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Suppose a brother or sister is in rags and one of you says, Good luck to you, keep warm, but does nothing to supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? (Janes 2 vv 15-16).

Lord, I can't sleep; I have got up out of bed to pray.
And the lights of the city, signs of the living, pierce the darkness.
I cannot escape them, Lord: I know their sufferings too well.
I see then rising before me;
I hear then speaking to me,
I feel then hitting me;

I know that in one single room thirteen crowded people are breathing on one another.
I know that rats come out to eat the crusts and bite the babies.
I know a father who gets up to stretch oil-cloth above the rain-soaked bed of his four children.
I know a mother who stays up all night since there is room for only one bed, and the two children are sick.
I know a drunken father who vomits on the child sleeping beside him.
I know a big boy who runs away alone into the night because he can't stand it any more
I know hundreds of others - yet I was going to sleep peacefully between my clean white sheets.

I wish I didn't know, Lord; I wish it were not true
I wish I could convince myself that I'm dreaming. I've seen too much
I've counted too much, and, Lord, these ruthless figures have robbed me forever of my innocent peace.

So much the better, son
For I, your God, your Father, am angry with you.
I gave you the world at the beginning of time, and I want each of my sons to have a home worthy of their Father, in my vast kingdom.
I trusted you, and your selfishness has spoiled everything.
Come, son, ask forgiveness for yourself and for others tonight
And tomorrow, fight with all your strength, for it hurts your Father to see that once more there is no room for his son at the inn.

Michel Quoist. (Extract from Prayers of Life)

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Sunday May 5	Miss Boston	May 19	Mrs. Long Brown
12	Mrs. Ovington	26	Mrs. Stubbings

THE VILLAGE HALL

At the Annual General Meeting of supporters of the Village Hall on April 17th, the accent was placed upon the role of the Committee which was to maintain the Hall in a good state of repair and to make it available for functions at charges which lessees could reasonably be expected to pay. These charges seldom covered overheads but during the past few years expensive repairs and renovations had been undertaken and the Hall had been restored to a state which was a credit to Coleshill. Various functions had been arranged to raise the money and in his opening remarks the Chairman paid a warm tribute to the Committee and in particular to Mr. and Mrs. Browne as hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively for their help and co-operation.

In her report Mrs. Browne said that the Committee had had a harmonious and successful year when it had sponsored a ladies' cricket match, a cheese and wine party combined with a cheese and wine tasting competition, a jumble sale and a whist drive. The Hall was let regularly to the Youth Club and to a pop group. Mrs. Browne extended thanks to Mrs. Harris for attending to the bookings and to the W.I. for arranging a tombola at the cheese and wine party.

Presenting his report, the hon. treasurer, Mr. Browne, said: "As you all know, this hall was made available for the village in 1933 by several local people, amongst them being the late Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stubbings, Mr. Ware and the Revd. Kenneth Munford, who realised that a local centre was essential if village activities were to be maintained...

When Mr. Donaldson asked me to take over as hon. treasurer in May, 1961, he warned me that extensive repairs were needed and as the balance in hand at the time was only £52, money raising efforts were essential. Through organising jumble sales, fetes, dances, whist drives and sherry parties and through generous donations for which we are most grateful, the following repairs and maintenance have been undertaken:

1961/2	£15	minor repairs
1962/3	£96	repairs and entirely new window frames
1963/4	£206	new windows, repairs, heaters in kitchen and toilets
1964/5	£61	new fuse box, footlights, strip lighting, new fire extinguishers
1965/66	£28	covering floor in dressing rooms, new crockery
1966/7	£187	new chairs, entirely new guttering, repainting south wall, interior and stage

Total: £596

Now we come to the present balance sheet kindly audited by Mr. R. Stubbings, showing a balance of some £188 which will be needed for

contemplated expenditure, and we must have a decent balance in hand in case of eventualities.

Normal outgoings - heating, lighting, rates, rent and insurance came to £95 and our income from the hire of the hall £100 - the first time since 1961 that normal outgoings have been covered. We would like to think that this is partly due to the improvements made to the hall.

Work this year included modernisation of the toilets and creosoting all outside woodwork, costing £171, bringing the total since 1961 to £767. The hall now requires new curtains and ladies' dressing room redecorating and so it goes on.

The report and balance sheet were adopted and the officers and members of the Committee were re-elected.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

We are indebted to Mr, R. Stubbings, the Chairman of the Coleshill Parish Council for the following notes about the Council.

1. There are nine members and the Clerk, Mr. S. Ware.
2. Meetings are held on a Monday at 8.15p.m. approximately 10 times each year.
3. The public may attend but cannot take part in the actual discussions although certain time may be set aside for questions
4. There are sub-Committees for the Common, Allotments and Footpaths.
5. School Managers - 2 members
6. Anershan and Coleshill Joint Burial Board - 2 members.

Footpaths: During the year the Council has endeavoured to preserve existing public footpaths and to check on re-marking after ploughing and sowing.

War Memorial: Estimates were obtained for cleaning the War Memorial and the work has been carried out at a cost of approximately £40

The Common: Further work to consolidate that already carried out has been discussed and it is hoped it will soon be carried out.

Hodegemoor: The Council is unanimous in approving the work being carried out by the Forestry Commission.

G-OD FRIDAY RECITAL

A large congregation assembled at our Parish Church of St. Mary on the evening of Good Friday and enjoyed recitals by the Harewood Singers of works by Brahms, Bach, Kodaly and Pergolesi.

RUTH ELIOT HOWARD

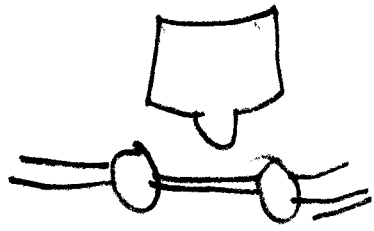
It was with a sense of shock and deepest sorrow that the Village heard the news of the death on April 23rd, St. George's Day, of Ruth Eliot Howard after two months' illness. She took such an active part, not only in the life of Coleshill, but also in all that went on in the whole area, that it is hard to imagine it without her. Older residents will remember her doing the milk round during the war, never failing to get through whatever the weather. Many mothers will think of the training she gave then when there was a Guide Company at the Windmill and are glad that their daughters had a similar training from her when they joined the Second Chesham Bois Company of which she was Captain for many years. She was also the District Commissioner for the Amersham area for ten years and the Guide Camps at the Windmill were a feature of Coleshill during the summer months. She gained much valuable experience when she went with a Guide Unit to Germany for six months after the war doing relief work.

For many years, Miss Howard served both on the Rural District Council and as a Justice of the Peace but in addition to her public work, she had a sincere concern for the village and all its affairs. She was a member of the Parish Council up to the time of her death. The first meeting of the newly formed W.I. was held in the Windmill at her invitation and she was an active member of the Committee for many years.

But above all, many of us will think of her as a most faithful member of All Saints' Church Committee and her deep interest in all that concerned the Church. Forthright in the expression of her opinions, she had at the same time a most warm and human heart and she will long be remembered for the many acts of kindness and generosity done so quietly and unobtrusively that they were known only to those who benefitted from them.

She will be sadly missed by a host of friends. .

M.W.



WEDDINGS

At All Saints on 30th March, Miss Lynda Avril Hildred, the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hildred of High Wycombe, to Mr. Dennis George May, the only son of Mr & Mrs G. May of Greenlands, Coleshill.

At St. John's Methodist Church, Anershan on 30th March, Linda Madeleine Szweda, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs H. Szweda of Anershan, to Mr. Michael Arthur Pusey, second son of Mr & Mrs Douglas Pusey, of Rushyhead Cottages, Coleshill.

THE COMMON

With reference to the article in the Newsletter for July 1966, the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society write: -

"The Commons Registration Act 1965 provided that certain Commons could be exempted by Ministerial Order if they were subject to a scheme under certain earlier Commons Acts. Coleshill Common is subject to a scheme under the Commons Act 1399 and is managed by Anershan R.D.C.. Such a scheme is statutory proof that the land is common and there is a deposited map, i.e. further registration under the 1965 Act would have been superfluous".

It is hoped that this clarification will assuage doubts which have been raised.

LOCAL SUCCESSES

Coleshill was well represented at the 1st Annual Speech Day of the Brudenell County Secondary School for Girls on 19th March, when the following awards to local pupils were made:

Prizes Headmistress' prize for initiative and leadership: Pearl Reavey
Progress, 3rd year: Janet Coombs, Wendy Weller; 5th Year: Barbara Coombs, Lorna Pusey.

Colours Netball: Jill Ruperti; Tennis: Jill Ruperti;

The following gained a Certificate of Secondary Education and/or the General Certificate of Education at 'O' level in 1967: J. Ruperti, B. Coombs, L. Pusey.

At the brass band playing competition at Raans County Secondary School, Anthony White of Coleshill, a Raans boy, was nominated soloist of the day. He plays the French horn.

CHURCH FETE

At the Church Fete on June 8th, there will be a young people's fancy dress parade when the first prize will be £1. Entries will be 6d. a head and can be made on the ground. Preparations should now be taken in hand.

Amongst other attractions there will be the popular china smashing stall and people are asked to collect crockery which they can spare and advise Mr. E.H. Smith, Wheatsheaf Cottage, The Bit, Colehill, (Amersham 2402) nearer the date.

The Committee is grateful to the Headmaster of Raans School for granting permission for the school band to play a selection of music during the afternoon.

GARDENS OPEN IN MAY

The following gardens in Buckinghamshire will be open in May in aid of the Retired District Nurses Benefit Fund and the National Trust's Garden Scheme.

- May 5 Gardens at Haddenham (16, Church End, the Dove House, Eight Bell House and Skittle Green) and Lillingstone House (near Buckingham)
- 12 HERTFORDSHIRE HOUSE, COLESHILL
- 19 Black Firs (Fulmer), Hampden House and Little Paston (Fulmer).

FIRST AID IN THE HOME

At the February meeting of the W.I., Mrs. S. Neale, S.R.N., S.C.M., startled some members with modern ideas about first aid.

For burns, she said, never use ointments, grease or powder but apply cold water or immerse the affected part therein. To stop serious bleeding, do not worry about pressure points. Simply put the cleanest cloth available or the hand over the injury and press hard. Forget the agony of rubbing a frost bitten hand with snow; apply gentle warmth not forgetting somebody's armpit.

Some of the current ideas seem revolutionary but they are the result of experience and readers are strongly recommended to get themselves up to date.

BRIDGE DRIVE

There were nine and a half tables at the Bridge Drive on April 19th and the evening was held to be a success in every way. The funds of the Village hall benefitted to the extent of some £12.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Residents' Association and Horticultural Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Residents' Association will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 2nd May at 8p.m. when Mr, Christopher Hall, the Hon. Secretary of the Chiltern Society will talk about the activities of the Society.

The Annual General Meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held the following evening, May 3rd in the Parish Room.

It is hoped that the meetings of these valuable societies will be well supported.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs May 2 Concert, Royal Albert Hall in aid of Vellore Hospital. Details in Church Porch.
Residents' Association A.G.M. Village Hall 8p.m. Speaker from Chiltern Society.
- Fri. 3 A.G.M. Horticultural Society, Parish Room at 8p.m.
- Wed 8 Mothers' Union, Overseas Meeting, Aylesbury.
- Thurs 9 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
W.I. - Discussion of resolutions for National Federation
A.G.M., Mrs. Hornby, T.C.O.. Trading stall.
- Tues 14 Sisterhood. Open meeting arranged by Mrs. E. Chambers
- Thurs 23 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
- Tues 28 Sisterhood, Mrs. Y. H. Richardson
- Thurs 30 U.S.P.G. Rally, Royal Albert Hall at 8 p.m.
- SAT. JUNE 8 CHURCH FETE
(by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs. R. Pusey at Little Bowers, Magpie Lane, Coleshill.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

Every Sunday:

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

2nd & 4th Sundays:

6.00p.m. Evensong

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
AMERSHAM

Every Sunday:

8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.00a.m. Children's Service
6.00p.m. Evensong

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays:

11.00a.m. Sung Eucharist

2nd & 4th Sundays:

11.00a.m. Mattins

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