

October 1975

Pastoral Letter

My Dear Friends,

Once again the harvest has been safely gathered in. Well, most of it has. Some was lost when a spark from a machine set fire to several fields! We celebrate Harvest both in our worship at the harvest festival service and in our enjoyment of the harvest supper in the Village Hall. It's a time when we express our gratitude for the food, clothing and shelter we all too often take for granted, and also pause to remind ourselves how, despite all the advances in our technology, we are totally dependent upon those things over which we have no control at all: seasons, sunshine and showers.

The moment in which we are conscious of being well provided for, is also the moment in which to remember that not all the world shares our good fortune. Disastrous droughts and floods have ruined the harvests of many nations. The recent television documentary, "Five Minutes to Midnight" showed the horrifying extent to which malnutrition and starvation have become facts of life to so many people.

Part of that documentary was concerned to ask the man in the street what he felt about the responsibility of the developed nations like ourselves in this situation. A large proportion of those interviewed insisted that our primary responsibility is to ourselves: that we must solve our own problems of economics and deprivation before we can give consideration to the problems of others.

Those who respond in this way may be doing so from two totally different points of view. The response may be a selfish and arrogant one which insists that those of us in the developed nations must take an even larger slice of the cake at the expense of those who are already suffering: that we must acquire more possessions, more resources, more wealth before we can afford to be generous to others.

Or it can mean that what we need to do to enable our world to survive is to look very closely at our objectives, our values and our lifestyle and change both ourselves and our society where we are being wasteful, extravagant or destructive. That is the human responsibility of all who care passionately about life and justice.

But of the Christian a further commitment is demanded; the commitment we see demonstrated in the life of Jesus and in the lives of countless of his followers - people like Francis of Assisi, Charles de Foucauld and Mother Theresa - to share the sufferings of humanity so that all humanity can have abundant life.

Michael Elliott

HOLY BAPTISM

20th July Vincent Michael Przybylak  
Maureen Ann Hook  
Jacqueline Carol Hook

31st August Elizabeth Jane Eardley

HOLY MATRIMONY

11th June Ian Geoffrey Panton and Joanne - Susan Debney  
23rd August Vincent Michael Przybylak and Maureen Ann Hook  
23rd September Charles Henry Pusey and Gillian Anne Hansford

BURIALS

20th June Daisy Stella Fox  
24th June Margaret E.L. Boston  
22nd September Flora Louise Bowler

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret E.L. Boston

Friends were saddened on June 20th to learn of the death of Miss Margaret Boston, who, with her sister, moved to Coleshill from Great Missenden in 1956, and who since that time has made such a wonderful contribution to the life of the village. She was a dedicated churchwoman and an accomplished gardener, whose many talents included needlework and painting. The funeral service was conducted by her niece's husband, the Rt Revd John Habgood, Bishop of Durham, who in his address referred to Peg Boston's love of life, her courage and persistence in her battle against deafness and her inspiring influence on the lives of others. She is deeply missed by all who knew her.

Geoffrey Fox

The sudden death of Geoffrey Fox of Chase Close while on holiday in Devonshire has shocked his many friends. His death occurred only a year after he retired from an executive position with British Rail. •• His work on the Coleshill Residents' Association is well known where his knowledge as a surveyor was invaluable. He will be sadly missed. The Funeral Service was held at All Saints' Church on Monday, 16th June, followed by cremation.

George Brackley

George Brackley, who died in Amersham Hospital after a protracted and bravely borne illness on the 16th July, will be greatly missed in the village. His quiet almost serene personality was reflected in his ardent hobby of bird watching. As he peacefully strolled up and down Barrack Hill with his binoculars, he gave out a feeling of "all is well with the world" so long as nature has some sway.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives of all the deceased.

### CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING

At the meeting on Wednesday, September 24th, a number of important issues were discussed including the latest scheme for pastoral reorganisation which would place Coleshill in a new parish with Perm, Penn Street and Winchmore Hill.

The meeting also discussed experimental changes in Services in All Saints. It was agreed that for a period of three months the choir should be seated at the back of the Church adjacent to the organ; and that the 1662 Service on the First Sunday of the month should be sung to the music of Merbecke. At the end of this experimental period these changes are to be reviewed.

### CLOCK FUND

Many people have commented on how much they miss the clock in the Church tower striking the hours. The clock has been stopped for some months and the firm who undertake its maintenance say that they cannot complete repairs without scaffolding first being erected. This is a costly business - at least £60 for the scaffolding alone - and the Church is unable to meet the cost from its funds. The quinquennial survey on the Church has been completed recently and there are numerous repairs which need to be carried out as a matter of priority. Just paying the regular bills like heat and light eats up our resources in this inflationary era.

So, if the clock is to chime again, it can only be through the goodwill of village residents who would like to make a donation to our Clock Fund. Donations marked in this way should be handed to Mr. Elliott, or sent to the Treasurer, Mr. A.M.V. Panton at Waller's Oak.

### FAREWELL

On Sunday, August 10th, the congregation of All Saints bid farewell to David Powell-Price and his mother, both of whom have devotedly supported the Church. David had been pro-Churchwarden for a number of years, and in making a presentation on behalf of the congregation during the Sunday service Mr. Elliott paid tribute to David's hard work and helpfulness and to his mother's support of a number of village organisations including W.I.

Most residents will be aware that David has been appointed headmaster of Granville College, a Woodard Foundation School at Bideford. He recently wrote to the congregation to say that he and his mother had settled well into their new home, and that they had bought a very elegant set of table mats with the congregation's gift, which they will bring out whenever Coleshill friends care to visit them!



## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - 1975

It is a matter for congratulation that Coleshill has been awarded the Michaelis Cup for 1975. This cup is open to villages who have won one of the other cups (based on the size of their populations) during the previous three years. After a village has entered for the Michaelis Cup for three years it reverts to its former population class, which in the case of Coleshill would mean the Morris Cup open to villages with a population of 501 to 1,000.

The points awarded for the Michaelis Cup were:

Coleshill (Chiltern)	97
Medmenham (Wycombe)	96
Willowbank (Beaconsfield)	95
Weedon (Aylesbury)	91

A special sign for the Michaelis Cup has replaced the former sign for the Morris Cup erected near the Village Pond. This was made by a student of the High Wycombe College of Technology some 5 years ago.

During the Horticultural Show on the 13th September, Sir Francis Dashwood, Bart, President of the County of Bucks Association of Local Councils, presented the Cup to Mr. D.R.M. Curling, Chairman, Coleshill Parish Council. In the course of an amusing speech, Sir Francis told us where we had scored and how we had slipped up. In reply, Mr. Curling thanked Sir Francis and said how honoured he was to be associated with a village whose residents willingly gave so much of their time to its welfare.

## PARISH COUNCIL

We are indebted to Mr. D.R.M. Curling, Chairman, for the following notes about the activities of the Parish Council during the past year.

In a nutshell, they watch over the general welfare of the village. For instance, they are trying to get the village made a conservation area, although, being in the Green Belt, any building will be kept to a minimum. As their representative, Mrs. Stevens has attended several meetings re the A.404 road.

As regards public transport and the local bus service," the Council are doing their best to arrange a reasonable service, particularly in view of the talk that there is a danger of losing the Beaconsfield service.

At the present time, the north side of Tower Road from but not including Springfield to the Water Tower is in Amersham. This seems an anomaly, and subject to residents' approval, the Council propose to make representations that the north side shall be included in Coleshill.

There has been much talk about the noise made by aircraft using the new flight paths and the Council has co-operated wholeheartedly with the efforts of the Amersham Chesham Aircraft Campaign to remedy the position.

The care of the Common is always before the Council, and, through their efforts, the dangerous turning into Tower Road has been improved by better marking.

## COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society's 30th Annual Show on Saturday, 13th September, was opened by Mrs. Woolacott. She told us that she and Mr. Woolacott used to listen on the radio to Mr. Middleton's good advice in the days when the slogan was "Dig for Victory". Looking around at the exhibits, one might have thought that we were still not only digging, but preserving and cooking for victory too.

Exhibits totalled an amazing 552 - 164 more than last year. The number of entries in all sections was up and in addition, there was a new class for Senior Citizens hand-made articles. Judging proved very difficult owing to the very high standard of every entry in this class.

Mr. Woolacott kindly presented the cups to the following - the Grindley Cup for vegetables to Mrs. Coales, The Jerram Cup for vegetables in the open class to Mrs. Woolacott, (clearly Mr. Middleton's advice was good), the Woolacott Vase for the artistic and decorative section to Mrs. Ferguson and the Cotswold Cup for flowers to Mrs. Ovington for a remarkable fourth consecutive year. The Coleshill Cup for preserves was won jointly by Mrs. Line and Mrs. Hesford, and Mrs. Cossey was the winner of the Ovington Rosebowl for the best single rose, and the Edmond Waller Cup for pastries. The Wheatsheaf Cup was won this year by Rachel Wege, and Kerry Ferguson was awarded the Wand-Tetley nature book for his collection of pressed wild flowers.

It was very encouraging to the Committee to see so many new names amongst the entrants this year and we feel that this reflects a new interest in the Society. We do thank you all for making it such an impressive show this year and we hope you'll continue to support us. A big thank you also to Mr. Griffiths for a splendid auction.

We would ask just one thing of exhibitors. Please start earlier with staging your exhibits. As you will appreciate there is much activity during the latter part of Saturday morning and so we would ask that you arrive before the judges. Very few people take advantage of the fact that we are in the hall for staging exhibits from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Friday evening.

We shall be holding a social evening again in March next year. Details will appear in a later Newsletter, but, meanwhile, don't throw out those mysterious objects dug up in the garden.

D.M.H.

### JUMBLE SALE - 3rd OCTOBER

A record of over ninety pounds was realized at the Jumble Sale for the funds of the Village Hall - badly wanted in view of the repairs and decoration which the Committee have in mind. Many thanks are due to all those concerned.

## 1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Last term Anna Horsbrugh-Porter, Sally Lee and Sharon Reavey were enrolled in Grove Mill garden. Joanna Swerling gained a Farmer's Badge, Eileen Davis a Gymnast badge and Rachel WJege a Toymaker badge in the holidays. The Snowdrops gained a Patrol enterprise pennant for their sideshow at the Village Fete which they organised themselves, incorporating the Kingfishers to help run it. Guides also gave service by helping with the Amersham East Brownie Revels and the Gala Day at Coleshill House.

During the term we had camp training from our Commissioner and at Whitsun a day in Hertfordshire Wood.

Four Guides camped in Sussex with Amersham Guides and one very bravely with the Northwood Hills Guides who camped in Coleshill.

Two hikes with outdoor cooking, arranged by the Guides themselves, took place in the holidays.

D.V., we start next term on 15th September and hope to have three recruits, Jane Milem, Nicola Reavey and Kay Speller all coming up from the 1st Coleshill Brownie Pack. We shall then number 12, so hope to start a new Patrol. Sometime this term we hope to have a joint Coffee evening with the Brownies to which everyone will be very welcome.

The Coleshill Women's Institute presented the Company with a cheque for £5 to celebrate their Diamond Jubilee Year, a pleasant gesture which we much appreciate.

H.J.M.C.

## 1st COLESHILL BROWNIES

Towards the end of last term four Brownies passed the Athlete badge and sixteen Brownies now have their First Aid badge. The Brownies entertained some ladies from Coleshill House plus four guests from the Coleshill and Winchmore Hill Old Peoples' Club on their last meeting which was on the 14th July, and Glare Wilson was enrolled so it was a busy evening all round.

This term we have lost Kay Speller, Nicola Reavey and Jane Mileham to Coleshill Guides and Naomi Timberlake who has gone to join Holmer Green. Consequently we have needed to do a little shifting around. The new sixer of the Elves is Julie Edwards and the seconder Susanna Davies. The new sixer of the Imps is Ruth Jerram transferred from the Sprites (where she was a seconder) and the new seconder is Lois Plumridge. Acting sixer of the Pixies is Melanie Weller with Pauline Barber as seconder and we have an acting seconder in the Sprites. Fifteen Brownies in all with a new recruit joining us before the end of the month.

Judith Richardson gained her Singer badge at the beginning of the summer holidays and Rhiannon Proctor her Cook badge just before the end of term.

Our continuing thanks are due to Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Farmer who do a lot of testing for us and while we are on the "thanks" subject we are very grateful to members of the Mothers' Union who always rise to the occasions nobly whenever "food" is needed at our meetings.

Gaynor Richardson  
Brown Owl

#### THE COLESHILL CLUB

One serious subject occupied our thoughts during an otherwise lighthearted summer. This was a talk in May by 'Margaret', a member of the local team of Samaritans. Her vivid account of the many types of problems they deal with and the help they give those in distress filled us with admiration for their wonderful work.

In July we were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Coales to hold our meeting at Grove Mill. The lovely weather allowed us to sit in the garden and enjoy the lovely view and surroundings as we talked and had tea.

Having had a successful half-day's outing to Dunstable Downs in June we felt able to contemplate a day trip to the seaside. At the end of July fifty of us, including many non-members, spent the day in Brighton. The weather could have been a lot kinder, but this did not spoil our pleasure and we particularly enjoyed having some young people in the party.

On October 15th - a Wednesday afternoon - we have decided to hold an open meeting so that anyone interested in the activities of the club can share an afternoon with us. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall, cups of tea and an opportunity for friendly discussions. If you can, please join us in the Village Hall, October 15th between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

M.W.

#### NEWS FROM MAGILA

Sister Edith Frances write very gratefully both for the cheque, for £20 sent from All Saints' Church and for the blankets. She says that the money is more than ever valuable these hard times and the blankets delighted the nurses who love to snuggle the babies into them, especially in the early morning when it is chilly.

The Maternity Hospital has been especially busy with many babies being underweight due to the mothers suffering from malnutrition. The doctor also tells of some of the difficulties encountered in the operating theatre. One emergency operation was delayed because the supply of electricity failed - this was traced to a snake having caused a short circuit in the fuse box. Life is never dull in Magila.

A large parcel is on its way to Africa. It contains twelve blankets and eighteen Green Shield stamp books. Grateful thanks are due to those who supply wool or knit the squares, to those who make the baby crochet blankets, to Mrs. Ware who makes up the squares and to those who still so generously supply the stamps. They come not only from Coleshill and Amersham but also from Amersham Hospital, from Wales, from Scotland, from Kent and from other distant places. Thank you all.

M.W.

## INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY WEEK-END

This is an event organised by the Churches of Amersham for overseas students, twice a year.

Coleshill Village has been approached, through Mrs. Dora Post, to take part in this hospitality on Sunday, November 9th. The students and their hosts would arrive at Coleshill at 3 p.m., and, if fine, be taken for a short excursion, to arrive back at the Village Hall at about 4 p.m. for tea and cakes.

Mrs. Post has already received kind offers of help for making cakes etc. and serving teas from U.I. members and would welcome any further promises.

Nothing more is entailed, and the students and hosts would leave again about 5 p.m.

Promises of help will be gratefully received by Mrs. Post, Penridge, (Am. 7039) who feels sure Coleshill Village would like to be connected this year with the event.

## GOLESHILL C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Over 100 parents and friends attended the Open Evening and Concert in Coleshill First School on July 2nd.

The Headteacher, Miss B.A. Davison, in her opening remarks, referred to the need to care for the Village in order to preserve its beauty for coming generations. To do this children need to know something of its interesting history.

Mr. J.R. Edwards, the Assistant Divisional Education Officer, who presented books to leavers, continued this theme in a very amusing story about the Amersham Quakers and Coleshill Village when the latter was still part of Hertfordshire.

The children who received prizes were Stephen Wright, Susan Williams, Roger Meeks, Elaine Timms, Michael Nicholls, Zoe Horsbrugh-Porter and Kim Ferguson.

Zoe Horsbrugh-Porter presented Mrs. Edwards with a bouquet of flowers grown in the school garden and Michael Nicholls and Roger Meeks presented Mr. Edwards with paper-weights made by the leavers.

## Harvest Thanksgiving

On Wednesday, September 23rd, parents and friends joined the children for their annual Harvest Thanksgiving in school. The beautiful display of produce was later sold in aid of the National Children's Home and £7.25 was realized. It was a happy occasion enjoyed by all those present.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

The Group under the able direction of Patsy Wright-Warren and Anne Chenevix-Trench is mounting a production of Somerset Maugham's "The Noble Spaniard" on Friday, December 5th, and Saturday, December 6th.

Parishioners will remember with pleasure last year's production in November and the Group's contribution to the Spring Festival, in April. The December play is one of Somerset Maugham's most scintillating comedies and promises to be a splendid evening's entertainment.

The venue is at the Village Hall at 8 o'clock on both nights. Be sure to inform your relatives and friends in Amersham, Chesham, Beaconsfield and the surrounding district as they will not wish to miss this most enjoyable production. Further announcements will be issued later on in the local press.

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+ SPECIAL NOTICE +  
+ CHRISTMAS CARDS +  
+ The suggestion has been made that in the next number, to be produced +  
+ before Christmas, a notice should be inserted on the following lines; +  
+ "The following have intimated that this year they do not +  
+ propose to send out Christmas Cards locally but extend to +  
+ all their friends their very best wishes for Christmas +  
+ and a Happy New Year". +  
+ Anyone who would like their names to be included in the list are asked +  
+ to give their names in block letters to Miss Boston, Mrs. Harvey, +  
+ Mrs. Ovington, Mr. Douglas Pusey or Miss Williams, in an envelope +  
+ together with 25p to cover the cost of production of the Newsletter +  
+ which amounts to quite a lot, including paper, cover, stencils and +  
+ occasional repairs to the duplicator. +  
+ For the time being it has been decided to publish the Newsletter four +  
+ times a year, Easter, a Summer number, an Autumn number and a Christmas +  
+ number, and the Editor would appreciate copy for the Christmas number +  
+ by the 17th NOVEMBER. (It is regretted that this number is a bit late) +  
+ The Newsletter is sent gratuitously to all those on the Church Register +  
+ and to others who have indicated that they would like a copy. To save +  
+ expense the Editor would like t'o hear from anyone who would like their +  
+ names removed from the roll - names to be handed to the ladies and +  
+ gentleman indicated above. +  
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ROYAL SOUTH BUCKS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The local winners 1975 were

Class 15	Spring Oats	4th Prize - F.D. Jarvis, Bury Farm, Amersham .
Class 16	Winter Barley	2nd Prize - R J Higgs, Quarrendon Farm, Amersham 3rd Prize - F D Jarvis, Bury Farm, Amersham
Class 19	Two acres of Kale	2nd Prize - R.J. Higgs, Quarrendon Farm, Amersham
Class 20	Four acres of Stubble	1st Prize - R.J. Higgs " " "

BUS TIME TABLE

A request has been received that the bus time-table for 1975 should be reproduced. The last schedule issued by the London Country Bus Services was dated 31st May 1975 and the only difference from that published in No. 30 of the Newsletter for July 1974 is that the service which last year started from Quill Hall Estate at 1642 has been altered. A bus now leaves Amersham Station at 1643 instead of 1650 (a very material alteration) and seven minutes have to be deducted from the previous time table.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

October

Thur 16 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill  
Thur 30 " " " "

November

Sun 2 PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist "  
6.00 p.m. Evensong Guest Preacher: The Reverend Krister Ottoson  
Education Secretary, British Council of Churches

Sun 9 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion.  
Coffee will be served in Church for parishioners  
wishing to wait for the Remembrance Day observance  
11.00 a.m. Service at the War Memorial.

Thur 13 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill  
W.I. - A.G.M.

Thur 27 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill

Sat 29 W.I. - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

December

Fri 5 Drama Group  
Sat 6 " "

Thur 11 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill  
W.I. - Christmas Party

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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

The Parish Office is now in the Parish Church of St. Mary's North Side,

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services      8.00 a.m.      Holy Communion (1662)  
                                 10.00 a.m.      Holy Communion (Series 2)  
                                 11.00 a.m.      Matins  
                                 6.00 p.m.      Choral Evensong  
  
Each Wednesday      10.00 a.m.      Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' COLESHILL

Sunday Services      9.30 a.m.      Parish Communion  
                                 10.45 a.m.      Sunday School  
                                 6.00 p.m.      Evensong (First Sunday only)

Sunday, November 2nd: PATRONAL FESTIVAL

9.30 a.m.      Sung Eucharist  
6.00 p.m.      Evensong      Guest Preachers  
                                 The Revd Krister Ottosson  
                                 Education Secretary, British Council of Churches

Sunday, November 9th: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.30 a.m.      Parish Communion -  
                                 Coffee will be served in Church for parishioners  
                                 wishing to wait for the Remembrance day  
                                 observance.  
11.00 a.m.      Service at the War Memorial

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH Winchmore Hill

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

Assistant Curates      Michael Elliott M. Div., The Parsonage, Coleshill (Tel: 4229)

Pro-Churchwardens:      N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House, Coleshill (Tels 6734)

J.J.G. Chenivix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill (Tel: 6734)

Hon. Treasurers      A.M.V. Panton, Wallers Oak, Goleshill (Tel: 6183)

Hon. Secretarys      Mrs. J. Dryden, 14 Woodside Close, Amersham (Tel: 3449)

Choir:      Thursday Evenings in Church at 7.00 p.m.

Brownies:      Monday Evenings in the Hall at 5.30 p.m. - 6.45 p.m.

Guides:      Monday Evenings in the Hall at 6.45 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Mothers' Union      3rd Thursday afternoon of every month at 2.30 p.m.

Coleshill Club      3rd Wednesday      "      "      "      "      "