

March 1979

The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

Easter Sunday is on the 15th of April. This is the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ, being the greatest and oldest feast of the Christian Church. Its importance is emphasised by the long preparation of Lent and Passion-tide, and by the special ceremonies of Holy Week. In the ancient Church those to be baptised, after watching all night, were baptised early on Easter Day and received Holy Communion. The custom of the whole Church, that is every member of the Church, receiving Communion on Easter Day is still held as an essential for all Christians. The Prayer Book rubric says -- "Every confirmed member of the Church shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter is to be one".

I therefore invite you all to make a note in your diary as soon as you receive this magazine of the times of Holy Communion on Easter Day, and make every effort to attend one of them. There are three celebrations of Holy Communion on Easter Day:

At All Saints', Coleshill, at 9.30 a.m.
At the Parish Church, St. Mary's, at 8 a.m.
and At 11.30 a.m. following Matins.

Please join us as we kneel to meet our Lord. The following poem seems very relevant:

I thought of you as far away
Beyond the bounds of time and space,
Yet here on earth you loved and died:
Men touched your robe, men saw your face.

I thought of you as long ago,
Of Roman greed and priestly pride
The victim sacrificed, yet now
I feel you standing at my side.

I thought of you as dead and dim,
A wraith from which all life had fled,
In dreary sermon, sugary hymn
An empty phantom buried.

Yet in the body and the blood
I eat the bread, I drink the wine,
My heart, your heart, my tongue, your tongue,
Your life in me, your body mine.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell

Rector

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

The BISHOP OF BUCKINGHAM will take a
Confirmation Service in All Saints'
on Thursday 5th April at 7.30 p.m.

We have a good number of keen Confirmation Candidates, and quite apart from their parents and godparents, I would like you all to come to the Service to support them, and also to remember your own Confirmation promises.

There will be refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards. This is primarily so that the Bishop can meet and speak to the Candidates, but you are all invited.

Allan Campbell, Rector

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MARRIAGE

On Saturday, 17th February, Miss Margaret PUSEY, youngest daughter of Mrs. Jean Pusey and the late Mr. Raymond L. Pusey, of Little Bowers, Magpie Lane, Coleshill, to Mr. Ian TAYLOR, only son of Mr. & Mrs J. Taylor of Rainham, Essex. The couple will live at Boxworth, Cambridge.

IN MEMORIAM

We greatly regret to announce the death of the following;

Edith Harris was born in 1892 at Stock Place, Coleshill. After living there for several years her parents moved to Marlin Villa where she lived for about 40 years. Owing to ill health she left the village in 1970 and went to live with her sister at Abingdon. On the 20th December 1978 she passed away, the funeral being at All Saints' Church where she always attended when living at Coleshill.

Leonard Alfred William Hedderley. on 21st December 1978. He lived in Coleshill for over 25 years and leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Mr. Arthur Thorne, aged 81 years, died on 4th January 1979 at Potters Meadow, the home of his daughter Mrs. Margaret Weedon. The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church on 12th January, followed by cremation. During the few years Mr. Thorne lived in Coleshill he helped the Village Hall Committee in many ways and he was also the Honorary Treasurer of the Coleshill Club.

It is with great sadness one has to record the death on 11th January 1979 of Beryl Adams. Beryl was born and brought up in India and came to this country after the war. She moved to Red Cottage during 1953 and later to Longfield. During her life in Coleshill she took an active part, in her own quiet way, in numerous village interests where she could be called upon to assist in many of the behind scene activities, not the least of which was the making of several excellent kneelers for the Church. She was an energetic member of the Amersham Branch of the W.R.V.S. of which she was the Coleshill Women's Institute representative. She will be sadly missed by many, and leaves a husband, son and daughter.

Many Coleshill people will have been grieved to hear of the untimely death of Dev Sladden on 12th January 1979. Her gentle presence will be sadly missed by her many friends at the W.I., where she willingly gave a helping hand in all their activities. It can be truly said of her "It is not life that matters, but the courage one brings to it". She leaves a husband, son and daughter.

Mrs. Mary Hannah Novello Turner, aged 96 years, died at Amersham Hospital on 17th January 1979. She was the mother of Mrs. Morley of Coleshill Lodge, Coleshill.

On 29th January 1979 John Arthur Ralph Helps died suddenly at his home. He was born on 17.12.22 in Coleshill Cottage (now White Roses). He will be remembered by his contemporaries in Coleshill for his high spirits as a schoolboy and when on leave from the R.A.F. during the war. He served in Coastal Command and later was a Captain with B.E.A. The funeral took place at All Saints'.

We give thanks for the life of Mrs... Ada Bates, who died on 6th February 1979. Mrs. Bates, born in Old Amersham, came to live in Crosspath Cottages aged six weeks. Her father was a Lay Preacher and as a girl she used to go with him when he preached. She loved children, teaching for many years in Sunday School and she also provided music in the Chapel. She took every opportunity to be present at school concerts and Guide and Brownie events. One of my last memories of her was when the Magpie children sang carols outside Thornbury Cottage when with face alight she joined in the singing. Flowers were another great love in Mrs. Bates' life; in some respects this was reflected by the lovely flowers at her funeral. Her grave was covered with them, and at the request of Mr. Bates, the rest filled the Church where she worshipped after the closure of the Chapel at Coleshill. Mr. and Mrs. Bates celebrated their Golden Wedding in January 1973, having lived in Thornbury Cottage since their marriage.

Mr. W. Bolton, a particularly devoted and loved father and grandfather, died on February 8th 1979. Mr. Bolton came to live in Crosspath Cottages a few years ago with his son, Mr. Archie Bolton, from Chalfont St. Giles. Mr. Bolton was a builder, a keen gardener and had a great interest in nature. During his last illness, his bird table, which he could see from his chair was a great joy to him.

It was with very great sorrow that the village heard of the death of Mrs. Joan Dryden on 18th February 1979. Joan, the daughter of Leonard and Zillah Aldridge, was born in Bottle Cottages in 1925. As a child she attended our Village School and later Dr. Challoner's Grammar School.

In 1947 Joan married Mr. Derek Dryden at All Saints' Church. They lived for a few years in London, but soon returned to Coleshill and then to Amersham. But even when not living in Coleshill, Joan continued to worship at All Saints' Church and was a most active member of the choir and the Church Committee, on which she served for many years. She was also a member of the Amersham & Chesham Bois Choral Society which she greatly enjoyed as well as giving pleasure to others with her lovely voice.

Joan was also instrumental in launching our Village Newsletter, which she typed and printed until ill health prevented her continuing to do so. After Derek's death in 1974, Joan returned again to Coleshill.

She leaves a son, his wife and baby grand-daughter and will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

** We send our deepest sympathy **
** to all families and friends. **

THANKS

We all send grateful thanks to Mr. Douglas PUSEY for maintaining our daily milk delivery during the severe weather when roads and paths were so dangerous.

Thanks also to all the children who similarly braved the elements to bring us our daily newspapers - Daniel, Andrew and Susanna DAVIS, Kerry FERGUSON, Ian JAMIESON and Philip WEGE.

The seat by the Windmill had been thrown on to the common and was badly damaged and in very bad condition. It was retrieved and beautifully repaired by Mr. Jim TRUETT, to whom we extend our grateful thanks.

WOMEN'S WORLD. DAY OF PRAYER

The Service for the Women's World Day of Prayer was held in All Saints' Church on the first Friday in March. The address on the theme "Spiritual Growth" was given by Miss B.D. RANGAY of Tylers Hill, Chesham, and it was a most inspiring and interesting talk. The Service was well attended and members of the Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches took part in the Readings and taking the collection - which amounted to. £12.05. The Service in 1980 will be held, as usual, on the first Friday in March. The theme - "Responsible Freedom."

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH. COLESHILL

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, 11th February 1979, following the Service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. ...

The Rector, the Reverend Allan Campbell, took the Chair for the Meeting, some 34 Parishioners attended.

The Rector reported on the re-decoration of the Sanctuary, stressing the need for the work to be continued throughout the Church.

He also reported on the decision of the Committee to recommend to the P.C.C. that the Parsonage House be sold and in answer to a question read the recommendation with the clauses covering the disposal and use of the proceeds for Coleshill. The matter having been passed by the Diocesan Board now lays with the Charity Commissioners and awaits their decision.

The Annual Accounts for 1978 were accepted and passed to the P.C.C. for approval.

Elections and Appointments for 1979 were proposed, seconded and agreed as:

Pro-Churchwardens:	Mr. Chenevix-Trench Mr. Urry
Synod Representatives:	Mrs. Dryden Mr. Panton
P.C.C. Representatives:	Mrs. Dryden Mrs. Harris Miss McLean Mr. Panton Mr. Chenevix-Trench Mr. Urry
Local Church Committee:	Miss Boston Mrs. Harvey Mrs. Horsbrugh-Porter Mr. Hankinson - Mr. Kenerell Mrs. Ovington Mrs. Spencer Mrs. Stubbings Mr. Stubbings Mrs. Swerling Miss Weedon Miss Wright Warren

Dates to be noted: Mothering Sunday: 25th March - Family Service
• Church Committee Meeting: 29th March at 8 p.m.
Confirmation Service: 5th April at 7.30 p.m. -
The Bishop of Buckingham
Good Friday Service: 13th April 11 a.m. - noon
Easter Sunday Service: 15th April 9.3 a.m. - The Rector
Church Fete: Sat. 9th June - afternoon.

H.C. McLean Hon. Secretary

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP ANOTHER SUCCESS

If like me you have always associated robins with Christmas and weddings with Easter you would have been wrong in December 1978 when the Coleshill Village Drama Group presented their annual production "Wedding of the Year" by Norman Robbins - alright there's another 'b'.

The play took place in the living room of the home of the Murchinson's which was well arranged, constructed and managed jointly by Helen Hitchen and Richard Farmer. Ethel Murchinson (Rita Rann) set the scene and standard for the whole production from the moment the curtains opened but more and even better tilings were to come as the story unfolded.

Real acting ability was portrayed by Ann Chenevix-Trench playing Peggy Ramskill, whose daughter could and would win any contest anywhere and at any time when it came to weddings and so the somewhat distasteful character was far removed from the nature of the real person, maybe due too to the work applied to the production by the director, Daphne Farmer.

It soon became clear that Walter Thornton (Hugh Jones), Ethel Murchinson's neighbour, spent much of his time with Ethel not only because he liked her coffee or was it her tea or was it both or was it because he knew something of what was going on in his son's mind? Irani Edwards' (John Horsburgh-Porter) masterly performance as Ethel's brother added much to the delight now being shared by all and not least by Alison Murchinson (Lindsey Haubner), Ethel's daughter, who played a difficult role with feeling and sincerity so much so that I found myself impatiently awaiting the outcome of her efforts to achieve her mother's wishes that her forthcoming wedding would be the "Wedding of the Year". She certainly never gave away the secret if indeed she knew what the future had in store for her and how little all her efforts would matter when "Mr Right" came along.

Dora Post and Sylvia Fairchild as Alison's aunts, Honoria and Matilda Murchinson, were indeed well cast and as proverb after proverb and situation after situation developed they helped greatly to introduce into the story those little episodes which go to make a great little play greater and more entertaining.

Melvyn Thornton (Chris Lindop) - the boy next door - tried so hard to get it right - not his words, not his acting, but the role in which he had been cast, thereby producing many laughs and exciting moments! Harry Elphinstone (Stephen Kitchen) turned out to be Alison's lover - Mr. Right - and as he brought touching moments to the scene time and again one thought this must surely "put paid" to the flamboyant hopes expressed by Peggy Ramskill, who never missed an opportunity to be superior and one up! As so often happens both on the stage and off - it is some elderly Aunt like the character portrayed by Patsy Wright. Warren as Ethel Murchinson's aged Aunt Priscilla, who seemed, maybe because of her experience in life, to know what it takes to comfort and be comforted and at the same time console and chastise.

All in all a happy play presented by a happy cast whose presence would have been nothing without Pat Emblow and Peggy Gow, who put so much work into the costumes and not forgetting the tacking stitches in a certain pair of slacks!

Those who at Christmas 1978, and annually since 1973, saw the productions have come to look forward to and eagerly await the Drama Group's show and will wish thanks to be recorded not only to those mentioned above, but also to Hugh Jones for the lighting, Peggy Gow for the publicity - crowded houses do not just happen - and last but not least to Ann Chenevix-Trench and Joy Chalk for the make-up. Whoever would have thought that Patsy Wright-Warren could be made to look like that! Well done!!

1st COLESHILL GUIDES & BROWNIES

Variety is the spice of life, so for this issue you have a joint report of our activities. Our Brownie Christmas play and Guide Christmas play enabled us to give just over £60 to the Village Hall fund. Grateful thanks to the many kind people, who supported us. Together we sang carols at Rushmead, which was enjoyed by young and old.

Attendances have been patchy this terra, due to illness and weather but it did not prevent Sarah Holland, Nicola Haubner, Louise Wyatt, Victoria Hesford, Ruth Bayley, Lucy Hatch, Donna Denham, Venetia Hawkes gaining their Home Safety badge, Ruth Bayley Footpath and Music badges and Rachel Williams her House Orderly badge.

The Guides have a new recruit, Mai-britt Fjelde, from Denmark, who has come to live in the Old Parsonage. At half term we entertained eight Guides from London, to games and an Italian lunch. Eight Guides have been invited to camp in July at Foxlease in Hampshire by our kind Commissioner with her Company. Badges gained are Cooks - Miranda and Catherine Menist, Homemaker - Lois Plumridge and Michele Haubner, Collectors - Susanna Davis and Susan Williams.

H.J.M.C.

MAGPIE CLUB

Our programme for the Christmas holidays was rather marred by the weather. However, we were able to sing carols and deliver logs and scones to some of the older residents of the village a few days before Christmas. A snowstorm during the afternoon made it even more seasonal!

We had a "Bangers and beans" supper for the younger children which was well attended. We had to abandon the disco for the older children due to the ghastly conditions. Our Christingle Service, which was planned for the "last Sunday of the year", also suffered the same fate. However a party of 62 of us were able to get to the Ice Show at Wembley and we all had a very enjoyable evening.

We had a Valentine's Party in the Village Hall for the older children. We had anticipated about 30 people, but word seemed to have got around and we ended up with 64 people from neighbouring places! Many thanks to Hugh Prothero for organising all the music.

We decided it was time, for the Mums to get together - so we had a coffee morning for "Mothers and Any Others" at Rosemary Valentine's house, which was enjoyed by the 30 people who came along.

D.M.S.

COLESHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

With regret we report that Mrs. Stevens has resigned from the Committee. Since 1959, when the Association was formed, Mrs. Stevens has been Secretary. Her work during these last twenty years has been of the utmost value and much of the success of the Association is due to her. We record our deepest gratitude for all that she has done.

Now we need to find a Secretary. Is there anyone in Coleshill who would be interested in becoming our Hon. Secretary? If so, please be kind enough to get in touch with M.K. Stone, 6 Amber Cottages. Telephone No. 3355° A warm welcome is assured for anyone who does.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1st May, at 8.15 p.m. in the Village Hall. After the business part of the meeting, Mr. Chenevix-Trench will give a talk on "Some Old Houses in Coleshill".

M.K.S.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB.

At the Annual General Meeting the following officers and Committee members were elected:

Chairman	R Tilson	1st XI Captain	D Mash
Hon. Secretary	D Sayers	1st XI Vice Cptn	E Junger
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs. M Tilson	2nd XI Captain	D Youens
Fixture Secretary	D Baldwin	2nd XI Vice Cptn	N Ayres
Match Secretary	G Sinfield	Sunday Captain:	G Sinfield
Groundsman	R Tilson	Sunday Vice Cptn	M Coventry

Other members: A Barber, D Seymour

Coffee Morning. This was held in aid of the Village Hall Repair Fund and raised £43.25 and I would like to thank the ladies who helped and those who attended,

Annual Dance. This year's dance will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, March 30th. Tickets. £1.50 from committee members or at the door. Music provided by the Santa Fe Country-Western Group.

Obituary. It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mrs. Beryl Adair wife of our President. Our deepest sympathy goes to Jack and his family.

M.E.T.

POSTAGE STAMPS

I would like to thank everyone who has given me their used postage stamps. I sent a large parcel to "Save the Children Fund" and received a thank you letter explaining what a good source of income it was for their work. Please keep saving - just tear off the stamps with a small margin of envelope.

Rachel Wege

THE COLESHILL CLUE

The Coleshill Club had a busy autumn. Our **A.G.M. was in September** and after the business part was over, Mrs. Wege gave an interesting and helpful talk about the work of the Red Cross past and present. In October we held a "Bring & Buy" in aid of the Village Hall Repair Fund. We invited the Club at Winchmore Hill for the afternoon and about 20 of their members came. Many of these found old friends amongst us and great fun was had swapping stories of years ago! In November Mr. and Mrs. Everard visited us again, this time giving a talk on Italy illustrated with beautiful slides.

Our Christmas party was on December 20th. Penny Weedon played and sang lovely carols in some of which we joined, afterwards sitting down to a sumptuous tea. Mrs. Stevens had once again baked us one of her Christmas cakes which quickly disappeared, whilst a diminutive Father Christmas distributed small gifts to all the members. Afterwards there was a free Raffle when nearly everyone seemed to be lucky, but when it was time to go home we all walked out into a snow-storm - the start of the winter!

This was the last time that Mr. Thorne was with us. On January 4th he passed away and it still seems hard to believe. As one of our members and especially when he took on the post of Treasurer, he devoted his time and energy to the Club and we were fortunate indeed to have our finances in such capable hands. As time went on he grew more frail, but up to the end he insisted on carrying out his duties with his daughter's assistance, and we all join in offering her and the Weedon family our love and sympathy in their loss.

Sadly we must announce two more deaths among our members. Mrs. Bates, known and loved by all, who died in hospital on February 6th. Our deep sympathy goes to Mr. Bates and the whole family. And Miss Banyard of Rushmead, our oldest member aged 99 years. We shall miss her also greatly.

January was another very interesting afternoon with an illustrated talk on a journey through India by Mr. and Mrs. Maynard - the warm colours of the slides helping us to forget the cold outside! February, Mr. Jim Tanner, who works for the High Wycombe Pensioners Association, talked to us about his work and how the association may be able to give advice or help if needed to other Clubs such as ours with any problems which might arise,

We welcome Mrs. Tilson of Hill Meadow who has become our new Secretary, thus enabling Mrs. Weedon to continue in her father's place as Treasurer,

RED CROSS WEEK

For over 100 years children have been a special concern to the Red Cross. In this International Year of the Child, as the world's attention is drawn to the needs of children, Red Cross work among the young continues. Whether Red Cross volunteers are caring for war orphans in Rhodesia, homeless children in flood stricken India or handicapped children right here in Buckinghamshire, the same care and concern is always shown. During Red Cross Week (May 6th - 12th) we will be making an all-out effort to raise the funds we need to continue our work not only among children, but also among the sick and handicapped of all ages. We are desperately short of collectors for Red Cross week. May I appeal to you to spare us an hour or two for this vital task?

Anyone wishing to, volunteer should contact me - MARY WEGE - AMERSHAM 4152

Red Cross Centre Organiser.

OXFORD DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WORK - HOUSING. PROJECT .:

We have been struggling for several years to get this project started. Meanwhile the need for bed-sitting rooms for unsupported mothers and other girls who need a semi-sheltered place to live remains as great as ever.

The Chiltern District Council have agreed to let us use one of their larger Council Houses for this purpose. Before we can open the house we shall have to beg, borrow or steal enough furniture. Though no one expects luxury, the rooms will be 'home' to the girls, so we do ask that offerings are in reasonably good condition.

Each room will need a bed, small easy chair, upright chair, small table, small wardrobe, storage cupboard, curtains, bedding, carpet/rugs, electric kettle, electric firs, pots and pans etc. We will also need 2 cookers, iron and board and clothes airers. Various modifications will have to be made - about 6 electric meters, fire precautions and possibly installing a second W.Co. We mention these because cash will also be needed.

We do not know exactly when we shall be ready to move in but we do not want to pay rent for an empty house. This means that we hope to have furniture to hand when we need it, but this may not be for a few months. Since storage space is limited we do hope that donors can keep their gifts till we are ready to move them. Mrs. Margaret Hall has bravely offered to be our contact and to help us to co-ordinate donations. Her address is 19 Stanley Avenue, Chesham. (Phone 4479)

We really do need all the help we can get, so please let us have all your spare things. • Thank you very much.

M.N.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday MARCH 25th Mothering Sunday. Family Service 9.30 a.m.
- Friday " 30th Cricket Club Annual Dance. Village Hall.
- Thursday APRIL 5th Confirmation at All Saints, 7.30 p.m. The Bishop of Buckingham. Followed by refreshments in the Village Hall
- Friday " 20th W.I. Open Evening in aid of Village Hall Funds, Talk with slides by Miss Jean Archer on Amersham and Coleshill. Admission - including refreshments - 50p, Children - 25p. Raffle.
- Tuesday " 24th Village Hall A.G.M. 8.15 p.m.
- Friday " 27th Bridge Drive in aid of Village Hall. 8 p.m.
- Thursday " 12th & 26th Mobile Library
- Tuesday MAY 1st Coleshill Residents Association A.G.M. followed by talk on "Some Old Houses in Coleshill" by Mr. Chenevix-Trench. 8.15 p.m. Village Hall,
- Friday " 11th Horticultural Society Social Evening (with slides) 8 p.m. Village Hall.
- Monday " 14th Horticultural Society A.G.M. 8 p.m. Village Hall
- Saturday " 19th Drama Club evening in aid of Village Hall. Buffet Supper with Entertainment
- Thursday " 19th

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday in 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	8.00 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 and 3rd Sundays in month
Mothering Sunday		
March 25th	9.30 a.m.	Family Service
GOOD FRIDAY	11 - 12 a.m.	Service of Devotion
EASTER DAY	9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (The Rector)

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH, WINCHMORE HILL

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, 2nd and 4th Sundays