

October 1969

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WINCHMORE HILL

In 1931 the priest and people of All Saints', Coleshill, decided to take advantage of the fact that the old Wesleyan Methodist Chapel at Winchmore Hill was up for sale and to raise a considerable sum of money to establish an outward and visible sign in bricks and mortar of the Church of England's presence there. Now in 1969 proposals are in the air to sell it. Why?

For sometime the newly acquired church flourished, but owing to a variety of circumstances which at present we needn't go into it has in more recent times fallen on less happy days. Now, try as we may, we don't have more than a dozen attending the church for the liturgy once a month. This in itself might not be a sufficient reason for making a move, but the building has now got into a pronounced state of delapidation. There is no heat in the church and no artificial light. To do the urgent repairs, deal with the woodworm, redecorate and modernise the place and have the electricity put on again would cost a lot of money. And the Methodist Chapel have said we may use their building for Anglican services when they aren't using it. There is, as you know, a movement to unite Anglicans and Methodists, although it looks as though after the unity voting in July a better official scheme will have to be adopted. It may be that God is calling us to use the present vexing situation of our church at Winchmore Hill to do something towards the final uniting of the Anglicans and Methodists in the village. We don't know; we must pray and try to find out.

I think it would be very bad if a decision were forced on Winchmore Hill against their will. On the whole the attitude of the people I've had a chance to talk to about it so far can be summed up as "We don't terribly like the idea, but if it has to happen we will go along with it - after all the Methodist Chapel is warm and comfortable". This may not be the attitude of everyone. There may be some strong feelings for and against yet to be uncovered, and people have a perfect right to change their mind. This is why we're having a meeting in the Village Hall at Winchmore Hill on Friday 10 October at 8p.m. to discuss the best way forward.

We can decide to accept the Methodists' courteous offer, or we can decide to remain in St. Andrew's Church. But at least the raising of the matter now should see that something is done, for we cannot leave things as they are and the church in the state it's in. Either we leave it (however reluctantly) or we put it in good order.

Let us pray that God will help us to do what he wants.

J.S.N.

## AMERSHAM CONCERT CLUB

Mr **Gerald Moore** will give a **lecture recital** at Dr **Challoner's Grammar School** on Friday **17 October** at 8 p.m. Season tickets **cost £1.15s.** (£1 for students of 18 and under) and single tickets are 12/6d /6/- for students of 18 and under), and may be had from Mr **G. Ibbotson**, **37 Hogbackwood Road**, **Beaconsfield**.

## REMOVALS

Last month Dr and Mrs **Dunwell** left **Coleshill** for **Little Shardeloes**, and unfortunately too we shall be **losing** Mr & Mrs **Harrison** of **Ongar Hill Cottage** to **Tylers Green** this month but we **still** hope to see them in **Coleshill** a good deal. We hope they and the **Dunwells** will be **very** happy in their new **surroundings**.

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THIS NEWSLETTER TOLL CEASE PUBLICATION AT THE END OF THIS YEAR UNLESS SOMEONE **OFFERS** TO CARRY ON **THE** VALIANT WORK WHICH MRS **DRYDEN** HAS SO PAR DONE TOWARDS **PRODUCING IT**, BUT WHICH SHE FEELS SHE MUST NOW GIVE UP. Please get in **touch** with **the Parsonage**.

## HALICWE'EN PARTY

The Village Hall committee **announce** that it is arranging a **Hallowe' en Party** on October **31st** at the **Village Hall** from 8.30 to 11p.m. and people are asked to reserve the **date**.

There will be a bar, a tombola, a competition to guess the identity of people from their photographs when very young, another competition to guess the identity of a number of bottles, a **number** of other **attractions** which the **committee** is now **sorting out**, and being **Hallowe'eh** **there** may be a witch.

The **object** of the party is to raise funds for urgent repairs to **the floor** and further **particulars** will be announced **later**.

## THE COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW

The number of visitors to the show on **Saturday 13 September** was **over** a third up on last year, **and** this compensated for the reduction in the number of entries from **456** to **387**. The quality was as good as ever and made a fine display as Mrs **P. Nightingale** made her opening speech. Subsequently she presented the **children's prizes** and the **cups**, of which Mrs **U.G. Darvill** won both the **Ovington Rose Bowl** and the **Edmund Waller Cup** for **pastries**, and jointly with Mr **C.G. Prouse** the **Coleshill Cup** for **preserves**. Mr **H. Aldridge** won the **Grindley Cup** for the fifth year in **succ-**

cession for his fine vegetables in the Residents' Division, and Mr R.J. Beasley the Jerran Cup in the Open class. The Cotswold Gup was won by Mrs F.V. Wolff for her flowers and Jeanette Darvill won the Wheatsheaf Children's Cup.

Mrs Pusey and Mrs Cossey will be gratified that the beautiful cake they made and raffled raised £6.18s.6d. - 30/- more than last year. Mr Hugh Jamieson made great botanical efforts in his strenuous auctioning of the produce, which with less to work on raised almost the same as last year at £11.17s.1d.

The Committee, President and the Vice-Presidents who have given their support this year can feel that their efforts and generosity were well worth while. With some bills still to come in there is an estimated snail deficit of about £9.

S.M.Rann.

#### AIRCRAFT NOISE

The W.I. received an interesting letter from Mr Ronald Bell, the local M.P., in reply to a letter from Mrs Collier which had put to him the W.I.'s concern at the increased number of aircraft flying over Coleshill this summer. Mr Bell took the matter up with the ministry concerned and sent the reply he received to the W.I.. It appears that aircraft have been straying over Coleshill and Beaconsfield for lack of the proper direction-finding equipment to guide them through the Windsor and Slough gap. The difficulty has been to find a site for this equipment, but it appears that work should soon begin on a site near Maidenhead; so in future this area should be less troubled by the noise from the aircraft,

#### ALTAR BREADS

The wafers at present used in the Eucharist at All Saints' Church are made by Anglican nuns at the convent of the Community of St Clare at Free-land near Oxford. The nuns are commonly known as the Poor Clares and the community is entirely enclosed, their principal work being the continual round of prayer and praise to God for the world. They are Franciscans and wear a brown habit like the grey friars.

#### THE MOTHERS' UNION IN A MONASTERY

Ask the average person for his idea of a monk and they have a picture which is a cross between Friar Tuck and the sinister black-hooded figures from the pages of horror fiction. Many people are surprised that so outwardly respectable an institution as the Church of England has monasteries and convents in it, and more are surprised to learn that there is one not far from us here in Coleshill, namely the Anglican Benedictine abbey of Nashdom, near Burnham, which the Mothers' Union will be visiting on 12th November.

The community was started with the support of Lord Halifax and the then bishop of Worcester in 1914 at Pershore in Worcestershire. Its aim was to live within the Church of England and the full life of the earliest western Christian monks, founded by St Benedict in the early sixth century. Under St Benedict's rule communities of men gave themselves up to the service of God by a disciplined and regular life of prayer, study and manual labour, and from the sixth century to the Present day Benedictine abbays throughout western christendom have followed this rule.

The Anglican community moved from Pershore to Nashdom in 1926 where they took over the house which was built by Sir Edward Lutyens for a Russian prince. What had been the ballroom became the chapel, but this has recently been extended, and a new wing has also been added (the novice-block) to the whole building to provide for increased numbers. Though until recently ornate, the chapel is now very plain, but the abbey is in no sense forbidding and the monks, both young and old, always give an hospitable and jolly welcome to anyone who calls, whether it is to ask for advice, help or just to look round. Since it was founded the abbey has produced some great scholars, but it is the chapel which is the centre of its Life where 8 times a day at least the monks gather for the "Opus Dei", the work of God, a daily round of prayer and praise to Almighty God.

If you would like to see what Nashdom Abbey is like from the inside then you are welcome to join the Mothers' Union (even though you're not a member or not a woman) when they visit it on Wednesday 12 November, A coach will leave Winchmore Hill cross-roads at 2.30p.m. and Coleshill Church at 2.30p.m. The fare will be 5/9d return and if you would like to come, please ring Mrs Douglas Pusey (Amersham 4595) or the Parsonage (4229) as quickly as possible.

#### MR CHARLIE BULL

We were very sorry to hear that Mr Charlie Bull of 3 Rose Cottages, Winchmore Hill, died recently. He had been a prominent member of the Methodist Chapel and of its choir, May God grant him eternal rest,

#### THE FOOTBALL CLUB FETE AT WINCHMORE HILL

The fete made over £100 this year against last year's £60. The bank holiday afternoon kept fine, and for the second year running Winchmore Hill won the six-a-side tournament Cup against four teams this year and five last year.

### MRS GRIFFITHS

Mrs Gertrude Griffiths of The Bit, Coleshill, has had a very nasty **attach** of the shingles, but we're glad to say she's well on the way to **recovery** now, thanks to the devoted nursing of her daughter-in-law.

### FAMILY TRADITION

It looks as though the **farming** tradition of the Pusey family will be carried on without a break as Charles Pusey of Little Bowers is now at the agricultural college near Aylesbury. We wish him every **success** in his **car-**  
**eer.**

### JAMES WILLIAM ROBINSON & SHARON BEVERLEY RIMMER

were married at All Saints' on Saturday 20 September at 2p.m. The reception afterwards was held at Mr **Robinson's** house, 6 Chase Close, and the couple have a flat in Northwood. May their married life be blessed and happy.

### THE CHURCH CLOCK

The church **clock** has been temporarily stopped **because** for a week or so it refused to **strike** the hours and then decided to strike for a solid hour on more than one **occasion**. We are again sorry for the inconvenience caused and are waiting for the **clock** makers who repaired and **electrified** it to put it right.

### MALCOLM TILSON

It is very difficult to say very **much** after Malcolm died so tragically on Wednesday 3rd September. Everybody said what a fine boy they thought he **was**, and it is quite **clear** that the whole village has felt with Mr and Mrs John **Tilson** and Gary and Andrew in their great **grief**. We believe in the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus **Christ** and we believe in God's power to **comfort** and bless those who mourn. More than anything **else** we can pray for **Malcolm's** family and that God will in his good time **completely** re-unite them **all** in the everlasting happiness he has prepared for them that love **him**. May perpetual light shine upon Malcolm.

### THE NSW RYAL

Tuesday **14 October** - **that's** the day on which the new **10/-** coin, the **ryal**, comes in and quickly replaces the old **10/- note**. But of course it will not say **10/-** on it but 50 new pence. The new coin is **all** part of the relentless **advance** towards a **decimal** currency on 15 **February** 1971. The new **coin** is made of **25%** nickel and **75%** copper, like our other '**silver**' coins and will have a rather fine design of Britannia on the **front**. The new **ryal** is a fraction larger than our present **florin**, but its peculiar distinction is its seven equal sides and its official geometrical title is an **equila-**  
**teral curved heptagon.**

The Prayer Hymn of Martha which the Mothers' Union were promised would appear in this newsletter, will now appear in the November issue. We apologise for this.

### A HOUSE MASS

There will be a Mass for Roman Catholics at Mrs Stanton's house, Oak-Tree Cottage, on Friday 17 October at 8 p.m.

### INVALIDS

We are sorry to report that Mrs Houlton of Grays Cottage, Mr George Brackley of Hillside Cottage, Barrack Hill, Mr Janovsky of Winchmore Hill Farm, Mrs Dodge of Hawthorne Cottage and Mrs Douglas Pusey's mother, have all been in Amersham Hospital. We hope they'll be quickly better and back to normal again.

### MRS THORNE

The death of Mrs Shirley Thorne of Lawyers Cottage, Magpie Lane, was sad news. Many people have said how much they liked her. May she rest in peace.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Oct
- 1 (Wed) PCC at St Mary's Church Rooms at 8.30p.m.
  - 9 (Thur) W.I. at 2.30: Round the World to New Zealand  
Mobile library
  - 10 (Fri) Meeting about St Andrew's Church in Winchmore Hill Village Hall
  - 13 (Mon) Coleshill Village Hall Committee meeting
  - 16 (Thur) Mothers' Union at Winchmore Hill: 2.30; Mrs Payne on Church Needle work
  - Deanery Conference at Ashley Green Village Hall at 8p.m.
  - 17 (Fri) RC Mass at Oak-Tree Cottage at 8p.m.  
Gerald Moore at Dr Challoner's Grammar School at 8p.m.
  - 18 (Sat) St Luke's Day - HC: 10a.m.
  - 23 (Thur) Mobile library
  - 24 (Fri) Residents' Association Whist Drive 8p.m. at Winchmore Hill
  - 28 (Tue) St Simon & St Jude - HC: 10a.m.
  - 29 (Wed) Mothers' Union at St. Mary's Church Rooms at 2.30p.m.
  - 31 (Fri) Village Hallowe'en Party: 8.30 - 11p.m.

We shall give thanks for the harvest on the 18th Sunday after Trinity, 5th October

ALL SAINTS' DAY, our patronal feast, will be celebrated on Sunday 2 November, and All Souls' Day falls this year on Monday 3 November,

FATHER in heaven, I give you today  
All that I think and do and say.  
I give it all with what was done  
By Jesus Christ, your dearest Son.

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 a.m. and 8 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 10.30a.m.

*M. Wilson  
Rector  
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ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH. AMERSHAM

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

**Sunday Services:** 8.00 a.m. IDLY 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.