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WE CANNOT condemn peaceful demonstrations when the all-white South African cricketers play here this summer. The situation in South Africa is too bad for that - the inequalities, hardships and indignities for non-whites which belong to the Afrikaners' policy of separate development; the tortures & the injustice of such measures as the Suppression of Communism Act; the whole notion of baskap and kafir on which South African society is now based - all this is plainly repugnant to the law of Christ, and international cricket should not appear to condone it.

But for the Christian in his stand for truth wickednesses at home take priority over wickednesses abroad. Under our very noses 75,000 children are being done to death each year, and the figure is likely to go on rising. This is the present effect of the recent Abortion Act. Those who defend it must somehow explain how it is murder to kill a newborn baby but not one in the womb, which has limbs and organs and other human characteristics and the same potentiality of manhood. And medical men who practise it have to square their conduct with their Hippocratic oath: 'I will maintain the utmost respect for human life from the time of its conception'.

Do you remember the twenty Pentecostalists who demonstrated outside the Langham Abortion Clinic last year? All honour to them. Public demonstrations are not always the wisest and most effective way of standing for the truth. But where they are, it would seem right to protest about the evils in one's own back garden and only after that to object to one's neighbour's.

J.S. Nightingale

WELCOME HOME

We are glad to report that Miss Crighton of 2 Crosspath Cottages is home again after spending the winter in Amersham Hospital with bronchitis and pneumonia. We hope That next winter's weather will be kinder to her.

FOXES ABROAD

All owners of poultry need to keep a sharp look-out for the fox which has already killed one Mr Douglas Posey's chickens and ravaged Mr Morris's at Brickwick.

T I T E £ H U R C H F E E 2.30 Saturday 13 June

at Little Bowers, Magpie Lane Adults 1/- Children 6d.

Your help and novel ideas will be much appreciated • Am. 4829

A list of stalls & stallholders in the next issue & in church

MR RAYMOND PUSEY

We heard with distress that Mr Raymond Pusey had been taken into Amersham Hospital with heart trouble. However he is now showing good signs of recovery and after sufficient time for rest we hope for his speedy return to full health. We send him all our best wishes and hope that this anxious time for his wife and family will; soon be over.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S A.G.M.

The Horticultural Society's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Friday, 15 May at 8 p.m. Do come along with your criticisms and new ideas and make the next show an even greater success.

MISS EDITH HARRIS

We knew we should have to say goodbye to Miss Harris of Marlin Villa, Magpie Lane, this month, but we regret very much that her leaving Coleshill has been made so much more difficult by the stroke she suffered in April. She is making slow progress and hopes to move to Abingdon to be near her sister. Her sister Ada who lived with her at Marlin Villa died recently. Among her other services to the church we have to thank Miss Harris for her gift of Amersham parish magazines dating from 1951 which will be a useful addition to the church's historical material. We wish Miss Harris a good recovery and happiness in her new home.

MISSING COPIES

Perhaps someone could supply the few copies which are missing from Miss Harris's gift of old magazines. They are the issues for May 1952, January and February 1964 and those from April 1964 to January 1965.

ARE TOUR ANTIQUES GENUINE ?

People who like to watch the television programmes on antiques and wish they could have expert advice on their own treasures will want to go along to the Amersham Community Centre on Friday, 15 May, at 8.30 pm. There they can have their antiques examined and pronounced upon by the experts, Mr and Mrs John and Helena Hayward. The tickets cost 7/6d. and can be bought at the door or from The Bunny Shop, Old Amersham. The proceeds will go to St. Mary's Church Restoration Fund.

MODEL RAILWAYS AND LOCAL HISTORY

The Amersham Model Railway Society will hold an exhibition in the New Hall at the Amersham Community Centre on Saturday, 16 May, from 11 am to 7 pm, and the Amersham Society will present its seventeenth exhibition of local and natural history in the Town Hall, Old Amersham, from Wednesday, 20 May until Monday, 25 May, between 11 am and 8 pm,

IN HOSPITAL TOGETHER

Mrs Antosiewicz of 12 The Bit and Mrs Moutier of The Red Lion have been in the same ward in Amersham Hospital where both have had operations. They are making a good recovery but will need some time to convalesce. Unfortunately for Mr Moutier both his daughters were ill for a time when his wife was in hospital which complicated the running of the Red Lion. Mrs Antosiewicz's four children have been looking after themselves very well in their mother's absence. We look forward to seeing both ladies back in the village and fully restored to health before long.

VISITOR FROM CORNWALL

A surprise visitor to The Parsonage in April was Mr R.G. Barrett who left Friars Vane last year to retire to Cornwall. He was looking very well and he and his wife have settled down happily at Looe. If any Coleshill people intend to visit Cornwall he and his wife will be pleased to see them. Their address is Westhaven, Hannafore, West Looe.

Other Coleshill emigrants to the West Country are Mr and Mrs Coombes and their children who have left Cedar House and removed to Somerset.

May we add a correction to the address we gave for the Revd. and Mrs J. Charrington which was given wrongly in the Oxford Diocesan Magazine and reproduced in the newsletter. It should be:- Bosbury, St. James's Close, Pangbourne.

COLESHILL LEADS THE COUNTRY

Miss Williams has received a letter from our missionary society, the U.S.P.G., part of which deserves reproducing in full- 'Thank you very much for yet another of your generous and wonderful gifts of Green Shield Books. We are truly more than grateful for your magnificent consistent loyal support. It is marvellous how you do it. Please do again express our gratitude to the good friends at Coleshill. They are quite definitely the leaders in the whole country for the Green Shield Stamp Projects. We can never thank them enough!

FREE BOILER AND FUEL

The Newsletter is happy to advertise another attractive bargain. A Coleshill householder is offering one hundredweight of free fuel to anyone who would also like a Janitor boiler. Will anyone interested please ring Amersham 5233

OTHER INVALIDS

Mr Roberts of 10 Chase Close is making a good recovery after the stroke which sent him into High Wycombe hospital. We are sorry that Mr Dean of 9 The Bit has been unwell and has to rest and that Mrs Saunders of Rushmead Cottages has also not been well recently. Miss Baxter has been in Chesham Cottage Hospital so that she could be looked after

properly while Miss Williams has been staying for a time in Bournemouth.

A TEACHING CAREER

Lorna Pusey retired as the senior Sunday School Teacher at the end of last month in order to prepare for her A Levels and her future career. She is going to Balls Park Teacher-Training College near Hertford in the next academic year. The Sunday School children will miss her a great deal and we thank her and her mother for their work for them. The Sunday School will continue as usual.

HOW TO OPEN THE FLOWER SHOW - by Stephen Potter.

(with acknowledgements to the Schwepshire Guide to public speaking)

•La everybody knows, there never was such an expert in flower-show-opening, such a perfectionist in this difficult art, as Lady Margaret Horley-Lampe. "A great pleasure to come amongst you once more" is of course the right way to begin: but it is not exactly what she says - it is the absolute rightness of her general Flower Show qualities. To begin with, as the daughter of a Duke but married to a Mr., her position is ideal, and her choice inevitable. It is true that in 1953 her sequence of sixteen consecutive appearances was incredibly broken - in favour of Miss Daphne Dote, the film actress, from Ruislip: but fortunately this breach was healed by the resignation of that unsuitable Show Secretary, Charlie Wiggins. Lady Margaret knows exactly when to arrive, by which entrance, and across what reserved paddock, in her completely un-self-driven car. Flower Show colours, we observe from her, are strongly pale and emphatically matching. The accent is on the good grey of her suede gloves. Her coat, pale in a very slightly contrasted direction, is English summer weight - i. e. suitable for all purposes.

"All of us who have the interests of the Flower Show at heart" is a good thing to say before a slight criticisms but Lady Margaret was so outstandingly suitable that nobody minded, or indeed noticed, if in her speech she wandered to the extent of mentioning her plan for a washing-up machine in the canteen of the kennel club. But the Complete Opener should know by instinct that it is Goatley, cashier of the little bank in the High Street, who is this year's Secretary; she will remember that Miss Edelscote must be complimented, as she has been for the last twenty years, for producing the best *Lauschia phipps-vaughanii*, though it is faintly annoying that as always she slightly mispronounces Miss Edelscote's name. She, is delighted, once more, that the younger people are taking an interest in flowers: and though she somehow infers that flower shows in general are not subject to the petty differences of local politics, she makes it fairly clear which politics these are.

CHAMPION TEA-MAKERS

All Saints' has long had reason to be grateful for the teas provided by its Mothers' Union but outside opinion has now confirmed that they are the best in the Amersham and Aylesbury deaneries. This was the judgment of the Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary when they paid their second visit to Colcshill in April. The servers, who come from churches in a wide area round Aylesbury and Amersham, met with some of their clergy to sing the Guild Office and to hear an address on the merits and defects of the new communion services used by the Church of England.

Mrs Douglas Pusey was heard to say that she was thinking of making more of her chocolate eclairs for the Church Fete so we advise you to go to the cake stall early.

Mothers' Unions The A.G.M. will be held at The Parsonage on Thursday, 21 May at 2.30 pm.

TOO OLD AT 21?

Since the new legislation gave eighteen-year-olds the right to vote and other legal marks of maturity the problem has arisen of when to celebrate one's independence. The twenty-first birthday is so hallowed by custom that one contemplates its supersession by the eighteenth with some regret. But in an age when the force of custom is growing feeble one can expect to see the significance of twenty-one quickly disappear; that is unless there is a strong rearguard action by parents who, now that their offspring can also marry without their consent at 18, hope by postponing the celebration to avoid its expense altogether.

Needless to say none of these calculations entered into the celebration of William Adams's twenty-first birthday at Longfield last month. The event was voted a great success and William was not thought to be too old for the occasion. We should add that Mr and Mrs Adams were also celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and their daughter Karen her sixteenth birthday. Congratulations to all of them.

EVENSONG ON 8 JUNE

There will be no evensong on Sunday, 8 June at All Saints as the Rector asks Colcshill people to go to evensong at St. Mary's when the Lord Bishop of Oxford will be there. This will be Dr Carpenter's last visit to the parish before he retires as Bishop of Oxford at the end of the year. He has been our Bishop for fifteen years and this will be a good opportunity for Anglicans in the parish to show their appreciation of his episcopate.

CHRISTIAN-AID WEEK

A Giro transfer has been sent to Christian Aid for £15:7s:3d. from All Saints' Church. We are very grateful to all those who contributed.

KNEEL-IN

The following is an extract from Bishop Hughes's letter to his diocese of South-West Tanganyika:

"There was a touch of comedy at Kimelemba. February, as I suggested before, is not the best month for a journey to Manda and most people avoid it. When those who were waiting for me saw a Land Rover high on the escarpment above their village on the right day and at the right time they naturally assumed it was the bishop. They were afraid that I might dash past without realising that I had arrived as it is a very snail village, so the whole community moved across the road and devoutly knelt for the episcopal blessing. The Land Rover duly came to a halt and out got a white man - but alas he was a Canadian geologist who was on his way to inspect coal deposits near Manda. Perhaps he, coming from the West and being familiar with various types of protest, thought he had come across a new variety, a kneel-in, and was wondering how to cope and what he had done to cause the demonstration. However, Fr. Nelson Ndiwa was quick to note the mistake and they parted with amusement. By this time I had just rounded the top of the escarpment and was wondering why on earth the Land Rover which I know to be in front of me should have stopped at Kimelemba. When I got down to the village, I was waved down very tentatively and there was no 'kneel-in' until it was firmly established that this was the right chap"

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- May
- 7 (Thurs) ASCENSION DAY - HC: 10 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Mobile Library
- 12 (Tues) Meeting of Amersham P.C.C. 8 pm.
- 14 (Thurs) W.I. - Discussion of resolutions for B.F.W.I.
and trading stall.
- 15 (Fri) Horticultural A.G.M. 3 pm.
'Are Your Antiques Genuine?' - Amersham Community
Centre, 8.30 pm.
- 16 (Sat) Amersham Model Railway Exhibition.
- 17 WHITSUNDAY
- 20 (Wed) Amersham Society exhibition begins.
- 21 (Thurs) M.U. at The Parsonage, 2.30 pm.
- 24 TRINITY SUNDAY
- June
- 13 (Sab) Church Fete.

\$ We apologise for the late appearance of this newsletter this month.

SERO SED SERIO

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Priest-in-Charge: The Revd. J.S. Nightingale, The Parsonage (tel. 4229)
Pro-Churchwarden & Secretary: N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House (tel. 6734)
Pro-Treasurer: R.G. Stubbings, Springfield, Tower Road, (tel. 4738)

Every Sunday: 9.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
10.15 a.m. Sunday School
6.00 p.m. Evensong

Every Tuesday: 10.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Every Wednesday: 7.30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Every Friday: 12.00 noon HOLY COMMUNION

Morning and Evening Prayer each day at 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

For other services, please see the weekly notices in the church porch.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH, WINCHMORE HILL

HOLY COMMUNION on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.30 a.m.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Rector: The Revd. A. Campbell, M.A. (Cantab), Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham ((tel 7135) or St. Mary's Parish Office, Church Street (Tel 4712)

Sunday Services: 8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
10.00 a.m. Children's Service
11.00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays:
HOLY COMMUNION (New Service)
2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins
6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong

Every Wednesday: 10.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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