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I'm writing this just after getting back from the Catechetical conference at Walsingham. I came back through Norwich and called on Mr & Mrs Holder at Hellesdon and I'm glad to say the health of both of them is very much improved and has every prospect of going on improving. They gave me a very warm welcome and we chatted about their present parish and about Colleshill, and it was very plain to me that they missed our two villages and their people very much. They asked to be remembered to you all and send their love, and as soon as Mr Holder has fully recovered his ability to drive they hope to come back and see us again. Meanwhile don't be cross if you don't immediately get a reply to your letters to him, as he still finds it very difficult to write.

ALL SAINTS' CHANCEL & CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

There is a widespread desire among the church committee to re-order and re-pave the choir and sanctuary of the church as a lasting memorial to Mr Cyril Saunders, our churchwarden who died last summer. What seems like delay over this is largely caution, as we do want to make sure that what we do is not only in keeping with the church we've inherited and in accordance with present-day liturgical thought but also takes future liturgical developments in the church at large into account. We don't want future generations to come to curse us for being fuddiduddies or for being slaves to what turn out to be merely fads of the moment.

We shall have to do something too about the church noticeboard, but I'm concerned that what we put up should have its information, like times of services, capable of being altered without resorting to repainting. And the new noticeboard(s) musn't spoil the character of the churchyard.

CHRISTIAN-AID WEEK

We English christians, if we call ourselves christians at all, ought to be acutely concerned that two-thirds of the world's people don't get enough to eat. We are concerned simply because we know our Lord is concerned. Most parishes concentrate on this especially in Christian-Aid Week (11-17 May this year) and it's encouraging to know that almost every large Christian denomination works through Christian Aid. I don't think we've done this in Colleshill before, and I'm gratified that it was a lay person who suggested that we might begin this year. Please help by taking part in some of the activities mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink?'

'I'LL GO ON SWEEPING THE CORRIDOR'

You may have been fortunate enough recently to have heard a programme under this title on the Home Service at 8p.m. on Sunday night. It was an interview with a woman who knew she had only a matter of weeks to live. It wasn't a bit morbid, but on the contrary, tremendously heartening. I possess a typed transcript of this broadcast and should be delighted to lend it to anyone who would like to read it.

J S N

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE

At the time of going to press the date given by the GPO for the introduction of automatic dialling at Amersham telephone exchange is 19 June

THE FUTURE OF COLESHILL HOUSE

It's good to hear that Harrow Borough Council have decided definitely not to sell Coleshill/^{and} instead they intend to keep it for the residents of their borough as an old people's home with a full complement of 1+6 at the present time. This means that the number of residents has been built up again by ten, and there's an end to the extraordinary rumours that have circulated in the village, e.g. that it was going to become a rather doubtful country club.

MRS EDITH BUSH

Mrs Edith Marie Bush of Coleshill House died at the ripe old age of 82 on Good Friday and her cremation took place at Amersham on the following Friday, 11 April. She had been rather poorly for some time. May she rest in peace.

THE CHURCH CLOCK

It is hoped, although we can make no promises, to have the church clock back in working order and renovated by Whitsun. It has obviously been very much missed; and this brings up an important point. If the church organ goes wrong we can really expect no-one but church people to pay for it. But the church clock is used and appreciated by the whole village. So please, villagers, whether you have much religion or none, help us to meet the cost of the general clock restoration. Contributions so far have fallen a great deal short of the sum originally estimated, which has itself gone up as more and more deterioration was discovered as the clock was taken away.

R.I.P.

The burial took place on Tuesday 22 April at Coleshill of Mrs Ivy Elizabeth Voller, formerly Mrs Fry and one of the Palmer family. She died at Teddington on 26 March at the age of 52. As is well known, the circumstances of her death were particularly tragic and this makes us especially anxious to remember her and Mr Voller in our prayers. We offer him and her other relations our sympathy. May God grant her eternal rest.

WELCOME TO GLORY FARM

We welcome Mr & Mrs Bennett and their son, Piers, who, in the midst of many building operations, have moved into Glory Farm. We wish them a very long and happy stay with us.

COME TO LUNCH!

We are used to coffee mornings, but this time you are invited to lunch, although it will be a lunch mainly of bread and soup. It's a practical way of identifying ourselves with the millions of human beings for whom a bowl of soup is the only meal of their day. We give the money which we would normally have spent on our lunch, or more, to Christian Aid.

The Misses Boston, have very kindly offered their house, Waller's Oak, as the soup kitchen, and Christians of different denominations in Coleshill and Winchmore Hill will be helping in the effort. Please come with your friends and children on Friday May 16th at any time between 12 and 2. Of course you can always feed the children afterwards, or make it into a picnic for them. Surely the fact that our children never go short of food should make us want to help the anguished mothers whose children cry for food and cannot be fed. Do come, if only for five minutes, or send the price of a meal to Waller's Oak.

MR & MRS HEDDERLY

Mr and Mrs L.A.W.Hedderly of 3 Church Cottages, are moving this month after many years in Coleshill. They have bought a house at Wooburn where we hope they will be very happy.

THE STUDY GROUP

This has grown out of the successful discussion groups we held in Coleshill during Lent. We're studying the excellent commentary on St. Mark's gospel by D.E.Nineham (Penguin 7/6): if you can't get a copy, one may be had from the Parsonage. We held our first meeting on Thursday 24 April and the dates and times of future meetings will be announced in church.

REMOVING TO, PRESTWOOD

A loyal church family from the Midlands are moving from Winchmore Hill to Prestwood at the beginning of this month. They are Mr & Mrs D.R.Glover and their children and Mrs Gladys Archer of 2 Fagnall Farm Cottages. We wish them every happiness and God's blessing in their (literally) new home.

DO YOU KNOW THAT USED STAMPS CAN HELP CANCER RESEARCH?

The British Empire Campaign for Cancer Research has already raised many thousands of pounds from the sale of used postage stamps, but the demand is still unlimited. Will you help by saving the stamps on all your letters, British or foreign? Stamps should be left with a small margin of paper and may be placed in a box in the church, or handed in at the Parsonage or The Old Parsonage

M. Williams.

• THE RECTOR GOES IN ROME

Or. 17 April the Rector went to Rome. This comes as no surprise! it has long been thought a likely development. But, to be more serious, he's gone to look after the English church in Rome for a month. Rather enviously we wish him a happy stay there, and hope that he will come back to parish work duly refreshed.

AMERSHAM GROUP OF W.I.'s SPRING MEETING AT COLESHILL

At the spring meeting of the Amersham Group held at Coleshill on 27 March, Mrs Hills was presented with a garden token on retiring from the position of Group Convenor which she has held with such distinction for the past 10 years.

The local President, Mrs Harrison, then welcomed their new Group Convenor, Mrs Boothman, and wished her every success, and then introduced Mr Victor Olof.

Mr Olof said that he had made his debut in Vienna in 1922 and from 1926 to 1939 he had managed the Victor Olof sextet for the B.B.C.. Then he had turned to orchestras and founded the National Symphony Orchestra (which he occasionally conducted) from 1944/46 and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for Sir Thomas Beecham in 1946. Since then he had been artistic manager to H.M.V..

To the intense enjoyment of many members of the audience, Victor Olof held that Sir Henry Wood, the father of Queen's Hall, was in a class by himself. He had everything. In those days, music was everything and nobody knew what money had been sunk and lost in orchestras. In his experience he set Yehudi Menuhin as an instrumentalist on a plane reserved for geniuses, and as for the Beatles, they were the best earners of money.

The Handicraft Trophy was presented to Chenies Institute by Mrs Howard, the County representative, with Amersham Common and Little Chalfont tying for second place, and she also judged the Quiz in which the four members to represent the Group in the forthcoming Country Quiz took part, including our Miss Boston.

An exhibition of kneelers made by the Group was very much admired.
C.E.Ovington.

A DAY OUT

If you would like to take part in the National Pilgrimage to the Church-of-England shrine at Walsingham on Whit Monday, 26 May, please let the priest-in-charge know. It's a really heartening experience,

FOR SALE

By order of the Parish Council, two wrought-iron gates at a reasonable price. Please enquire of the Chairman, Mr R.Stubbings, tel. Am.1938.

SUCCESS IN MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music - March 1969

Wendy Weller Grade VI flute, with merit

Michael Griffiths - Grade V theory of music.

ORGANIST

Wanted, an organ student or the like to assist occasionally at Even-song; lessons given in exchange if necessary. E.J.Ward, Amersham 2901.

MEEKLY KNEELING

Usually, when visiting a cathedral or a church, besides saying a prayer and expecting to be moved to devotion, one looks for architectural features, windows, brasses, murals and other items of interest. Now one also looks to see what sort of kneelers, if any, are being made by members of the congregation and others.

The idea of making kneelers was taken up in Coleshill in 1966 and in the ohuroh there are now 42 embroidered kneelers made and presented by local ladies, who are now making more.

Each kneeler costs about 30/- for material alone. No call has been made upon church funds for reimbursement and there is no intention that such a call should be made. In order to raise funds, however, for the purchase of more material, the Misses Boston and Mrs Grayer held a coffee party on 27 February at Waller's Oak by kind invitation of the Misses Boston and £25 was raised at a very happy morning.

Any lady who would like to help with the kneelers should communicate with Miss Boston, Mrs Grayer or Mrs Ovington.

WALKING FOR THE STARVING

Our group of young people at All Saints' is going on a sponsored walk on Saturday 10 May to raise money for Christian Aid. They will set off from the church at 10a.m. and their route will be Ongar Hill, Great Beard's Wood, Penn Bottom, Penn Street, Woodrow, Cherry Lane, Amersham High Street, Gore Hill, Tower Road, Coleshill Church. They will be accompanied by at least one adult, but everyone is invited to join in. If you can't come, do help by sponsoring a walker at whatever rate a mile you choose. The walkers say that if it rains the walk is still on, but in suitable clothing!

STRAY DOGS

There never was a village like Coleshill for stray dogs, and one of these days, someone is going to be seriously hurt when a oar tries to avoid one. Please, if you have a dog, you owe it to your fellow human beings - and to your dog if you care for him at all - to keep him in and to be with him when he's out.

THE CHURCH FETE

Don't forget the church fete to be held at Little Bowers on Saturday 14 June. Save your broken crockery, see if you can help with the stalls etc. and tell all your friends to come.

QUIET DAY

A Quiet Day conducted by the Revd Kenneth Symcox has been arranged for all Friends of the USPG in the diocese and anyone else who may be interested. Date: Sat 31 May. Time: 11-5.30. Place: St Michael's, Amersham.

The ladies of St Michael's are providing tea or coffee at lunch-time and afternoon tea for an inclusive cost of 2/6 per head. You are asked to bring your own sandwiches for lunch.

If you would like to take part, please give your name to Father Nightingale by May 8th.

THE CHOIR

Our snail choir does well but needs support. If you are interested in augmenting our complement - in order that we can augment our musical scope - please get in touch with me, or any member.

E.J.Ward, tel. Amersham 2901.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 1 (Thur) SS. Philip & James, Apostles: HC: 7.30p.m.
- 6 (Tues) Vellore Hospital Concert at the Albert Hall at 7.30p.m.
- 8 (Thur) Travelling Library at Coleshill & Winchmore Hill
W.I. at 2.30: Mrs Cross, VCO; the AGM & trading stall
- 10 (Sat) Christian-Aid Walk leaves Coleshill church at 10a.m.
Amersham & Chesham Bois Choral Society present Bach's St John Passion; 7<30p.n. at Dr. Challoner's Grammar School.
- 11 (Sun) H.C. at Winchmore Hill at 10.30a.m.
- 13 (Tue) M.U. Deanery Festival at Oxford
- 15 (Thu) ASCENSION DAY: HC at 10a.m. and 7.30p.m.
- 16 (Fri) Christian-Aid lunch at Waller's Caf between 12 & 2.
- 19 (Mon) Parish Council Meeting at 8.15p.m.
- 20 (Tue) Baptist Sisterhood at 2.45: Speaker, Mrs Fox (?)
- 22 (Thu) Travelling Library at Coleshill and Winchmore Hill
- 25 (Sun) WHITSUN: HC at 9a.m.; 10.30a.m. at Winchmore Hill
- 26 (Mon) National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham
- 30 (Fri) Horticultural Society's AGM at 8.15 in the Parish Room
- 31 (Sat) Quiet Day at St. Michael's, Amersham; 11a.m. - 5.30p.m.

