

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

When the sun shines, the daffodils dance, and the almond blossom glows, then the newness of Spring really does seem to be upon us. It is no accident that Easter comes at this time of year. Easter is above all the sign of new life and hope.

There are many other signs of new life and hope, but none as profound or as universal or as lasting as Easter itself. Jesus rising from the dead is for all time and all people. His way is God's way, and that way does not change.

One of the key ideas in the Bible about God is that He is the One who makes all things new. Most of the Gospel can be written under this heading. Certainly, it speaks of God as Creator. It speaks, too, of God making our human nature new in Jesus. It speaks also of the newness of life beyond death, of resurrection.

God shows us in Jesus his great desire always and in every situation to work to make things new. Jesus again and again speaks to people about newness of life, about a greater quality of life, about fullness of life. And this does not just refer to them as individuals, but also to the whole of society. It has to. How can one person have a true fullness of life unless it is also being shared by those around? We are parts one of another.

Easter is God showing us this newness in its full glory. It is a newness that he wants us all to share and enjoy. He brings it about in our lives (if we ask Him to) through our faith in Christ. This opens us to His way of forgiveness and to the work of His Holy Spirit.

Forgiveness is very much about God making things new in our lives. If things stay unforgiven, then they hold us back, stop us growing and changing, burden us and weigh us down. Forgiveness changes all that so that we can again move on and have once more the hope of things becoming new and better, as they are meant to be.

So how are things becoming new in your life? Are you just the same as you were a year ago, or five years ago? Have the changes made life fuller, improved its quality?

Easter reminds us that God wants always to make things new in each of us. And, what is more, He has the power to, as Jesus resurrection shows us.

Have a joyful and blessed Easter.

Anthony Priddis.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services

We look forward to the Holy Week services which will be as follows:

Good Friday	April 1st	11.00 am
Easter Day	April 3rd	9.00 am
Easter Day Carol Service	April 3rd	6.00 pm

The Easter Day Carol Service is a new venture for All Saints.

The Annual Church meeting was held on Sunday March 30th. Dumpy Swerling has resigned from the All Saints' Church Committee after serving for fifteen years, the last four years of which as a Pro-Warden. She was thanked by the Chairman.

Two new committee members have been proposed for the Committee. They are Rosemary Valentine and Chris George. Nick Sadler is proposed as our new Pro-Warden. The elections take place at the Annual General Meeting at St Mary's on March 24th.

Adrian -Hopwood

Adrian Hopwood will be joining the parish as a non-stipendary minister. He has been working at St Leonards' Church, Chesham Bois for some time. We look forward to welcoming him and his wife Evelyn on May 1st.

Organist

Mrs Waite is retiring as relief organist, after many years of playing, and the committee expressed their thanks to her. Mr David Wheeler will be helping as relief organist at evensong.

R.A.L.T.

HOLY BAPTISM

On 20th February 1994, ALEXANDER HENRY GOWER, son of Simon and Charlotte Thompson of Holmer Green.

On 6th March 1994, CHARLOTTE SARAH, daughter of Huw and Julie Prothero of Speen.

On 20th March 1994, REBECCA CLAIRE, daughter of Paul and Susan Robertson of Winchmore Hill.

On 20th March 1994, AARON DANIEL, son of Anthony and Eleanor Stillwell of Winchmore Hill.

IN MEMORIAM

February 1994; Elizabeth Mae Barnes of Hillingdon

February 1994, Cyril Pollard Dickinson of Denham

JEAN HIGGS

We are all deeply saddened by the death of Jean Higgs. The bravery and wonderful good humour with which she fought her long illness was an inspiring example to all who knew her.

She was a busy farmer's wife, yet found time to be involved in many activities. In 1977 she set up the sewing group to which I was privileged to belong. We used to meet weekly in her home, and it was there that the exhibitions of our work were shown. Her cottage in Devon was the happy scene of many weekend meetings of the group, and even after her departure to Southampton. she entertained us all several times.

She was a past member of Coleshill W.I. She loved her Church. She was an active member of the Ladies Circle, and entertained her many friends most generously.

Above all, she was a truly devoted wife, mother and grandmother who will be deeply missed.

CHRISTIAN AID, COLESHILL

A new committee will be taking over the Christian Aid collecting and events this summer. Chris George has agreed to be the organiser, and will be grateful for support with the house to house collection.

Christian Aid week is from 16th - 21st May, and it is hoped to arrange an afternoon at Coleshill FirstSchool on Tuesday, 17th May, when the children will give a short play, with tea and a Traidcraft stall.

We are planning a 5 mile fun walk for Christian Aid on SATURDAY APRIL 30th starting from the Red Lion at 2 pm. For more details please phone:

Sue Bullough	724246
Joan Frost	432353
Betty Joseph	674852
Dumpy Swerling	873931

Added attraction: Free tea en route!

1st COLESHILL BROWNIES

Our numbers remain constant. This term we have welcomed Claire and Robyn who recently moved into the area. We have enrolled Jenna and Katherine. Eleanor has achieved her Highway Badge and is to join Guides next term. Catherine, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Stephanie and Angela have gained their Road badge.

The girls have been busy during the term. They learned about and made scrapbooks on China, Kenya and Sweden. They attended the Thinking Day Service at St Mary's. They made Mothers' Day cards and were on parade at All Saints on Mothering Sunday, where, as usual, they read the lesson and prayers.

We end this term by sadly saying Goodbye to Eleanor and Catherine. The parents have, as always, given me their support. Thank you.

Next term starts on Monday 18th April. We still have room for more girls, and look forward to working on the Challenge to mark 80 years of Brownies.

Anne Lake
Brown Owl

CHURCHYARD TIDY

We need your help on Saturday 16th April from 2 - 4 pm. Please come and spend a pleasant afternoon doing the gardening job of your choice.

C.W.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

At the start of this new term we welcomed our new Welfare Assistant, Mrs Gill Smith.

The children enjoyed a visit to Mop End Environmental Centre. Hyde Heath County First and Little Missenden C of E First Schools joined us for a visit by the Floating Point Theatre Company who teach children science in a fun way. We also visited a Mobile Planetarium at Curzon School and have attended a music morning at Jordans and the dress rehearsal of 'Pied Piper' at Curzon School.

Our annual Whist Drive was not as well attended as usual but we still managed to raise £44.10 and had an enjoyable evening at the same time. We were delighted at the results of our Quiz Evening, kindly organised by Mrs Alex Pond, when over £700 was raised for the school. Our thanks also to Mrs Gillian Bungey for organising the Christmas Raffle, which raised over £1,000 for the school.

We shall be having a Beetle Drive on Saturday, 7th May, so look out for posters, and there will be a school service the following day, 8th May, in church at 9 am.

MAGPIE CLUB

Our Christmas activities went very well. We were very lucky to have good weather and a good number of singers for Carol singing around the village before Christmas. Our party in the Village Hall after Christmas, with entertainment by Bozo the Clown was enjoyed by all there. In order that we can give the children a party at Christmas again this year, we have a couple of small money-raising events in the Summer Term.

EASTER 1994

Wednesday, 30th March: Visit to KIDZONE Adventure Playground, Berkhamsted. Meet at Village Hall at 10 am. Bring picnic lunch for afterwards (weather permitting). KIDZONE costs £1.75 (under 5's) or £2.25 (over 5's). Suitable for all ages up to 14 (max height 5 ft) All children to be accompanied by an adult.

Nicky Miles (721724) Michelle Denyer (724696)

Thursday 7th April: Picnic and games on Coleshill Common
(only if weather permits!)

Meet on common at 3 pm. Bring a picnic tea, footballs, skipping ropes, cricket bats, tennis rackets etc.
All children to be accompanied by an adult.

Lynn Woodgate (728224) Margaret Butler (727519)

Friday 22nd April - 12.30 pm: Lunch at Hillcrest, Tower Road.
Please bring a contribution of food and a donation - for Magpie Club Funds.
Everyone welcome.

*Margaret Butler (727519)

Friday 20th May 10.30 - 12: Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy at 3 Manor Way.
All welcome, including toddlers. Please come along and bring and buy cakes, biscuits, cookies, home-made jam or other produce.

Lynn Woodgate (728224)

COLESHILL W.I.

Looking back briefly to Christmas, members enjoyed the 'Pot Luck' lunch, and the festivities were rounded off in seasonable fashion by Jean Archer's Old Town Follies.

There has been plenty of activity in the Institute so far this year, with members taking advantage of outings to Naafi Night, a nostalgic Forties evening, a visit to the National Theatre to see an enchanting production of the Wind in the Willows, and a day of Food & Flowers with demonstrations preceded by a talk by Michael Barry, Cook on the TV Food programme.

Several members attended a lecture on 'Speaking with Confidence' and others went to the Art Day where their paintings were criticised by a visiting artist and where there was a competition for anyone in the Bucks Federation to enter. The subject was "Reflections" and the standard was high.

A W.I. Fun Quiz Night in the Village Hall consisted of 16 teams from all over South Bucks answering questions on Music and Drama. Coleshill's team was amongst the top eight.

A Pancake Lunch, cooked and hosted by Joan Adamson, was snowed off on Shrove Tuesday, which was a great disappointment to all concerned. Sue Bullough's St David's Day coffee morning and Bring & Buy sale had fairer weather and was a very successful fund-raising event.

One of the members of the St Saviour's Club, which visits the Institute each year in August, is to be among the first women to be ordained as Priests in the Church of England. To mark such an historic occasion, the Institute has presented her with our embossed pewter bookmark to wish her well in her new role.

Coleshill W.I. hosted the Spring Group Meeting. Despite the depletion of the Chess Group from five to only three Institutes, there was a very good attendance. The speaker, Mrs M Bradbury, gave a fascinating and well-illustrated talk on Windsor and the Castle. To tie in with the subject, the Group Convenor, Margaret Long, arranged for members to bring with them any Royal memorabilia they had treasured over the years.

Speakers' subjects have been mainly historical so far this year. Mrs M Stainton spoke on "Early Man in the Chilterns", going back as far as Palaeolithic times, Mrs Firkin brought a collection of 'Antiques of Interest' and Mrs Eckstein told the story of a "Year in the Life of a London Footman", the year being 1837 when Queen Victoria came to the throne. In April, in a change from the printed programme, Mrs Black will talk about "Unknown China".

Fund raising is an activity which is very necessary to keep the Institute solvent and the next event is the Spring Fair at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre organised by the Bucks Federation, at which Coleshill is having a stall with an "Oranges and Lemons" theme. Having missed out on the Pancake Lunch as a fund-raiser, hopes are now pinned on the Fair. Thanks are due to all members who contribute so generously when asked.

J.P.

N.S.P.C.C.

After a very busy Christmas with such excellent support from everyone, we have been catching our breath! However, a date for your diary: on the afternoon of June 26th we are running a question style treasure hunt in Old Amersham (on foot!) which we hope will be fun for everyone. Further details nearer the time.

If anybody would be interested in joining our committee or would like further information on the NSPCC, do please contact me.

Sharon Hall

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Contrary to popular belief FRIDAY 13th MAY will be a lucky day - for everyone who comes along at 7.30 for 8 pm to the Village Hall for our Spring Meeting to hear Mrs Sue Robinson, a plants person extraordinaire, talk to us about planning a beautiful garden for colour all year round complete with Slide Show.

Details nearer the time, but please get those diaries out and note it down.

And, of course, preparations are in hand for the Annual Show on SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER. Please start nurturing now anything from leeks to woolly hot water bottle covers. Details of our Summer Outing will be revealed at the Spring meeting.

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club - for 10 to 13 year old from Coleshill, Winchmore Hill and Penn Street - continues to meet on Fridays, from 6.30 to 8.00 pm, at Coleshill Village Hall. This year, so far, there have been opportunities to try enamelling, knitting, fabric painting and dough modelling, as well as the usual offerings of table tennis, pool and board games. We've had games of 5-a-side football, bench ball and uni-hoc, and tried out parachute games. Coming up is another outing to Windsor Leisure Pool for the junior disco night on April 15th. (Details from Doreen Lander on 722565). Are there any village owners of large vehicles who could offer help with transport?

We have recently been generously given a good-as-new pool table, but would also like a better table tennis table. If you have one you no longer use - or could lend to us - please let us know.

If you would like to find out more about the Club - either to join or to help- please contact : Penny Ware on 722486.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

We are once again looking forward to the start of the Cricket season. Working parties have been gathering for the past few weekends to prepare the ground for the coming season. Vic Baldwin, as usual, has been hard at work on the square for some time.

Last season was our first in The Morrant Chiltern Cricket League. We had a successful season with some good cricket played both Saturdays and Sundays which was enjoyed by all on and off the field. We finished the season with our Annual Dinner Dance at the Beaconsfield Golf Club which was a most enjoyable evening.

This year we will once again be fielding a 1st and 2nd Eleven for League cricket on a Saturday, and we'll be playing Club Cricket on Sundays. We've also entered the National Village and the usual mid-week knock-out competitions.

If anyone is interested in becoming a playing or social member, please contact me on 722143.

Kate Barber

GRAHAM GOODYER

Graham Goodyer has won his appeal to continue his business at Luckings Farm. Graham wishes to express his sincere thanks to the multitude of people who supported him so fully in connection with this long drawn out matter, and looks forward to continuing his service to the village and the surrounding areas.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

Regular users of the Village Hall will have noticed that the Main Hall and entrance hall have recently been decorated.

The Annual General Meeting will take place at 8.15 pm on May 5th. All residents of Coleshill are cordially invited to attend. After the meeting - as is now our custom, we shall offer all those present at the meeting a glass of wine, and we hope to see you there.

G.D.S.

DRAMA GROUP

Our next event is the AGM on Friday 15th April to be held at the Cricket Club. Although a certain amount of formal business has to be conducted, we hope you will all (members and would-be members) come along to sample some entertainment and light refreshments.

We have decided to defer "Tom Jones" to a production date of 13-15 October. Anyone who has read the script and the stage design notes will know why! Marion will shortly be approaching prospective members of the cast and rehearsals will begin quite soon thereafter, starting fairly lightly but building up to a concentrated effort as soon as we all return from summer holidays.

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

Every villager should have now received their March newsletter in which we are predicting the courts will be open for play to members in May. We are urging those villagers wishing to join to apply for membership now. The club subscription year will run annually from 1st April each year.

Jason Collins has kindly offered to be our club coach. Jason lives in nearby Woodrow and has recently passed his elementary L.T.A. coaching course which enables him to coach both juniors and seniors, from beginners upwards, to achieve a good club standard. A plus factor for the club is that Jason will be able to use his own court for the coaching thus not restricting playing time on the Coleshill courts. Individual and group coaching are both available. Jason's telephone number is: 0494 724525.

We look forward to many of you joining and hope that the tennis will add greatly to the enjoyment in our village.

David George

NOTICE BOARDS

How many notice boards are there in the village, what are they all used for, (and does anyone read the notices that are put up on them)? Answers: Five, see below and "you tell me"!

Village Notice Board: just outside the church hedge opposite the Red Lion was the village's memorial for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. Any villager with an event to publicise puts a notice on it. People from outside the village normally ask the Parish Council clerk before doing so.

All Saints' Church: has two notice boards in the porch. One is for official church notices, the other to publicise relevant conferences or concerts.

Village Hall: has a board in its entrance hall which is used to publicise events of interest to the village or the village hall and useful services (especially catering).

The Parish Council: has a new notice board outside the village hall in a rather more prominent place so that it can be seen better. It is reserved for Parish Council notices and the village hall programme.

And finally - it is so much easier to put up notices than to take them down, but notice boards are much less likely to be read if they are overcrowded!

P.W-W

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

The Reverend Anthony M. Priddis, The Rectory, Church Street, Amersham Bucks
Tel: Amersham 729380
The Revd Dr William Brierley
Tel: Amersham 433198

St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.15 am	Family Service (Creche, Sunday School)
	11.45 am	Matins
	6.00 pm	Evensong
2nd Wednesday of each month	10.00 am	Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services:	9.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.00 pm	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)
Family Service:	9.00 am	2nd Sunday in month
GOOD FRIDAY	11.00 am	Matins and Litany
EASTER DAY	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Carol Service

Pro-Wardens	- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottage	433356
	- N. Sadler, Clivia, Coleshill	726277
Hon. Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	727420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss A. Trotman, Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane	433545

Brownies	- Monday Evenings: 5.30 - 7.00 pm	Village Hall
Guides	- Monday Evenings: 7.00 - 8.15 pm	Village Hall
W.I.	- 2nd Thursday of each month (except August) 2.30 pm	Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY: This calls in Coleshill every Wednesday morning
9.35 - 9.50 am
stopping alternately at Village Hall and Village Way

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: *** COLESHILL CHURCH FETE - SATURDAY 11th JUNE ***

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The 1994 Annual Parish Meeting was held on 8th March. Julie Burton was voted in for a second year as Chairman and David Hall as Vice Chairman. Other special responsibilities of Councillors are as follows:

Tony Barber - Open spaces and member of Common Management Committee
Gillian Bungey - Adult education and school governor
Julie Burton - Village Hall Management Committee
Jean Dover - Footpaths and Association of Local Councils
David Hall - Publicity
Peter Lawrence - Highways
Richard Valentine - Planning and Chairman of Common Management Committee

The Parish is, with the exception of Chenies, the smallest in the Chiltern District with only 567 population of whom 440 are electors. Council meetings are usually well attended by councillors and members of the public. There will in future be only four meetings each year, which will mean that none will be cancelled. They are normally held on the second Tuesday of every third month. The dates for the remainder of 1994 are:

June 14th; September 20th; December 13th.

A copy of the minutes of these meetings will in future be posted on the new, (hopefully!) waterproof notice board.

Tennis Club

A very satisfactory element of last year's work was the conclusion of the long and tortuous negotiations over the lease of a part of the Recreation Field to the Coleshill Tennis Club to build two tennis courts. The lease will run for 25 years from 1st October, 1993.

Coleshill Common

The work done by valiant volunteers, mostly in terrible weather conditions, gave rise to a good deal of controversy as whether it had been too radical or whether it had enhanced the views over the Common. Work was stopped in December 1993 so that the situation could be reviewed. The Council endorsed its general objective for the management of the Common:

"to protect and conserve the unenclosed character and naturalness of the site for the benefit of its flora, fauna and other wildlife and for its quiet enjoyment by the public on foot."

Having consulted with the Countryside Officer of Bucks County Council, a revised and more detailed management plan is being devised and will be put to the Council at its next meeting. In the meantime, so that the plan can reflect the wishes of villagers, especially those who live alongside the **Common**, the Council is most anxious to have their views and **suggestions**, so that these can be built into the management plan. Do please let the Clerk have your ideas by the end of **April**. In future, those who live on or opposite to an area of the Common where work is being planned will be consulted individually.

Village Hall

Parking for charity lunches, when the school car park is not available, has continued to give some anxiety to neighbours. The Village Hall Management Committee has undertaken to restrict these to six per year and to space them out as far as possible, but this will inevitably mean a loss of revenue for the Hall. Where the school playground has been hired for parking, it needs to be made clear that this is for the Hall, and the notice may be changed to reflect this.

Children's Play Area

Following questions raised by villagers in the Village Appraisal carried out in 1992, Chiltern District Council have looked into the matter and

has now recommended that Parish Councils should assume responsibility for their play areas. The Hill Meadow play area is owned by Chiltern Hundreds Housing Association which will fence it and bring it up to recommended safety standards before handing it over. On this basis, the Council has agreed to accept ownership and responsibility.

Planning

The Council has continued its rigorous scrutiny of all planning applications in the Parish. During 1993 there were 24 applications, all but one of which got approval, and that one has been resubmitted. No decisions were taken against the advice of the Parish Council.

Seat

Thanks to the generosity of the Hamilton family, there is now a new seat near to the bus stop outside the church, which they gave in memory of Mrs Audrey Hamilton.

Best Kept Village Competition

For the first time in many years, we reached the final in 1993 but were pipped at the post there. We have again entered. The first round of the judging will be in June and the second round in July. Apart from the public areas such as the church and churchyard, village hall, pub, and common, they look at the notice boards and phone boxes and the general look of the village. We have sometimes lost marks because of litter so perhaps we should all walk around the village with our "litter bags" this summer!

Parish Council Centenary

Parish Councils are not as ancient as you might think. The Act of Parliament introducing them was passed in 1994 and the first one was established in Coleshill two years later. To celebrate this, and as a tribute to David Curling who was our Chairman for 22 years, the Council has decided to put up in the Village Hall an honours board listing the names of all past and present chairmen and clerks. It shows some quite interesting things about our history, which will be revealed when you see it!

P W-W Clerk