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The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

This is the Christmas edition of your Church Magazine, so at once I want to wish you all a very happy Christmas. I hope you will be able to come to Church at 9.15 on Christmas morning and be part of God's family that very special day, giving praise and thanks to God. I also hope you will be able to spend at least part of the day with your own family. That really is what Christmas is all about - the Family, God's family and your family, are the foundations on which all things good and true depend.

I have had much time to read in the last few weeks, so I add three extracts which I thought may interest you and perhaps help you.

A verse from each of two poems:

Christine Rossetti "It was not that I cared for Thee -
 But thou didst set thy heart upon
 Me, even me.
 Thy little one."

George MacDonald "They all were looking for a King
 to slay their foes and lift them high.
 Thou cam'st a little baby King
 That made a woman cry."

Legend:

There is a Legend that when King Richard I (Richard the Lion-Heart as he was often called) was taken prisoner during the Crusades, his favourite Minstrel travelled far and wide trying to discover the prison in which his master was kept. Everywhere he went he sang the King's favourite song, knowing that: if the King heard it, he would respond. At last the Minstrel came to the Castle where the King was imprisoned and sang there. The King heard the song and took up the melody, and the Minstrel knew that his master was there. He carried a message in song.

We believe that the greatest message that ever came to the world came in song - the Angels' Song at the birth of Jesus.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell

Rector

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CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Brian Jamieson in their sad and tragic loss.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

The heating of the church has for many years been a problem, and various systems for improving it are now being explored. The Committee's intention in that; a more satisfactory method of heating should be installed before the winter of 1986.

The church's splendid organ is tuned regularly, but has not been cleaned for a long time, and some of the pipes have become blocked. It is hoped to get it thoroughly cleaned in the New Year.

The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies have made a record of the church fabric and furnishings. This consists of a beautifully presented volume, which can be seen by parishioners on application to the secretary.

P.W-W.

CHURCH'S HARVEST CHARITY

This was a new venture which, as reported in the last newsletter, was to raise money on behalf of a third world project. A tuberculosis eradication scheme at Dehra Dun in Northern India run by the Ryder-Cheshire Mission was chosen and Margaret Paddiley, who works for Sue Ryder, came to the Village Hall after the Harvest Festival service to talk about the scheme, which she has visited. As a result of donations and a raffle at the Harvest Festival and the Harvest Supper, £355 has been sent from Colleshill to support the scheme. This was an extremely generous response and we shall be getting news from Dehra Dun during the year. The Church Committee hopes that support for a charity at harvest time might become an annual event. -

P.W-W.

HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper was held on October 4th this year; Dumpy Swerling and her efficient team made a delicious supper, including a wonderful selection of puddings.

Donald Erry presented Canon Bicken with a cheque on the occasion of his retirement and Elizabeth Marsley was belatedly presented with the Wand-Totley award.

A very enjoyable evening ended with a professional performance by the 'Harmony Trio' from Amersham, and finally community singing.

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The following have advised that they do not propose to send out Christmas Cards locally, but extend to all their friends their very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

- Jack Adams
- Joan Allan
- Geoffrey & Nancy Alpe
- Florence, Jean & Fred Appleby ✓
- Sue & Nicky Barrett ✓
- Sybil Boston
- Leonard & Jean Bristow ✓
- Peter & Jennifer Brock
- Trixi.e Brown ✓
- John & Julie Burton
- ~~Ray Allan & Mrs Campbell~~
- John & Ann Chenevix-Trench ✓
- Kitty Clifton ✓
- Hilda Collier ✓ *Coleman*
- Nancy Collier ✓ *Ronald & Mary Colles*
- Catherina Cossey & Family ✓ *Ruth Colles*
- Geoffrey & Hilda Creber & Family ✓ *Tony*
- David & Marigold Curling
- Norman & Minnie Darvill ✓
- Jan Day.
- Christina (Deaky) Deacon ✓
- Jim & Alison Dening & Family
- Charles & Anna-Marie Desoutter
- ~~Natalie Dipple~~
- The Dover Family
- ~~Ann, Ted, James & Robbie Downie~~
- Jonathan & Lindsey Eardley & Family ✓
- Louise E Edwards ✓
- Jack & Pat Emblow ✓
- Robin & Jacky Ferguson & Family ✓
- Peggie Cow
- Maisie & Andrew Grant ✓ *The Grays*
- Win & Harold Grindley
- John Guest: ✓
- Rodney & Renee Gunn ✓
- Denis & Chloe Hall ✓
- Florence Harris ✓
- Philip & Betty Harris ✓
- Elizabeth Harvey ✓
- Jack & Lindsey Haubner & Family ✓
- ~~Edmond & Margot Hesford~~ ✓
- Michael & Di Hesford
- Roger & Jean Higgs
- The Horsbrugh-Porters
- Bill & Barbara Houlton & Boys ✓
- ~~Sandy Laing Hutchison~~
- Hugh Jones ✓
- Teddy & Betty Joseph ✓
- Joan Kunzer

- Peter & Ann Lawrence & Family ✓
- Marjorie Long-Brown ✓
- David & Ineke McCammon & Family ✓
- Pat McCann ✓
- Judy McLean ✓
- George & Pat McNeil ✓
- Violet Martin
- George & Ruby May
- Henry & Diana Maynard
- ~~The Menist Family~~
- Kathy Monk *Ron, Ruth, Gregory & Alex*
- ~~the Norman Family~~ *32 Murphy*
- Nita Ovington ✓
- Alastair & Christopher Panton
- Philip & Hazel Pearce ✓
- Tom & Stella Platzner
- George & Barbara Plumridge ✓
- Peg Pomeroy ✓
- Dora Post ✓
- Margaret Price ✓
- Nicky Prothero
- Doug & Jessie Pusey
- Roger & Ann Pusey
- The Richardson Family
- Jim a Pleasance Riley ✓
- Dorothy Rodnight
- Nigel Rogers ✓
- ~~The Rupert Family~~
- Hick & Mary Sadler & Family ✓
- Ewart, Jean, Beryl & Colin Smith ✓
- The Spencer Family
- Sidney & Emily Stevens ✓
- Hollie K. Stone ✓
- Bob & Pam Stubbings ✓
- The Swerling Family ✓
- Peter & Betty Tilley ✓
- Arthur & Betty Tilley ✓
- Peggy & Ann Trotman ✓
- Donald & Anita Urry ✓
- Richard & Rosemary, Valentine & Family ✓
- Betty White
- Sidney & Ann Ware & Family
- Chris & Mary Wege & Family ✓
- Doreen Wheldon
- Catherine Wicks ✓
- Mercie & Martin Williamson.
- Reg & Betty Woolacott *step Brian & Sheila White*
- Spike & Phyllis Wright ✓
- Patsy Wright-Warren ✓

Rachel Wege would like to send her Christmas Greetings to her friends in the village from Zululand, where she is doing voluntary work as an acting sister at St. Mary's Mission Hospital for 6 months.,

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

On September 25th, Harvest Festival was held in school with many parents and friends. £23.89 was raised from sale of produce for the national Children's Homes. The children entertained members of Coleshill Club in the Village Hall on September 26th.

On October 10th, all the children together with children from Jordans' First School went to Oxford's Apollo Theatre to see the play "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

The Christmas Concert will be in school on Thursday, 12th December at 7.00 p.m. and the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 14th December at 10.00 a.m. together with a children's entertainer. Tickets for the entertainment, price 75p. each, available from school.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIES

We had a successful fund-raising meeting in July. The Brownies performed a play and sold cakes. With the proceeds we bought a flag for the Pack. A service of blessing for the flag was conducted by Canon Hickin in October and was well attended. During the same evening, Tara Hall, Julie Puddephatt and Caroline Redstone made their Promise.

In July Tawny Owl, Hazel Riches, was married and the Brownies formed a Guard of Honour at the church. I am sure the older residents of Coleshill will be interested to know the Bridegroom was Steven Haddock, whose grandparents kept the village shop in the 1930/40s.

Journey Badges achieved

Highway - Nicola Barrett, Charlotte Bond, Joanne Glover, Sophie Hesford
Roadway - Anna Bayley, Annabel Eardley, Victoria Lee, Katharine Sadler
Footpath - Alexandra Desoutter, Elizabeth Freemantle, Katie Wood.

Interest Badges achieved

Cook - Victoria Redstone
House Orderly - Anna Bayley, Tara Hall, Julie Puddephatt, Caroline Redstone,
Victoria Redstone, Katie Wood
Jester - Nicola Barrett, Anna Bayley, Charlotte Bond, Annabel Eardley,
Elizabeth Eardley, Sophie Hesford, Victoria Lee, Emma Norman,
Katharine Sadler

MAGPIE CLUB

Despite the indifferent; Summer (?) weather we went ahead with our village outing to Bournemouth in August. At least it didn't rain but the gale force winds made for a bracing day. It was necessary to resort to wind-breakers which constantly blew down but erecting them and piling up sand kept us warm. A great day was had by all and the unanimous decision was that we must do it again next year.

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the annual meeting on November 14th Mrs Betty Joseph continues as our President, Mrs Pat Emblow relinquishes the Secretaryship and her seat on the Committee after a number of years of sterling work, but assures us that she will remain a very active and supportive member of the Institute. Miss Ann Trotman will be the new Secretary. Mrs Anne Cox also leaves the Committee. The rest of the Committee were re-elected, with the addition of Mrs Betty Harris.

The last half of the year has been a very active one. A successful lunch, entertainment and tea was given to our friends of the Deaf & Dumb Club of Acton. They in turn asked us to a Service (in sign language) at their Church in Acton, followed by a lunch. Nine members accepted, and had a very enjoyable and interesting day.

A number of members went to the Autumn Group Meeting hosted by Ley Hill W.I. in October and some members are going to a concert at the Barbican on November 28th. This will be followed on Saturday, November 30th, by our Christmas Bazaar for which we are all busy preparing to ensure it will be a success. The Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday December 12th to which we hope as many members as possible will come.

We have had some excellent speakers at our meetings. Special mention must be made of Mr and Mrs Titmas on their "Voyage Round the World", Flt Lt Bob Taylor on "The Queen's Flight" and Capt Turk on "Swan Upping".

Mrs Cathy Stone and Mrs Mary Colles are joining us as new members in the New Year and we hope many more will follow their example - all will be sure of a hearty welcome. We meet in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. every second Thursday in the month.

P.W.

COLESHILL CLUB

In July Miss Boston kindly invited us to her lovely garden to have tea and play games - the weather was very kind to us.

Mr and Mrs Woodstock entertained us in August with a musical afternoon and in September we all enjoyed our Annual Lunch, our transport ladies being invited to join us. We were delightfully entertained by the Coleshill School children after lunch. Our AGM was held in October.

Tea is served after every meeting and we thank everyone who kindly helps us during the year.

The Club meets on every fourth Thursday of each month at 2.30 p.m.

R.M.

COLESBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Show in September proved once again to be very well supported by valiant gardeners who managed to produce entries despite the cold, wet summer, and by crafts, handicraft enthusiasts and clever children who provided imaginative and artistic pictures and other articles. The committee would like to thank everyone who entered and helped to make it an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon.

The judging, which took place in the morning, was by experienced judges from outside the village and proved to be exceptionally difficult this year. There were so many entries of extremely high quality, particularly in the handicraft sections where they were also very diverse, that the judges commented on how very hard it was to reach a decision. All entrants deserve congratulations - the actual co-winners were as follows:

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| The Grindley Challenge Cup | Mrs P Griffiths |
| The Jordan Challenge Cup | Mrs D Heimann |
| The Woolcott Vase | Mrs E Haubner/Mrs C Wicks |
| The Cotswold Challenge Cup | Mr E Miles |
| The Colshire Challenge Cup | Mrs P Griffiths/Mrs D Hesford |
| The Woodville Challenge Cup | Mrs G Fusey |
| The Ovation Love Bowl | Mrs D Stiel |
| The Winfrill Bowl | Mrs E Roberts |
| The Clifton Cup | Mrs C Podesta |
| The Le Head Cup | Mrs P Mitchell |
| The Westcott Children's | Hilise Norcliffe |
| The Wand-Treley Book Award | Elizabeth Eardley |

The Greenfingers stall in October took place in glorious sunshine by the pond and many bargains were picked up as spare plants were offered for sale.

Our Spring meeting will be with a speaker in the Village Hall in April and everybody is cordially invited. Details in the Village Shop, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Tilley. (Leave the wire). We look forward to a very special Horticultural Show on September 6th/7th which will mark the Society's Fortieth Annual Show.

C.H.W.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Menist Family would like to advise their friends in the village of their new address:

Trinity Farm House, Wasinghall Road, Oldley, Nr Aylesbury, Bucks.
Tel: Brill 238304

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to be able to provide some brief notes about the Village Hall for inclusion in the Village Newsletter.

Since the beginning of 1985 we have kept some statistics on a small computer analysing the use of the Hall. The results are interesting. The large hall has only been in use for 24% of the possible time and the small hall for a little more, at 30%. As we have a modern and very well equipped Hall we would like to see it used a little more, particularly in the day time on week days. Anyone who wants to make enquiries about availability and charges should contact Mrs Jean Dover at 11 Hill Meadow, phone 4831.

The catering equipment in the Hall now includes a six burner gas cooker and an electric hot cupboard. We have also purchased new cutlery and attractive hotelware crockery for 156 places, so that full catering can be provided for functions in the Hall.

Continuing with the statistics, the latest figures show that for the time that the Hall has been let, 69% of the time has been let to Residents of Coieshill and 31% to Non-Residents. In considering this, it is worth mentioning that the Trust Deed imposes on the Trustees and the Management Committee, an obligation for the Hall to be used by the inhabitants of Coieshill and the neighbourhood. In addition, when the Bucks County Council provided the grant to fund 75% of the cost of the new Hall, the grant was conditional on the Hall being available for use not only by the people of Coieshill, but also by people from the surrounding area.

Another item to mention is that the electronic 'orange' has now been serviced by the factory and reset, so that it monitors the sound levels in the Hall, and cuts off the power supply if the noise level becomes excessive. In the summer a problem did arise when the fire doors were opened on the only hot day of the year. These doors have now been alarmed and also wired to cut off the power if they are opened.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to the hard working ladies who helped to collect, to sort and to sell the various jumble that was very kindly donated to the Village Hall Jumble Sale. We especially thank Mrs Jean Dover for organising the sale. We are pleased to report that the total proceeds amounted to £110.00, a very useful contribution to the Hall's funds.

----- Peter Lawrence -----

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Before we broke for the summer holidays our two patrol leaders, Ruth Bayley and Angela Chalwin, qualified for their Campers Badge. During the holiday four guides, Louise Welch, Julie and Emma Cox and Natalie Newton attended a camp at Ellesborough with the 1st Amersham-on-the-Hill Company. After the holidays Jo Gregory was enrolled having moved up from Brownies the previous term, and we welcomed Emma Andrews and Emma Hart. Vicky Timms and Katy Lacey received their Yellow Trefoils. We were also sad to lose Laura Harvey and Vicky Cann, both of whom moved from the area.

Our activities this term have been almost entirely devoted to preparing for our pantomime "Cinderella" the proceeds of which go to the Ben Hardwick Fund.

