

October 1974

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The Reverend Michael Elliott BA has accepted my offer to be part-time assistant Curate in this Parish.

He will live in the parsonage at Coleshill, and will begin his duties on Sunday, September 1st.

Mr. Elliott is a New Zealander, aged 36, and a bachelor. He took his degree at the University of Auckland; and after serving his title in New Zealand, has worked in America, and Haifa. At present he has a part-time post in London with the British Council of Churches, spending part of his time there, and part in the Parish.

I hope you will make him very welcome in the Village.

Yours sincerely,

ALLAN CAMPBELL
Rector

CHURCH SERVICES

The normal Church services at All Saints' will be as follows:

1st and 3rd Sundays	Holy Communion	(1662)
2nd and 4th "	" "	(Series Wo. 2)
5th Sunday	Mattins and Holy Communion	

HOLY BAPTISMS

On 25 August at St. Andrew's, Winchmore Hill.

Michelle Lee, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Lee of Winchmore Hill

On 8 September at All Saints' Coleshill.

Anthony Hanbury Parkes, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Parkes of Coleshill.

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 20 July Paul Stephens to Sarah Elizabeth Pusey

On 24 August John William Noble to Lorna Jane Pusey

MEMORIAM

A flower stand was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Patricia Smith, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, in All Saints' Church on Sunday, September 15th. The attractive wrought-iron stand was designed and crafted by Mrs. Harvey's son-in-law, Mr. Maurice Smith; and the accompanying flower bowl was made by a friend of Mrs. Smith's, the potter Miss Betty Jones.

IN MEMORIAM

With deep regret, the following deaths are reported:

On the 28th July, suddenly, Alfred Higgs, a very busy man, he still found time for his garden and the results appeared yearly at the Flower Show.

On the 18th August, Ellen Saunders, widow of Cyril Saunders, long remembered for his services as pro-churchwarden. Although an invalid for many years, she was always a good neighbour and used to work for the Church Fete as long as she was able.

On the 24th August, Horace Leith, who was born in London but came to Amersham as a boy. He served in the first World War and as a prisoner worked in the Salt Mines. He will long be remembered for his knowledge of gardening, for his wonderful way with children and for his kindness.

On the 2nd October, Ethel Caroline Bagelot who, together with her husband - for some time a pro-churchwarden - rendered most valuable service towards the welfare of the Village, in which she maintained great interest until her death.

NEWS FROM MAGILA

Sister Edith Frances sends news from the Baby Unit of Magila Hospital. Parcels with blankets for the children have been safely received and are giving much pleasure. "The blankets are so beautifully made from such highly coloured wool" she says. Hari, the baby in the Coleshill Cot is still small but is making excellent progress. Sister comments with much gratitude on the fact that he is the third baby to have been rescued by Coleshill and given a fresh start in life.

What of the Green Shield Stamps? These, too, are doing a very valuable work in helping the Polio Clinic run by the Sisters in a village some ten miles from Magila. Until four years ago there was no help for these children. They just existed in the villages on the floor in dark huts. Now, they come to Kwa M Kouo Clinic and receive treatment and are fitted with calipers and crutches. The result can be seen in the report from a doctor visiting the Clinic:-

"The polio children at Kwa M Kouo are a great joy to watch. They skip along on their calipers and crutches at a great rate. They are allowed the drum on special occasions and to see them dancing, crutches and feet stepping out in rhythm, is most entertaining. Not very long ago they played in a football match, the polio boys versus a normal team. Sister Magdalene said they positively dashed across the field and won the match easily!"

These calipers and crutches are bought with money from our Green Shield Stamps. Isn't it worth while?

INTERVIEW WITH THE REVEREND MICHAEL ELLIOTT, B.A.(NZ), L.Th.(Hon), M.Div.

Mr. Elliott was born in New Zealand long ago. He just remembers the second world war, that business of air-raid warnings (yes, in New Zealand) and crouching down in trenches.

Educated at numerous unknown schools, - Birkenhead School, Northcote College and Whangarei Boys' High School - he enjoyed lunchtimes best of all. Holidays were always spent on the farm, mustering sheep and acting as "fleeco" in the woolshed.

It is almost inevitable to raise the question of the "All Blacks" when speaking to a New Zealander. As a matter of fact, Michael Elliott started playing rugby in bare feet when he was 10. He finished playing when he was 23 but was never invited to play for the "All Blacks" although some of his school friends were. Nowadays he is less energetic and enjoys a quiet game of tennis or badminton. He swims a lot and walks a bit.

As a schoolboy, he became very interested in dramatics and appeared in lots of school plays and later in repertory. For the past ten years he has done very little in this line but, time permitting, hopes to be involved again in Coleshill.

From 1956-1959) he went to the University of Dunedin, where he read History and Politics. In long vacations, he worked as a docker and learnt all kinds of new words. After that, he did not know what to do, - theatre, politics, schoolteaching? The Church claimed him and he was sent back to study again for three years, where he learnt all the theology that had been invented up to 300 A.D.

In 1961 he joined the staff of a large suburban parish - consisting of eleven churches - in Auckland as youth chaplain. Found to his horror that no parishioners spoke Latin or Greek, and none were interested in third century theology. After a time, he was appointed priest-in-charge of one of the eleven churches. He revelled in that he felt the need to learn more.

He then went and lived on a Greek Island, Poros, for a while, really to decide what to do next and also to write poetry. Poems were a disaster but he was offered and accepted a scholarship to Harvard University. There he studied community development, urban renewal, city planning, all in a theological context. He worked in various city projects and from 1965-1966 he was assistant minister in an extremely posh and wealthy church.

In 1966 he was invited to come to London by the Right Reverend John Robinson, formerly Bishop of Woolwich, and became the Warden of a university settlement at the Elephant and Castle (1966-1969). There he ran clubs, football teams, residents' associations, community newspaper with a team of ten helpers.

Also he became secretary to the Pastoral Reorganisation Committee in the Diocese, exploring new forms of Ministry for inner-city. He lectured to various groups about post-ordination training and was a tutor in community work at a Polytechnic. He was enamoured with South London and most of his friends are there.

Together with two other members of the Team, he was invited in 1970 to the Middle East to establish a community-work and social service centre for the Arab Anglican Church, which was supported by the Church Missionary Society. He became a Director of St. Luke's Centre Haifa, Israel. He loved the Holy Land, especially old Jerusalem and Galilee. There he lived dangerously, he avoided booby traps and survived the Yom Kippur War. He hopes to return to the Middle East to work there some day.

He now holds an executive position with the British Council of Churches and is a Development Officer in the Division of Community Affairs. There are two sides to this work :-

1. evaluating requests for funding of community projects throughout the U.K.
2. helping those churches and clergy who want to adopt skills and techniques of community work, by organizing seminars, training centres etc.

This involves a great deal of travel throughout the country. He is usually away Monday to Friday although administrative work can be done from home. In all probability he will be in Coleshill on Saturdays and Sundays, plus one other day. He keeps an "open house" and hopes that people will drop in without putting their best clothes on.

He enjoys being alive. He has been fortunate that he was free to do the things he was asked to do and enjoyed doing. He feels happy in Coleshill where the things he believes about "community" are to be found.

He says he likes

music, reading, good food, scotch, gardening, friends, theatre, tennis, badminton, rugby, sea fishing, travel and dogs.

He does not like

British beer, scorpions, and other nasty creatures, Mondays, macaroni cheese and rising prices.

FLOWER SHOW

Saturday, 14th September, dawned misty with a touch of Autumn in the air but soon the early morning fog patches were dispersed by the sun which was welcome relief from the gales and rain of the previous week.

Outside the Village Hall cars began to arrive; boots were opened to reveal the fruits (and vegetables) of villagers' horticultural efforts. Soon the staging in the Hall was groaning under the weight of a variety of vegetables which included mammoth marrows, outsize onions and beautiful beetroot.

The flower section evinced a riotous display of colour, with amazing asters, motley marigold[®] and a plenitude of pot plants. Culinary arts were not forgotten either. From bottling to baking the women (and men) competed for cups. The younger set showed splendid specimens of paintings, models and miniature gardens.

The excitement of the show was not over with the judging. The annual auction, most ably administered by Mr. C. Clifton, who dealt deftly with the benevolent bidders, supplied necessary sums for subsequent shows.

The Committee would like to thank Mrs. Wand-Tetley for the gracious way in which she opened the show, and supported it; also to all those who helped in many ways during the day - on the door, with the raffles, etc.

The Grindley Cup for Vegetables was won this year by Mrs. Pauline Griffiths, with Mrs. Rann a close second. Mr. C. Prouse of Tring and Mr. Norris of Amersham shared the Jerram Cup for Fruit and Vegetables in the open classes. The Yoolacott Vase presented this year for the first time was won jointly by Miss S. Boston and Mr. Laing-Hutcheon for their Artistic and Decorative entries. Mrs. C.E. Ovington succeeded in winning the Cotswold Cup for Flowers for the third year running.

Mrs. G. Bilbey's hybrid tea rose won for her the Ovington Rose Bowl. Mr. C. Prouse was successful for the sixth year running in winning the Coleshill Cup for Preserves and Mrs. A. Jamieson won the Edward Waller Cup for Pastries.

Three children, who had worked very hard on their many entries, shared the Wheatsheaf Children's Cup. They were Julia Davis, Kerry Ferguson and Rachel Wege. A new award this year was the Wand-Tetley Book Award won by Tim Ruffett for the Greatest Number of Named Grasses, which were beautifully presented.

Despite villagers' despondency earlier in the week after a very difficult summer and a stormy weekend prior to the show, the number and standard of entries were surprisingly high. Entries totalled 398 - 10 more than last year.

The receipts were as follows:

Entrance	£ 6.79
Teas	£ 5.14
Cake Raffle	£ 7.58
Sale of Produce	£17.35
Entry Fees	£1.0.85
Draw	£36.96
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It should be remembered that this money covers only a small part of the expenses which are increasing annually - the balance being provided by donations from generous Patrons. This year these donations contributed £17 less than last year. It would not of course be possible to continue to stage the show if costs are not covered in future years. Please may we have more Patrons for this village event next year.

D.M.H.

Hearty congratulations are extended to Mrs. Hesford and to her Committee for the great success of this show, in spite of the many difficulties in the shape of "the weather."

Ed.

COLESHILL GLUE.

The recently formed Coleshill Club for retired people has been overwhelmed by the many good wishes and the financial help we have received from the village. We also wish to thank the Winchmore Hill Thursday Club for the great deal of assistance that they are giving us.

The cake stall was an enormous success - raising £30 - and we thank all of you who made and/or bought cakes. We are only sorry that some found us "sold out".

The first club meeting was held on the 18th September when 30 members enrolled and spent the afternoon discussing plans or playing cards and enjoying a cup of tea together. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 16th October, at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall when further members will be welcome. Mrs. Wingrove is the Hon. Secretary and Mr. H. Kennerell is the Hon. Treasurer.

M. Weedon

JUMBLE SALE ,

The Jumble Sale held on Friday, 27th September, was highly successful and raised £76 for the funds - badly needed because the Village Hall Committee have been inspired to rewire the whole electrical system.

ORIENTAL RUGS

Mrs. M. Colvin, an expert repairer and restorer of oriental rugs and carpets, will be spending occasional weekends in Coleshill. She is willing to undertake a limited amount of work and will give free estimates. Mrs. Colvin can be contacted through the parsonage.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

On the 15th July, our District Commissioner paid us a visit and presented our Certificate of Registration and the Guide Captain with her Guiders warrant. So at last we are a recognised Company.

We commenced meetings this term on September the 16th. We have as Patrol Leaders Beryl Smith, Snowdrop, Second Wendy Williams: Eileen Davis, Kingfisher, Second Rachel Wege.

Jane Swerling is away at school now but remains a member of the Company. We hope to hold a coffee evening about the 2nd December. More news of this later.

The Local Association A.G.M. will be held in Amersham on the 18th October, which we hope friends and parents will support. Notices will be sent out soon.

H.J.M.C.

BROWNIE NOTES

At the end of last term we held a party for 12 ladies from Coleshill House, they were entertained with a sing-song after tea, where some of the cakes were made by the Brownies.

During the holidays, Kay Speller, Sally Lee and Jane Mileham from Winchmore Hill and Susie Williams from Coleshill passed their singing badge.

We started this term on the 16th September with 18 Brownies and 2 recruits, 2 children from Perm Street having attained the age of 10 years have joined the 1st Holmer Green Guides. Naomi Tunberlake is the new sixer of the Pixies with Melanie Weller as seconder, and Sharon Reavey the new sixer of the Sprites with Rhiannon Proctor as seconder. Anna Horsbrugh-Porter (age 9) attained her cooks badge and followed it up by being the first Brownie this year to attain her Highway badge.

We would like to thank those members of the Mothers' Union who helped us out on the occasion of our party for the ladies of Coleshill House. Mrs Griffiths who spends time and trouble coaching and subsequently testing Brownies for music and singing- and Mrs Blunt for her time taken in testing would be cooks!!!

G Richardson (Brown Owl)

COFFEE MORNING FOR DEAF CHILDREN

On August the 22nd a coffee morning was held at "Penridge" by the Inner Wheel Club of Amersham (President Mrs Post) in aid of the Deaf Unit for Children in Amersham.

The sum of £46 was raised and Mrs Post wishes to thank all those who supported the event.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW BISHOP OF BUCKINGHAM

The consecration of the new Bishop of Buckingham, the Reverend Simon Burrows is due to take place in London on Friday, 18th October.

Mr. Burrows was educated at Eton and King's College. He saw National Service in the Army and then became a curate at St. John's Wood. Then followed three years as chaplain of Jesus College, Cambridge, and in 1960 he became Vicar of Wyken. In 1967 he moved on to Holy Trinity, Fareham.

He has travelled widely and is married with five children.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group will be performing two one act plays on Friday, November 22nd and Saturday, November 23rd, in the Village Hall at 8 p.m.

One of these plays is an Irish tragedy and the other, in complete contrast, is a Russian farce.

Tickets will be available from Mrs. R. Rann at Red Lion Cottage, or from any member of the Group.

This should be a very entertaining evening, so do try and join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHOIR

By the kind invitation of Mrs. Lawrence, on the 7th July, 21 children from the Sunday School and Choir had a picnic tea in the garden of Hampton House, Chase Close.

This was followed by a conjurer and Punch and Judy Show which, by the reaction of the children, was enjoyed by all.

APOLOGY

We regret that in the last number the name of Ruth Jerram was omitted from those who were presented with books upon leaving Coleshill C.E. School. Sorry Ruth.

THANKS

Mrs. Rowe Mitchell thanks Coleshill for making her so welcome through the years, and young Shane Riley for the happy if ambiguous remark that things won't be quite the same.

The gese have now settled happily in Kent and have given up taking off in single file at a rate of knots, heading for Bucks.

ROYAL SOUTH BUCKS AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

The following is a list of prizes won by local farmers:

Class 7	Best kept and cultivated farm.	3rd	R.J. Higgs, Quarrendon Farm.
" 13	Winter Wheat	1st	R.J. Higgs, Quarrendon Farm
		4th	E.H. Grindley, Luckings Farm.
" 15	Spring Oats	2nd	T.J. Parslow & Son, Mop End Farm
" 16	Winter Barley	1st	R.J. Higgs, Quarrendon Farm
		3rd	E.H. Grindley, Luckings Farm
" 17	Spring Barley	1st	T.J. Parslow & Son, Mop End Farm.
		3rd	• S.D. Swerling, Brentford Grange
" 18	Spring Wheat	1st	T.J. Parslow & Son, Mop End Farm
		2nd	I). Staples, Woodrow Farm Cottage, Woodrow
		4th	F. Francis & Son, Winchmore Hill Farm.

The ploughing match was due to take place at Stoke Place, Stoke Poges, on Wednesday, 2nd October.

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

. It is hoped to publish the Christmas newsletter by the 14th December, and copy should be in the Editor's hands by Saturday, 23rd November (or earlier)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

October

Thur 17 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
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November

Fri 1 All Saint's Day - Festival Eucharist 8 p.m.
 Thur 7 Mini Whist Drive, Coleshill C of E First School at 7.30 p.m.
 Sun 10 REMEMBRANCE DAY
 Thur 14 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
 W.I. - Annual General Meeting
 Tues 19 Church Committee, Village School, 8 p.m.
 Fri 22 Drama Group Plays - 8 p.m.
 Sat 23 " " " "
 Tues 26 Village Hall Committee, Village Hall, "8.15 p.m.
 Thur 28 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
 Sat 30 W.I. Christmas Bazaar

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 * This will be held on Saturday, 30th November - and not *
 * as erroneously printed in the fixture card. *
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 * It will be opened by Mrs. Joan Adams at 2.30 p.m. and *
 * admission will be 5 p for adults and 2 p for children *
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THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

Rectors The Reverend Allan Campbell M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham. (Tel, 7135)

N.B. The Parish Office is now in the Church, North Side.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services; 8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
10.00 a.m. Children's Service - 1st Sunday in the
month this service
is Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. MATTINS Series III '
(plus Holy Communion
on 3rd Sunday)
6.00 p.m. Evensong
Each Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' COLESHILL

Sunday Services: 9.00 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION
10.15 a.m. Sunday School
First Sunday 6.00 p.m. Evensong

Special Services

Friday November 1st. All Saints' Day, Festival Eucharist at 8 p.m.
Sunday November 10th. Remembrance Day Holy Communion as usual at 9 a.m.
Short Service and observance of silence at the
War Memorial beginning at 10.50 a.m.

St. Andrew's Mission Church, Winchmore Hill

2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Assistant Curate: The Reverend Michael Elliott, B.A., The Parsonage, Coleshill
(Tel: 4229)
Pro-Churchwardens: N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House (Tel: 6734)
D. Powell-Price, Coleshill Lodge (Tels 3949)
Hon. Treasurer: A.M.V. Panton, Wallers Oak (Tels 6183)
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Dryden, 14 Woodside Close, Amersham (Tel; 3449)
Brownies: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 5.30 p.m. - 6.45 p.m.
Guidess: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 6.45 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Choir: Thursday Evenings in Church at 7.00 p.m.
Mothers' Union; 3rd Thursday afternoon of every month at 2.30 p.m.