

ALL SAINTS' VILLAGE NEWSLETTER NO 119

November 1986

The induction of Revd Anthony Priddis to the parish of Amersham with Coleshill will take place in St Mary's Church, Amersham on Thursday 4th December at 8 p.m. All will be very welcome but there are expected to be about four hundred people at the service, so there may not be seats for everyone. You are advised to come early! Refreshments will be available in St Mary's School afterwards.

Mr Priddis is keen to meet as many people from the parish as soon as possible after he arrives. Because of the large numbers, it may not be possible to talk to him on 4th December. However he will be in St Mary's Church between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday 13th December. They are having a Gift Day, and whilst we are not expected to go bearing gifts, we would be welcome to go to meet Mr Priddis. We shall be able to welcome him to his first service in Coleshill on the morning of Sunday, 7th December.

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 23rd August 1986 Dean Vincent married Jacqueline Terry Spilstead.

IN MEMORIAM

On 22nd August ROBERT GEORGE STUBBINGS of Springfield, Coleshill

Not many people in Coleshill today can claim to have made it their home all their lives, but Bob Stubbings was one of them. He gave much of himself to the village, and his death in August robs us of a well-loved figure. His father was organist and choirmaster at All Saints (as well as Headmaster of the School), and Bob was a faithful attender at Evensong all his life, as well as a member of the Church Committee for very many years. He was also on the Parish Council for 27 years, having been co-opted to succeed his father in February 1956. He was Vice-Chairman from 1958 to 1967 and then Chairman for three years. He retired in May 1983, but his benign smile presided over innumerable village functions where he had no official status. He was Vice-president of the Cricket Club, though an injury to his leg in early life prevented him from being an active player. Before that he had played football for the village.

He loved Coleshill, and Coleshill responded with affection and respect. We feel deeply for Pam and for Paul.

On 6th October BETTY WOOLACOTT of Red Cottage, Coleshill.

Before her illness Betty was a long standing and hard-working member of the W.I. and will be especially remembered for her beautiful flower arranging, and of course the most enjoyable programmes of music she gave from time to time from her collection of records. She also took a keen interest in the Horticultural Society and will be remembered by the Woolacott Vase presented each year at the Village Show.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH COMMITTEE

Following the quinquennial survey of the church, a certain amount of repair work is now being carried out. This is mostly minor, but some fairly expensive repairs to the roof will be needed in the near future. The architect in charge of the work has also been asked to examine the heating in the church to see if it can be improved; The organ is also in need of an overhaul. This too may be fairly expensive, but it is a fine instrument and we need to look after it.

Unfortunately, David Morris found that he was unable to continue as organist and choirmaster. The previous rota of organists have kindly agreed to resume, and Ruth Murphy will be joining them. She has also taken over as choirmaster. It will be a tremendous help to have a regular choirmaster once again, and we hope to be able to build up the choir and its activities. New members would be very welcome - especially men.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation and gratitude to Canon Harrison and his wife for conducting services during the lengthy period we have been without a priest. We shall hope to see them both from time to time.

FROM MRS PAM STUBBINGS:

Mrs Pam Gtubbings would like to thank all the friends who wrote such kind and comforting letters to her when Bob died so suddenly. Knowing that so many people were thinking of her and Paul at that time sustained her over a truly testing period.

Thank you so much - everybody.

ALL SAINTS' HARVEST CHARITY

Since our first fund raising efforts last year, we have received reports from the tuberculosis eradication scheme in Northern India run by the Ryder Cheshire Mission. It is still a small scheme but, with our help, they have now been able to visit 15 villages and have checked over thirteen thousand people. The 240 people found to be infected are given free treatment and the children are given BCG vaccination to make sure they do not get the disease.

This year we were able to send them £330. I am most grateful to all those who helped to organise the events and to those who contributed. I have already heard from the Mission how appreciative they are of our efforts. They were also very pleased that, as a result of last year's publicity, Anna Horsbrugh-Porter went to visit them this summer, and it was nice for us to hear a first-hand report from her.

P.W-W.

HARVEST SUPPER

Harvest Supper on Friday 3rd October was again a 'sell out' with 130 sitting down to hot chicken pie and vegetables, miraculously produced by Dumpy Swerling and her team of helpers, followed by an abundance of delicious sweets and puddings given by various ladies in the village.

We were pleased to welcome Canon and Mrs Hickin and Mr and Mrs Tagent to the Supper; Canon and Mrs Harrison, who were not able to accept invitations to join us, sent their best wishes to all for a happy party.

After supper the Choir, augmented from St Mary's and directed by David Morris, entertained us with a selection of spirituals. These delightful songs were followed by a robust rendering of 'Psalm 1051' which, by popular request, is reproduced on the following page. Traditionally the evening ended with community singing with Ruth Murphy at the piano. We are most grateful to all those who helped with such enthusiasm to make this village party a very happy occasion.

D.C.U.

'PSALM 1051'

1. When that the fruits of the earth were gathered in; in the year of eighty six.
2. Then came together some of the elders of the village: and said amongst themselves, let us celebrate this harvest, which despite a particularly wet spring and indifferent summer, has on the whole been fairly good.
3. Then spake up one of their number, a tall distinguished donnish chap: saying, Lo I have a good idea, let us prepare a feast and have it in the village hall.
4. And of course what I mean when I say let us prepare: is that it should be prepared by the ladies of the village.
5. Plenteous shall be the grub: and wine shall flow in abundance.
6. Then they found a small dumpy lady: and her they asked to take on the task of the preparation.
7. And she answered, Yea I will do it: and I will gather together a band of willing helpers.
8. Who is she that maketh a goodly pastry: and where is she that raiseth a noble piecrust.
9. Behold one dwelleth in the lane of the birds, another by the cricket meadow, others hard by the village pond, along the village street, and in the close that is chaste: these shall make us pies to warm the cockles of our hearts.
10. And there shall be puddings numberless: which shall raise a chorus of yum-yums, ooh-aahs, and other cries of approval.
11. When the queue is formed: for first, second, third, or possibly even more helpings.
12. When the people have eaten their fill, and the tables are cleared: then shall the minstrels of the village entertain them with a song.
13. And the people also shrill raise up their voices: with a cheerful noise.
14. Finally comes the job of washing up: which nobody likes very much, especially when wearing their party clothes.
15. And there may be a cry of dismay from the kitchen and the sound of breaking china.
16. This is one of the great occasions of the village year.
17. Thus we celebrated last year, and in many years past: and so we profoundly hope we shall do next year, and the year after, and the year after that, and for evermore.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Jack Adams	Joan Kunzer
Joan Allian ✓	Peter & Ann Lawrence & Family ✓
Geoffrey & Nancy Alpe	Marjorie Long-Brown ✓
Florence, Jean & Freda Appleby ✓	David & Ineke McCammon & Family ✓
Sue & Nicky Barrett	P a McCann
Phil Boston	Judy McLean ✓
Leonard & Jean Bristow ✓	George & Pat McNeil ✓
Peter & Jennifer Brock	Violet Martin ✓
Trixie Brown ✓	George & Ruby May ✓
John & Julie Burton	Henry & Diana Maynard •
John & Ann Chenevix-Trench	Kathy Monk ✓
Kitty Clifton ✓	Ron, Ruth, Gregory & Alex Murphy ✓
Doris Coleman ✓	Nita Ovington ✓
Ronald & Mary Colles ✓	Alastair & Christopher Panton
Ruth Colles ✓	Philip & Hazel Pearce ✓
Hilda Collier ✓	Tony & Stella Platzer ✓
Nancy Collier	George & Barbara Plumridge ✓
Catherina Cossey & Family ✓	Peg Pomeroy ✓
David & Marigold Curling	Dora Post ✓
Norman & Minnie Darvill ✓	Margaret Price ✓
Jan Day ✓	Micky Prothero ✓
Christina (Deaky) Deacon ✓	Doug & Jessie Pusey ✓
Jim & Alison Dening & Family	Roger _____ Pusey ✓
Charles & Anna-Marie Desoutter	The Richardson Family
The Dover Family	Jim & Pleasance Riley ✓
Jonathan & Lindsey Eardley & Family ✓	Dorothy Rodriguez ✓
Louise E Edwards	Nigel Rogers ✓
Albert & Louie Edwards ✓	Nick & Mary Sadler & Family ✓
Jack & Pat Emblow ✓	Ewart, Jean, Beryl & Colin Smith ✓
Robin & Jacky Ferguson & Family ✓	The Spencer Family ✓
Peggie Gow ✓	Sidney & Emily Stevens ✓
Maisie & Andrew Grant ✓	Mollie K Stone ✓
Lena Grayer ✓	Pam Stubbings, & Paul ✓
Win & Harold Grindley ✓	The Swerling Family ✓
John Guest ✓	Peter & Betty Tilley ✓
Rodney & Renee Gunn ✓	Arthur & Betty Tilley ✓
Mavis & Chloe Hall ✓	Peggy & Ann Trotman ✓
Florence Harris ✓	Donald & Anita Urry ✓
Philip & Betty Harris ✓	Richard & Rosemary Valentine & Family ✓
Elizabeth Harvey	Betty Waite ✓
Jack, Lindsey, Micky. & Nicola Haubner ✓	Sidney & Ann Ware & Family ✓
Margot Hesford	Chris & Mary Wege & Family ✓
Michael & Di Hesford ✓	Doreen Wheldon ✓
Roger & Jean Higgs	Catherine Wicks ✓
The Horsbrugh-Porters ✓	Mercie & Martin Williamson ✓
Bill & Barbara Houlton, & Boys ✓	Brian & Sheila Worth ✓
Hugh Jones	Spike & Phyllis Wright ✓
Teddy & Betty Joseph ✓	Patsy Wright-Warren ✓

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

MRS EMILY STEVENS

Sadly, we have said goodbye to Emily Stevens and her husband, who have moved to West Chichester. There can be few people who have given so much for the well-being of the inhabitants of Coleshill.

Mrs Stevens represented Coleshill on the District Council for many years and was also a Parish Councillor for most of the time she lived here. Chairman of the School Governors and a much-loved friend of the school, Emily was also active on the Coleshill Residents' Association and the Coleshill Horticultural Society.

Her other activities included chairing the Board of Governors, Brudenell School, she was on the governing body of Raans School, on the Committee of the Epileptic Society's Chalfont Colony and on the Committee of Stevens House, Whielden Street, which provides sheltered housing for the elderly.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

Towards the end of September we held our Harvest Festival, and afterwards sold most of the produce, enabling us to send £27 to the National Children's Home. The next day the children entertained the members of Coleshill Club with poems and songs (and audience participation) and gave each member, fruit or vegetables from our Harvest Festival. Another aspect of our desire to 'Help the Aged' was a sponsored event which raised £53 for that charity.

A very successful recent event was the A.G.M. of our Parents and Friends' Group, when business was followed by a most enjoyable wine and cheese social. Just before half-term we spent an afternoon at Jordans First School, where we watched a genuine Japanese lady dancer, complete with kimono, fan and parasol, and tried Japanese rice biscuits and (adults only) Japanese tea.

Sadly, the first half-term ended with a farewell to our cook, Mrs J Meeks, who had been at the school for fifteen years. As you probably know, Bucks County Council has ceased to provide hot meals to its schools. We gave Mrs Meeks various gifts and many thanks for all the delicious meals cooked for us over the years.

Please note the following dates when we shall welcome allcomers:

Tuesday 9th December at 7 p.m. Christmas Concert
Saturday 13th December at 10 a.m. Christmas Bazaar

S.J.D.

FROM SIDNEY AND EMILY STEVENS
We send greetings to all one-time neighbours and friends in Coleshill, and also our thanks for the many kind messages we have received since living in Winchester. City life is, of course, a great change after being in the country for so long, but we are settling down well and enjoying the different environment - and we are very thankful to be close to shops and lovely gardens to walk through, which we do not have to tend!

Our very best wishes for success in all that you undertake in the future, and a very happy Christmas to everyone.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

We started the Autumn term with two recruits, Josie Dell and Emma Swift joining the Pack. Mrs Susan Miles has now become an Assistant Guider and is working for her Warrant.

We performed a play 'Miss Muffet's Party' at the Local Association A.G.M. in October, and are rehearsing a longer entertainment to which Parents, Testers and members of the Coleshill Club will be invited in November.

Interest Badges achieved

Musician's Badge: Annabel Eardley, Katharine Sadler

Collector's Badge: Sarah Miles

M.E.T.

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In August our members enjoyed the Group Garden Party held at the home of Mrs Joan Adamson. Also in August we had a very enjoyable outing with the Chess Group to Hinwick House, Nr Wellingborough.

At the October Meeting, Mrs Betty Joseph, our President, gave us the very sad news of the death of Mrs Betty Woolacott after a long illness. She was a very popular and active member for many years.

In September we supplied teas for 45 members of the Wembley Red Cross Evergreen Club, who were on an outing to the Bucks countryside. Two of our members, Mrs Betty Harris and Mrs Phyllis Wright, held a very successful coffee morning at the former's home in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf on 1st October which was well supported by the village. An evening outing to the Barbican Centre for a concert by the L.S.O. took place on November 6th.

Preparations for the Christmas Bazaar on 22nd November are in full swing, and we hope as many people as possible will come along and join in the fun. We are always very happy to welcome new members.

P.W.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAE

The Fortieth Annual Village Show in September produced a fine array of flowers, fruit and vegetables despite the lack of summer weather, including an absolutely enormous pumpkin, swollen by the rain, perhaps! Mrs Ray Bingham opened the Show delightfully (and poetically) and presented the cups to the following class winners:

The Grindley Challenge Cup
The Jerram Challenge Cup
The Woolacott Vase
The Cotswold Challenge Cup
The Coleshill Challenge Cup
The Edmond Waller Challenge Cup
The Wheatsheaf Children's Cup
The Ovington Rose Bowl
The Windmill Bowl
The Clifton Cup
The Le Mead Cup

Mr E S Miles
Mrs D Heimann
Mrs E M Wicks
Mr E S Miles
Mrs C V Cossey
Mrs G Pusey
Annabel and Elizabeth Eardley
Mrs K Clifton
Mrs E Roberts
Mrs J Glover
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The star of the Show seemed to be the cake baked for the Cake Raffle by Mrs Gill Pusey and exquisitely iced by Mrs Pat Embow with a tiny basket of miniature vegetables on it, all perfectly made. The cooking judge was so impressed that she decided it was in a class of its own and awarded it a special prize.

The committee would like to thank all the extra helpers who come to our aid at the time of the show; from those who help with raffles and teas to the judges, all of whom live outside the area and sometimes travel a considerable distance to adjudicate for us. Not forgetting Derek Horrocks who kindly provided the auction/entertainment at the end of the afternoon.

One of the summery days in October coincided with the Greenfingers Stall by the Village Pond and a good exchange of plants from oleanders to canterbury bells took place and benefited the Society's funds to the tune of £55 which will help towards the staging of next year's Show.

Our next event will be, the Spring speaker meeting in April and we look forward to seeing everyone on that occasion.

C.M.W.

COLESHILL CLUB

In August there was a social afternoon and tea at 'Greenlands' with George & Ruby. We held our annual lunch in September when we were pleased to entertain our transport ladies and friends, afterwards the Coleshill School children entertained us, which was greatly appreciated.

In October we very much enjoyed Mr Philip Harris singing to us, accompanied by Mrs Pauline Griffiths at the piano. Our A.G.M. was held afterwards, officers and committee still standing, but we are pleased to also welcome Mrs N Harris and Mrs J Dover to the committee.

Many thanks for all who help us through the year.

R.M*

* COLESIIIILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP *
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presents

* AMATEUR TRAUMATICS!

* Thursday 27th November £2.50

* Friday 28th November (£6.00) including

* Saturday 29th November £6.00) meal

See details below

AMATEUR TRAUMATICS!

All actors, whether 'pro' or 'am', know that the phrase "It'll be all right on the night is twaddle!! I, personally, have had a door handle come off in my hand, a crucial telephone bell not happen and have made a grand entrance on to a stage full of people and given them the wrong line (it looked, of course, as if someone else had forgotten their lines - I just stood there looking innocent). The company record for missing bits out stands at a page and a half and I'm sure that if ever we attempt a Roman Classic, someone, will forget to leave off his glasses or digital watch or have a supposed solid column fall on him with little effect.

We are not alone. In fact, so many stories of hilarious disasters abound in dramatic circles, that the author, Michael Green, has collected three bookfuls of these antics and called them 'COARSE ACTING'.

The Drama Group will present three of these short plays on 27th, 28th and 29th November... The Thursday performance will include coffee and soft drinks in the price of £2.50. The Friday and Saturday nights will provide you with a three course dinner between the three plays for the price of £6.00. A bar is available at each performance and car parking in the school playground has been arranged.

If you feel you could cope with the traumas, frivolity, panic and chaos of these performances you can buy Thursday tickets from the Village Shop and all three nights from me, Lindsey Haubner, The Lodge, Rushymead, Coleshill. (Tel. Am 22589). See you there!

Lindsey

MAGPIE CLUB

Our activities in the Christmas holidays are as follows:

Monday 22nd December - Carol singing round the village.

Meet at 2.30 at the Village Hall.

For newcomers to the village who have children - Hums and children meet up, we then usually split up into groups and sing carols and deliver scones or mince pies to some of the older residents of the village - do please join us.

Friday 2nd January - Children's Party in the Village Hall for under 10s.

3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

D.S.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The annual Jumble Sale was again arranged by Mrs Jean Dover and the total proceeds amounted to £96. Very many thanks are due to Jean Dover and her helpers for their hard work "in arranging this event, which provides a very useful contribution to the funds of the Hall.

After 8 years as Hon Secretary, Mrs Sylvia Fairchild has asked if she could resign from the Committee and very reluctantly we have had to agree. Sylvia has done a lot of work for the Hall, particularly in maintaining outstandingly good Minutes of all the Management Committee meetings throughout the period . . . which included the fund raising events for the financing of the Hall and its eventual building. We are very grateful to Sylvia for all the work that she has done and we shall miss her valuable contribution.

Mrs Helen Savory has agreed to take on the responsibilities of Hon Secretary of the Management Committee and she commenced her duties at the committee meeting held, on the 16th October 1986. Helen and her husband John live in Chase Close and came to the village just over a year ago.

The Committee have submitted an application for a grant to the Buckinghamshire County Council to assist with the cost of a ventilation system, estimated to be £10,000. We have concluded that mechanical ventilation is needed to maintain a tolerably comfortable atmosphere particularly in hot weather or when there are a lot of people in the hall. The problem is increased by the need to keep the Hall windows and doors closed to avoid noise within the hall disturbing nearby residents.

We would like to draw the attention of users of the hall to the need to avoid inconveniencing nearby residents by the way in which they park their cars outside the hall. It is requested that cars are only parked on the Church side of the road thus leaving free, access to residents, other users of the road, and to emergency services, should the need ever arise for them to gain access to the Hall. In addition to this, users are also requested to leave the hall as quietly as possible after late evening events so as not to disturb nearby residents. We would appreciate your co-operation with these two matters.

Peter Lawrence

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HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF.

The Coffee Morning held at Pond Cottage on the 1st October raised £151 in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. A big "Thank You" for all those kind people who so generously supported this charity.

WHIST DRIVE

A Whist Drive is held in the Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

The Christmas Whist Drive will be held on 26th November. Time 8.00 pm
Entry: 80p including Raffle.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 22nd Sat - W.I. Christmas Bazaar
26th Wed - Christmas Whist Drive
27th Thurs)
28th Fri) Coleshill Village Drama Group Presentation
29th Sat)
- DECEMBER 4th Thurs - Induction of Revd Anthony Priddis to the Parish
of Amersham with Coleshill. St Mary's Church. 8.00 pm
9th Tues - School Christmas Concert
13th Sat - School Christmas Bazaar
14th Sun - Christingle Service
21st Sun - Carol Service
22nd Mon - Carol singing - Magpie Club

JANUARY 2nd Fri - Children's Party - Magpie Club

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

The following letter has been received by the Parish Council from the constable responsible for the Coleshill area and is reproduced for the information of the village:

"I am PC Peter BUNNETT and I am the area constable for Amersham Old Town and Coleshill. I have served in Thames Valley Police for 7½ years, all of this time spent at either Chesham or Amersham. I am originally from Plymouth in Devon but moved to Bucks in 1979 as, a police officer. Recent events have made it necessary to patrol Amersham on the Hill as well as my usual beat. Although my duties do not allow me to visit Coleshill as much as I would like. I do visit the area periodically. I have in fact spoken to the children at Coleshill School and look forward to my next visit to the school. It is not possible for me to say exactly when I shall be visiting Coleshill but anyone wishing to speak to me can contact me by ringing Aylesbury 935010 and asking for Amersham Police Station. If I am not on duty please leave your name and telephone number and I will contact you when next on duty. Remember I am there to assist with any problems you have concerning the policing of Coleshill; do not be afraid to contact me."

It is now current practice for a representative from Thames Valley Police to attend meetings of the Parish Council.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services

8.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Matins
11.30 am	Holy Communion (1st Sunday in month)
6.00 pm	Evensong

Each Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services

9.15 am	Parish Communion
9.15 am	1st Service taken by Revd A Priddis
6.00 pm	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)
9.00 pm	Family Service

Christmas Services:

Sunday ~~14~~ December

5.00 pm Christingle Service

Sunday ~~21~~ December ~~20~~

3.00 pm Carol Service

Christmas Day

9.00 am Parish Communion

Family Services

9.15 am 2nd Sunday in month

Pro-Wardens

- A.H.V. Panton, Waller's Oak, Coleshill.

Tel: 6183

R. Valentine, Friars Vane, Coleshill

Tel: 5794 5777

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~~o G. Clunie~~

Hon. Treasurer

- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill

Tel: 7420

Hon. Secretary

- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages, Coleshill : 3356

Brownies

- Monday Evenings 5.30 - 7.00 pm Coleshill School

Guides

- Monday Evenings 6.45 - 8.15 pm Village Hall

Mothers' Union

- 3rd Tuesday in the month (weather permitting)

Coleshill Club

- 4th Thursday of every month at 2.30 pm. Village Hall

W.I.

- 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 pm. Village Hall

Mobile Library

- at Coleshill every other Wednesday, stopping at:

The Village Hall 3.45 - 4.00 pm

Hill Meadow 4.00 - 4.15 pm

Next visits will be: Nov 19th, Dec 3rd, 17th & 31st, Jan 14th & 28th

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