would all those wishing to remain, or those who wish to be included as new members on the Church's Electoral Roll, please take the appropriate form from the Church or contact Mrs. Spencer (Amersham 5357). When completed, please return the form to Mrs. Spencer, 5 Chase Close, Coleshill.

MAGILA

The latest news from Magila gives us more information about our baby, John Martin. He is an Asian by birth, well built, with curly brown hair and brown wondering eyes. He is beginning to walk and insists on feeding himself though he gets covered with food. He evidently has plenty of character.

Warmest thanks are due to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas gift for the babies in this special unit of the hospital. I was delighted to be able to send them £16. I have also four blankets waiting to be despatched and a good collection of Green Shield Stamps.

Once again, thank you all very much.

M.W.

DIAL-A-GENIE

Dial-a-Genie has now been in action for a year. They are anxious to advertise their telephone hours: Monday and Wednesday 1 - 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday JO - 1.2 noon. CHESHAM 76176.

Dial-a-Genie states its willingness to help people find help in coping with practical emergencies - transport to hospital or other places, shopping, sitting with old people or children and such like. Anyone needing help of any sort, or willing to help us deal with the problems are asked to ring CHESHAM 76176.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Just before Christmas we sang carols at Rushmore as a Company plus solos, duets and trios.

For our - better late than never - Christmas Good Turn, we entertained at Grove Mill, a group of elderly ladies and gentlemen and their helpers from Contact, to tea on 22nd January. Guides preparing the room and making cakes, scones, etc. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. Contact is an organisation which has groups of 12 people, one a leader, who once a month takes 12 elderly and often housebound people out to tea to different hostesses. We can thoroughly recommend anyone to be a hostess, all you need is a good heart and twelve chairs plus a little tea, they have small appetites. Their address is Contact, 15 Henrietta Street, London WC2E 8 QH, Tel: 01-240-0630.

At the end of last term Eileen Davis, Jane and Joanna Swerling, Wendy Williams and Anna Horsbrugh Porter left us, they were all original members when Brownies started up again five years ago in Coleshill. We wish them all the best of luck. Paula Mead came up from Brownies to join the Kingfishers. Anne Bullough is now the Patrol Leader of the Kingfishers with, Susannah Davis her Second. Julie Edwards is the new Second of the Snowdrops.

Beryl Smith has gained her Horsewoman, Artist and Flower Arrangers' badge, Anne Bullough the same, Julie Edwards has gained her Arts and Crafts collective emblem, Artist and Flower Arrangers' badges. Susannah Davis, Lois Plumridge and Susan Williams gained Child Nurse badges and Michele Haubner has her Reader's badge. Our thanks to Mrs. Eyres - Readers, Mrs. Maynard - Flower Arranger, Mrs. Williams - Artists, Mrs. Valentine and Miss Antosiewicz - Child Nurse, for giving their time and talents for testing Guides.

Beryl Smith, owing to advancing (!) age will be leaving us at the end of the term but in the not too distant future we hope to welcome her as a Young Leader with the Brownies, where I am sure she will continue to give freely her valuable and cheerful service.

On the 4th February we had hoped to cook outside and go tracking but it teemed with rain so we practiced household crafts including making marmalade for the approaching Coffee Morning for County funds, cooking sausages, scones and pancakes inside.

H.J.M.C.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

Since last reporting our news, we produced a Christmas play at the beginning of December. I felt that both Brownies and their audience enjoyed and were moved by the rather different portrayal of the eternal Christmas message. After the play about 70 people sat down to a delicious tea.

This term we have been joined by Rachel Williams, already enrolled, Ruth Bayley, Emma Norcliffe and Donna Denham. Rachel and Ruth come from Winchmore Hill, Emma and Donna have fairly recently moved to Coleshill.

We said goodbye to Paula Mead who has gone up to Guides and Amanda Lee has become Sixer of the Pixies. Amanda has two seconds, just to make a difference and not to be encouraged, Julie Ellis and Anita Baldwin. Two Brownies have gained their Artists badge, Hannah Roberts and Clare Wilson. Tracy Feather; has her footpath badge.

Our half term outing, is due on the same date as the deadline for this Newsletter so more exciting news; in our next instalment! . . .

H.J.M.C. (Brown Owl)

MAGPIE CLUB

On December 22nd we sang carols and delivered logs and scones to some of the older residents of the village. December 29th was a Mystery morning. About 40 children played a variety of games, we had a flower demonstration and some instruction in drawing and then some of the energetic ones went on a cross country run.

Our Christingle Service went off very well and 39 children received a christingle. On January 3rd some of the older members had a meeting on their own at Grove Mill and played records.

On January 6th we had a masked family party. Nearly 100 people came along and we played some party games and danced to the "Twilight Fisheries" - a group of young boys from Stowe School who had just formed their own group.

Our programme for the Easter Holidays is

Friday, March 31st - Treasure Hunt for older Magpies and picnic for younger ones.

Wednesday, April 5th - Games morning

Friday, April 7th - Easter Bonnet party - Everyone from Village (whatever your age!) welcome.

We are hoping to paint the kitchen of the Village Hall as part of our aim to help the community.

D.S.

COFFEE MORNING - GROVE MILL

The Coffee Morning held on Wednesday 22nd February in aid of the Buckinghamshire Girl Guide Association Training and Development Funds raised £55.86p.

COLESHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents' Association will be held on TUESDAY MAY 2nd at 8.15 p.m. when we hope to have another Speaker. More detailed Notices will be distributed nearer the time.

PARISH COUNCIL, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will be held on TUESDAY 14th MARCH at 8.30 p.m. in the PARISH ROOM. All Villagers are welcome. This meeting is instead of the one already advertised for Monday 20th March.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

On the third Saturday in every month from 10-12 a.m. Mrs. Do Heiman, along with Mr. J. Pennfather and Mr. Davies, Councillors for Penn, will hold a Surgery for those constituents who have a problem they wish to discuss, or are seeking information on any matter dealt with by the Chiltern District Council. These meetings will be arranged as follows:

- COLESHILL - January - April - July - October In the Parish Room
- PENN STREET - February - May - August - November Penn Street Village Hall
- PENN - March - June - September - December In the Parish Room

Mr. Eric Corns, our County Councillor, will attend these Meetings whenever possible.

E.S.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SOCIAL EVENING - FRIDAY 17th MARCH - at 8 p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

"A Question of Gardens"

Four local gardening experts will be coming to answer your questions.

Refreshments as usual.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

p.m. in the Parish Room

All welcome. Please come and give us your ideas for this year's Show.

D.H.

CHILDREN'S COUNTRY HOLIDAY FUND

As some of you know, Mike and I had a little girl from Bermondsey out for 2 weeks' holiday last summer, through the above charity. The aim of the Fund is to give children from poor homes a holiday out of London, but it is not necessary to entertain them with constant outings. There were only 3 new families last year in the whole of the Gerrards Cross - Amersham area and, judging by our happy experience, I feel sure there must be other families in the village who would enjoy giving such a child a holiday. Please contact me if you would like any more details.

Di Hesford
Ash Cottage, Colehill. (Amersham 7700)

COLESHILL DRAMA GROUP

Christmas came early to Coleshill on the 9th and 10th of December because it was in the evenings of those days that the Village Drama Group presented "The Heiress" and a new "star" appeared in the Village Hall.

LINDSAY HAUBNER, playing the part of Catherine, daughter of Dr. Austin Sloper, JOHN HORSBRUGH-PORTER, was - in a word - wonderful, living the part and, in so doing, taking the audience with her.

The action of the play took place in the front parlour of Dr. Sloper's house in Washington Square - a set well created and constructed by RICHARD FARMER, who, jointly, with HELM HITCHEN managed the stage in a masterly fashion. Maria, the parlour-maid, to the Doctor, played by DIANA MAYNARD, left nothing to be desired.

As the story of the play developed and the plot thickened, so the cast came more and more into their own; something the people of Coleshill have now come to expect, but that does not prevent my mentioning how well ANN CHENEVIX-TRENCH and PATSY WRIGHT-WARREN played their parts as Mrs. Lavinia Penniman and Mrs Elizabeth Almond, the sisters of the Doctor.

The "love at first sight" situation portrayed by Morris Townsend - STEPHEN HITCHEN - was convincing until - and there is always an until - action by others led to a sudden change in events happily to come right in the end, due to the intervention of Mrs. Montgomery, Morris Townsend's sister, played by DORA POST, and Arthur Townsend - HUGH JONES - Morris's cousin. The situation was further complicated by Marion Almond, niece to the Doctor, played by RITA RAM. The sound effects were very well matched to the action, although on one occasion the bells of the nearby church sounded "awful loud".

If the Coleshill Drama Group go on as has been evidenced in recent years, it can only be a matter of time before a Green Room is required, there being many I am sure who, like me, wait impatiently for the next production even if this is based on an American theme with the risk of "gum" on the stage.

I cannot end without a tribute to the director, DAPHNE FARMER, to PAT EMBLOW and her assistant, PEGGY GOW, for the superb wardrobe, to HUGH JONES and JULIE BURTON for the lighting and last, but by no means least, to JOY CHALK and ANN CHENEVIX-TRENCH for the make-up. All in all a wonderful production by a wonderful team.

R.J.W.

THE COLESHILL CLUB

The Coleshill Club had a varied autumn, starting with the A.G.M. in September, during which it was announced that the Treasurer, Mr. Harry Kennerell, would be retiring after three years of office, and that Mr. Thorn was willing to take on the post. Mr. Thorn was duly elected and we are grateful both to Harry for his work for us in the past and to Mr. Thorn for his help now and in the future.

In October we had a most interesting talk, illustrated with slides, by Mr. Everard about his travels in North Africa; November was games and competitions which we enjoyed. On December 5th we were invited by the Coleshill Brownies to a party. First they gave a delightful little Christmas play and then served us all a most delicious tea. Thank you Brownies.

In December was the Christmas Party. We started with carol singing led by Mrs. Monk who accompanied and led us on the piano, giving us a lovely feeling that Christmas was just around the corner, which indeed it was, the date being the 21st. We then had a most delicious tea prepared entirely by the committee, followed by a Free Raffle at which most people seemed to win a prize. Then Penny Weedon entertained us with her lovely singing and playing on her little organ and we kept her at it as long as we could, only breaking up finally about 6 p.m.

In January, Mr. Caffyn, from Tutills in Chesham, talked to us about his firm where they have made flags for England of every sort and description for nearly a century, and the questions after the talk went on for half an hour, we were all so interested.

February brought Mr. Hazel, also from near Chesham, with a talk about wild flowers and birds and animals in Bucks, illustrated with some of the most beautiful slides and close-ups of flowers that we had ever seen.

We end on a sad note at the news of the enforced resignation of our Secretary, Mrs. Wingrove. She has been in very poor health for some time now and feels that she can no longer carry on in this office. Mrs. Weedon has kindly offered to help us for the present moment until we are able to find another Secretary and we are very grateful to her. Our love and best wishes go to Mrs. Wingrove; we thank her for all her devoted work in the past and hope very much that she will still be able to join us at the meetings when the weather improves and, we hope, her health also.

D.F.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

DANCE - FRIDAY 10th MARCH. This will be held in the Village Hall from 3.30 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. Tickets including Buffet: £1.40.

Some time in April there will be a SPONSORED RUN around the cricket field. Forms will be issued later.

Friday October 20th - Provisional date for Dinner/Dance at Bell House, Approx £6 per head. The Jumble Sale held in January produced a sum of £113, which was very satisfactory.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs	March	9th	Whist Drive at the School 7.30	
Fri		10th	Cricket Club Dance. Village Hall - 3.30 p.m.	
Tues		14th	Parish Council A.G.M. Parish Room 8.30 p.m.	
Thurs		16th	Mobile Library	
Fri		17th	Horticultural Society Social Evening, Village Hall, 8 p.m.	
Thurs		30th	Mobile Library	
Fri		31st	Magpie Club	
Wed	April	5th	Magpie Club	
Fri		7th	Magpie Club - Easter Bonnet Party	
Thurs		13th	Mobile Library	
			Horticultural Society A.G.M. Parish Room 8 p.m.	
Tues		25th	Village Hall A.G.M. 3.15 p.m.	
Thurs		27th	Mobile Library	
Tues	May	2nd	Goleshill Residents' Assn A.G.M. 3.15 p.m.	
Thurs		11th	Mobile Library	* * * * *
Mon		15th	Parish Council Meeting	* SATURDAY JUNE 10th *
Thurs		25th	Mobile Library	* VILLAGE FETE *
Thurs	June	8th	Mobile Library	* * * * *
Sat		10th	Village Fete	

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services	3.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday in the month)
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
Each Friday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY	11.00 a.m.	Ante-Communion
	2 - 3 p.m.	Service of Devotion
EASTER DAY	3.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong

ALL SAINTS' COLESHILL

Sunday Services	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong, 1st & 3rd Sundays in month
GOOD FRIDAY	11.00 a.m.	Service
EASTER DAY	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion 1.662 (The Rector)
Sunday, March 5th	9.30 a.m.	Family Service - Mothering Sunday
" April 30th	9.30 a.m.	Matins, followed by Holy Communion - Family Service
" June 25th	9.30 a.m.	Family Service (Rev D Carrette)
" July 30th	9.30 a.m.	Matins and Holy Communion. Either a Family or Magpie Club Service.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH, WINCHMORE HILL

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 2nd & 4th Sundays

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| Pro-Churchwardens | - N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House, Golehill | Tel: 6734 |
| | - J.G. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill | 5439 |
| Hon. Treasurer | - A.M.V. Panton, Wallers Oak, Coleshill | 6103 |
| Brownies | - Monday evenings in the Village Hall | 5.30 - 6.45 p.m. |
| Guides | - Monday evenings in the Village Hall | 6.45 - 8.00 p.m. |
| Mothers' Union | - 3rd Thursday of every month at | 2.30 p.m. |
| Coleshill Club | - 3rd Wednesday of every month at | 2.30 p.m. |
| W.I. | - 2nd Thursday of every month at | 2.30 p.m. |