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PARSONAGE PONDERINGS

Have you ever had the feeling that the ground has been cut away from beneath you? If you have, you will know that it is a very **disturbing** experience ... and that is how I feel at this moment.

Let me **explain**. As **some** of you know, for the past 2 years, since I knew I would be leaving the R.A.F., I have been endeavouring to induce a Sishop or other Patron to offer me a Benefice, i.e. a parish, with no success whatever. It appears that parishes are in short supply, due mainly to the increasing tendency to combine them, or to work a number together as a group. At the same time, there is an increasing number of priests of about **my** own age and experience trying to obtain a parish. Consequently, **something** of a traffic jam has ensued, and as a Service **Chaplain**, right outside the Diocesan framework, I **was**, and still **am**, from a Diocesan point of view, at the end of the **queue**.

Well, then, after having left the R.A.F., the situation was becoming urgent, the Bishop of Buckingham promised to try to find me a temporary post; and when the Rector finally invited me to come here to **Coleshill**, it seemed the answer to my **prayers**, albeit not the complete **one**. So I very **gratefully accepted**.

And now, just as we are beginning to get settled here in this lovely part of the country, and getting to know you all, what happens? The **inevitable**, of **course**! I am offered a **Living**!

Now I am, as you probably know, a person who sees in events and circumstances the hand of **God** directing him in certain directions. You will not, therefore, be surprised to learn that I regard this offer, a totally unexpected result of my answering one of those rare advertisements in the Church Times **from** a private patron, as an indication that **God** wants me to move on to a sphere of greater responsibility.

From a purely practical point of view, **too**, it would be foolish to reject such an offer, and then to spend the **next** few years waiting for another, kicking myself and champing at the bit.

I must emphasize that this has all happened most unexpectedly and very suddenly and, in **fact**, I have been surprised at the speed with which the Church **can move**. It was not until the Rector had gone on holiday (mid- August) that I was notified by the patron that he was offering me the Living of **Watton-at-Stone** in Hertford, and had so informed the Bishop of St. **Albans**. Although the Bishop was engaged with the Lambeth

Conference at the time, he sent for me within a day or two. For reasons peculiar to the situation at Watton, he wanted the news of my appointment to be available at once, and he urged me to inform the Rector immediately. This I did very reluctantly as the Rector was on holiday. Since then I have seen the Bishop of Buckingham, who, like the Rector, fully understands the situation and regretfully agrees that in the circumstances I must proceed to the new post.

That, unfortunately, means that once again we shall all have to "take off" sometime in the near future. We shall not be departing for a few months yet, of course, as it is only fair to you and the Rector to allow some time for a new assistant Curate to be found.

Nonetheless, both the Rector and I thought that it was only right that you should all know of the situation at once and in detail, in order to avoid any rumours and misunderstandings. Apart from that, neither my wife nor I would enjoy living among you trying to keep up a pretence.

That, then, is the position. It is most unfortunate from many points of view that this should have happened at this time, and both Christine and I are extremely sorry that we shall have to leave so soon. We do hope, however, that you will try to understand and see that in the circumstances no other decision could be made.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival will be held this year on Sunday, October 13th. Services will be as follows:

- 9.00a.m. Parish Communion
- 10.00a.m. Sunday School
- 6.00p.m. Evensong

We should be very grateful for gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers to decorate the Church and, of course, for helpers. We shall start decorating at 10.30a.m. on Saturday, 12th, so would you please bring your gifts to the Church before that time. We hope the children will bring their gifts to the Altar at the Children's Service at 10a.m.

Patronal Festival - All Saints Day

November 1st is All Saints Day and there will be the usual services (details later) to mark the occasion. I understand that there is usually a get-together afterwards in the Village Hall.

Church Committee Meeting

October 8th at 8.00p.m..

Baptist Bible School

Congratulations to the members of the Baptist **congregation** who so **successfully** ran the Holiday School. The success of the venture was amply demonstrated by the enthusiasm of my own two boys. A report is given separately by **Mrs. Riley**.

R.T.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Sunday October 6 Mrs **Kunzer**
13 Harvest Festival - all helpers
20
27 **Mrs. Harrisson**

HOLIDAY BIBLE SCHOOL

As I stood among the glue **pots**, cardboard helmets, pencils and **books**, and listened to the **children's** chatter, I wondered "How long since, **if** ever, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was taught in the village **hall**". That the children were receptive to the teaching there was no doubt, but we give all the glory to **God** and feel very humble that He has used us in this way. **For** this was the reason that we planned the school - for the very purpose of spreading the **Gospel**; not to give the tired Mums a **rest**, or to raise money (all was **completely** free) and Our Lord has supplied our **needs**. Too often, the telling of Salvation through Jesus Christ is left to those who are, as we say, in full time service, but if we are His disciples should not we be in full service for Him and taking every opportunity to witness to Him and His saving power as He has commanded we should do.

Last, but not least, our grateful thanks to those parents who sent donations to help with the **expense**.

Pleasance Riley.

JUMBLE SALE

A Jumble Sale **at**, and in aid of, the Village Hall will be held on Friday, October 18th from 7 to 8.30p.m.

Spareable gifts (excluding bedsteads) should be sent to the Hall on Thursday, 17th between 2.30 and 8.p.m.. Requests for transport, if required, should be made to Mrs. **Browne** (Amersham 1949) or Mrs. **Ovington** (Amersham 2233)

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Opening the 23rd annual Show of this Society, Miss S. Boston, introduced by the President, Mr. I.H. Lindley, said it was one of the most enjoyable and commendable events held in the village and she warmly complimented people upon the high quality of their exhibits, the flower fanciers, in particular, having had to contend with atrocious weather.

Altogether, the flowers, the fruit, the vegetables, the pastries, the cakes, the nan-made rock cakes and the children's corner made a dazzling display as people went round to see what the judges had thought of their exhibits.

Before the distribution of prizes, Mr. Hugh Jamieson joined the select band of persuasive Coleshill auctioneers and found ready buyers for the fare which he offered.

There was a record number of entries for the 106 classes and for each class there were 3 prizes. This entailed a tremendous amount of work before and during the day and the officers and Committee are to be congratulated upon a fine piece of organisation.

Cup Winners

The Grindley Cup, open to residents who cultivate their own gardens, and allotment holders, for vegetables	Mr. H. Aldridge
The Jerram Cup, for vegetables	Mr. R.J. Beasley
The Cotswold Cup, flowers	Mrs. Ovington
The Coleshill Cup, preserves	Mrs. Williamson
The Edmund Waller Cup, pastries	Miss T. Stiel
The Wheatsheaf Cup, children	Shane Riley and Wendy Weller
The Ovington Rose Bowl	Mrs. Cossey

CRICKET - LADIES MATCH

It took more than a few showers of rain to keep the ladies away from the wicket for long on the afternoon of Sunday, September 1st, when they accumulated 75 runs. They were encouraged by the fine innings of Kath Barber and their captain, Mrs. Rupert, leading one of the umpires related to her by marriage, to say "and Pam has not run since last year".

With an improvement in the weather, the men passed the ladies' score by two runs, the youngest member of the side, Master Alan Edwards, contributing 8 runs after having set a splendid example of keenness in the field.

The teas and the inevitable raffle brought in some £9 for the Village Hall and the Committee extends thanks to those who contributed to the success of the afternoon.

ROYAL SOUTH BUCKS AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

This Association has announced the following awards for 1968:-

King George VI Challenge Cup:

3rd prize: Mr. R. J. Higgs, Quarrendon Farm, Amersham

Pour Acres of winter wheat:

2nd. prize: Mr. E.H. Grindley, Luckings Farm, Coleshill

3rd. Prize: Mr. F.D.Jarvis, Bury Farm, Amersham

Four acres of oats:

4th prize: Mr. F.D.Jarvis, Bury Farm, Amersham

Pour acres of spring barley:

4th prize: Mr. E.H.Grindley, Luckings Farm, Coleshill

Pour acres of spring wheat:

1st prize: Mr. E.H.Grindley, Luckings Farm, Coleshill

Pour acres of one year hay:

2nd prize: Mr. E.H.Grindley, Luckings Farm Coleshill.

MUSIC FOR EVERYONE

Not so long ago, reproduced music was little more than some scarcely recognisable sounds scratched out on a gramophone. Now, high fidelity enthusiasts hold out that without visual aid it is difficult to distinguish their products from live music.

This will be on trial on Wednesday, October 23rd when at, and for the benefit of, the Village Hall Mr. A. Haydn Theobald will present a programme of stereophonic recordings of classical and light classical music.

Mr. Theobald recently retired from Electrical and Musical Industries Ltd. in the electronic and recording divisions and for the past 15 years has devoted himself to the presentation of stereophonic recordings all over the country - from Plymouth to Edinburgh, from Lowestoft to Swansea, from village halls to the Royal Festival Hall - with audiences ranging from 25 to 1,000. In addition to this, Mr. Theobald was Curator of the gramophone museum maintained by E.M.I.Ltd. at Hayes.

The concert will start at 8.15 p.m. and admission will be by programme (5/-) obtainable from Mrs. Browne, Mr. Bowler, Mr. Price or any member of the Committee

WANTON DAMAGE

The following letter has been received from our Councillor,
Mrs. E. Stevens:

"I am very sorry to bring to the notice of villagers, who may not have seen it, the wanton damage which was done to one of the seats placed by the Pond for the comfort, mainly, of elderly residents, and, in doing so, I ask that, should such a thing happen again, would anyone who sees the damage being done please report it to me.

"One of these seats was given by the late Miss Howard, and thanks to the kindness of Mr. Everall, they are allowed to remain in this pleasant spot, and I ask that instead of causing loss and damage for which someone else has to pay, those responsible try giving a helping hand wherever possible. This would be much more worth while.

"

S. Stevens."

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES

are extended to:

Kenneth Edwards, upon being appointed Head Boy of Raans County Secondary School

Richard Attridge, upon being sworn in as a Police Constable. Richard is to attend a 13 week course at the Police Training College, Eynsham.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Oct	1	Village Hall Committee
Tuesday	8	Church Committee Meeting 8p.m.
Thurs	10	W.I.. Mrs Smith - "Savoury Supper Dishes" Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
Sunday	13	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Tuesday	15	Sisterhood Rally. Revd. J. Chambers to speak
Thursday	17	Mothers Union, Winchmore Hill. Mrs. Milroy - "Women of the Bible"
Friday	18	Jumble Sale
Wednesday	23	Music for Everyone
Thursday	24	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
Sat. Nov	30	W.I. Christmas Bazaar
Fri. Dec	6	Whist Drive

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS COLESHILL

Every Sunday:

9.00 a.m. **Parish** Communion
10.00 a.m. Sunday School
2nd & 4th Sundays:

6.00p.m. Evensong

ST. ANDREWS, WINCHMORE HILL

2nd. Sunday (October 13th)
10.30a.m. Holy Communion

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, AMERSHAM.

8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.00a.m. Children's Church
11.00a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays:
Holy Communion (New Service)
2nd & 4th Sundays:
Mattins
6.00p.m. Evensong

RECTOR: The Revd. Allan Campbell, M.A.(Cantab), Beaumont, Hervines Road,
Amersham, Tel: 1135 or St. Mary's Parish Office, Church Street,
Amersham, Tel: 1712

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