

September 1967

My Dear Friends,

As I begin to write these notes, I am very conscious of the younger section of our congregation just returned from the annual Choir and Sunday School outing on August 10th.

A member of the Sunday School tells about the enjoyable outing on another page, so I am free to think over the many Sunday School outings in which it has been my privilege to participate over a great many years spent in India. One that was unique and stands out in memory was so in the mode of transport, for we travelled first by railway train to Nellore and from there to Christ Church, Nellore by 'bus. Here the gathering assembled for Morning Prayer as most fitting for a congregation, and it was no mutilated version of the Office - we even had two hymns (but no sermon).

Then we boarded another public 'bus and rattled along in fine style to Krishnapatum, 17 miles further along the coast. From here we boarded flat-bottom country boats and sailed into the estuary (quite an extensive one) right out in the blues and in due course arrived at the Traveller's bungalow on an island in the backwater. It was indeed a large bungalow fully furnished. The ladies in the party who had preceded us had the tables laden with a most appetising meal of Biriani Pallow. This is a dish made of rice, large gobbets of succulent mutton cooked together with spices, and is the meal usually served on special occasions. All this is topped up with a sauce made from curds and spices and cocoa-nut milk. There was no limit to the helpings, either, but there was a limit to what even a very hungry child could hold.

After lunch, we paddled in the shallows. I have never seen such beautiful beaches in my life - long stretches of golden sands stretching for endless miles, water crystal in clearness and no wastage of commercialism anywhere, the only life being the lonesome calls of the shore birds - curlew, pelican, golden plover, the lesser waders, crabs in full dress all going about their lawful business. In the water itself there were myriads of snail fish. Some of our youthful anglers soon had strings of them on primitive tackle and they proved delicious when fried for tea. Even without the chips, they proved delectable - and they cost not a nickel.

There was no transistor radio in those days, but the har-

monica more than made up for this and we had a real sing-song on the way home. We were truly tired and thanked God for all His goodness and the pleasure He had given us in this part of His vineyard.

W.L.H.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Sept. 3	Miss Malyan	17	Mrs. Chenevix Trench
10	Mrs. Long Brown	24	Miss Boston

OUR PARISH CHURCH

Our beautiful Parish Church of St. Mary, Amersham, is a priceless heritage. It was built 750 years ago and the first Rector was William de Faconbridge who was appointed in 1222, i.e. during the reign of Henry III. Over the years the Church has been repaired, restored and decorated and the various styles of architecture are shown by -

The main portion of the Nave & Transepts	13th Century	Early English
Western Bay of Nave, North and South Aisles	14th Century	Decorated
Tower, North Chapel, South Porch	15th Century	Perpendicular
Drake Memorial Chapel, Priests Vestry	18th Century	Reproduction of ancient styles
Choir Vestry and South Chapel	19th Century	-do-

Approximately every 100 years a major operation is carried out, the last being in 1878. Recently it became evident that complete restoration was imperative and a survey revealed that the following work had to be done:-

	<u>Estimated cost</u>
Repairs to exterior stonework	£2,500
Roof	1,500
Interior repairs and redecoration	3,000
Heating	2,500
Electrical	1,500
Other works	2,000
Pees	1,000
	<u>£14,000</u>

In 1965, the Rector and Churchwardens, on behalf of the Parochial Church Council, made an urgent appeal for this £14,000 and there was a gratifying response. To date, restoration work has been completed as follows:-

Restoration of stone work, 3r,st Window  
Relighting and rewiring of the Chancel

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Restoration of the Chancel and Chancel roof  
Redecoration of the Chancel  
Removal of the top of the Chancel Screen

Summer 1966

Rewiring and relighting of the rest of the Church and Vestries

Autumn 1966/Spring 1967

Repairing of lead roofs

Now it transpires that the roof damage is much more serious than was apparent at the first inspections. Dry rot infestation in the roof of the organ chamber is far more widespread than expected and wet rot and beetle attacks are involved - an insidious and deadly combination. The following work must, therefore, be carried out **immediately** and certainly before the **winter**:-

Renew the roof over the organ which is unsafe due to dry rot fungus

Spray against death watch beetle and furniture beetle in the roofs of the Nave, N, & S. Aisles, **N. & S. Transepts**, Clergy Vestry and Tower

Repair defective and dangerous stonework

This additional work on the roofs alone will cost over £3000 and the money is not **available**, but all who love our beautiful Parish Church, where the people of **Amersham** have worshipped for generations, will agree that the money must be raised. The Rector, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council are giving their earnest consideration to this **immediate** financial problem and will make their **suggestions** to the Parish after the **summer** holidays.

In the meantime, it has been decided that we who attend our local Church should be given the opportunity of showing our sympathy with the cause by devoting the collections at the Harvest Festival to **St. Mary's** restoration fund. Harvest **Festival** will be celebrated on Sunday October 8th and parishioners are asked to give generously on this occasion.

It has also been suggested that after Christmas, i.e. after local arrangements as planned have been carried out, we should hold a social evening function for the benefit of the restoration fund, when the support of the people from **Amersham** and **Coleshill** should be invited. If this suggestion is adopted, an announcement will be made later.

## 22nd ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW

As announced, the Coleshill Village Horticultural Society is holding its 22nd. Annual Show on Saturday, September 9th, and schedules and entry forms can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. M. Rann, Red Lion Cottages, Coleshill.

Division 1 is open to residents who cultivate their own garden and allotment holders of Coleshill, and there are 17 classes of vegetables in Section 1 of this Division, all eligible for the Grindley Cup.

Division 2 comprises the open classes and in this Division there are the following sections and challenge cups:-

Sec.2 Vegetables)	The Jerram Cup	Sec.5 Pastries	Edmond Waller
3 Fruit )			Cup
4 Preserves	The Coleshill Cup	6 Children	Wheatsheaf Cup
		7 Flowers	Cotswold Cup
	Best single rose	The Ovington	Rose Bowl

Subject to this year's results, these Cups will be perpetual, but holders for 3 years will be awarded a small cup or other token.

All entries should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Wednesday, Sept. 6th on the official form, and all exhibits must be in the village hall by 10a.m. on Saturday, Sept 9th. The hall will be open to receive exhibits from 7 to 9p.m. on Friday Sept 8th and on the Saturday from 7.30 to 10a.m..

### VILLAGE HALL

In response to a number of suggestions, the Village Hall Committee propose to arrange the following functions during the next few months and details will be issued later:

- Sun. Sept 3. Cricket Match, Ladies v. Coleshill C.C. 2.30p.m. Mrs. Rupert is now collecting a team for this popular even and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. Set teas will be served and there will be a raffle
- Fri. Oct 27 Jumble sale. Readers are asked to reserve for the sale treasures which they can spare
- Fri. Nov 17 Wine and cheese tasting party and tombola
- Fri. Dec. 8 Whist Drive

The Committee are using their best endeavours to cater for as many tastes as possible and hope that the above functions will result in a worthwhile increase in the funds which are required to keep the village hall in a good state of repair and decoration, the hall being an essential centre for local meetings. Nevertheless, donations are invited and should be sent to Mr. J. Browne, 31 Grove Road, Amersham. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

## COLESHILL - BEST KEPT VILLAGE AGAIN

The welcome announcement has been made that, for the 3rd year in succession and the 4th time in 5 years, Coleshill has won the Morris Cup awarded by the Bucks Association of Parish Councils for the Best Kept Village in the 500/1000 population range, with 66 points out of a possible 70.

The other awards were:

Richings Park, Iver De Fraine Cup Pop. over 1000.65 points  
Chenies Gurney Cup Pop. under 500. 68 points

Lord Carrington will present Cups to the winners on Thursday, August 31st at 4.15p.m.

## ROYAL SOUTH BUCKS AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

This Association has announced the following awards for 1967 and others are to follow:-

Class 6 His late Majesty King & George VI's Challenge Cup with replica presented by Her Majesty the Queen to the farmer farming not less than 75 acres of land who shall show the best cultivated farm (excluding livestock) on the whole of his arable land:

1st. E.H.Grindley, Luckings Farm, Coleshill

Class 7 The Clifton Brown Challenge Bowl for the best stock farm over 75 acres (including all livestock):

1st. E.H.Grindley, Luckings Para, Coleshill

Class 12 For the best 4 acres of winter wheat grown in one piece:

2nd. E.H.Grindley, Luckings Farm, Coleshill

Class 13 For the best 4 acres of winter or spring oats grown in one piece:

2nd. R.J.Higgs, Quarrendon Farm, Amersham

Class 14 For the best 4 acres of winter barley grown in one piece:

3rd. F.D.Jarvis, Bury Farm, Amersham

Class 15 For the best 4 acres of spring barley grown in one piece:

2nd. D.A.Pusey, Rushyhead Cottage, Coleshill

Class 16 For the best 4 acres of spring wheat grown on one piece:

1st, F.T.Francis & Son, Red Bam Farm, Amersham

Class 34 For the best one year ley

3rd. E.H.& Grindley, Luckings Farm, Coleshill

## CHOIR AND SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

The v/eather report was not particularly promising for our annual outing to Littlehampton; however, we started off on a fine day, but fully prepared for the worst. Both the coach and party were most punctual, so at 7a.m. we set off and proceeded to make such good time that our usual half-way house for refreshments was still barred and shuttered when we arrived at 8.25a.m.

Having decided to await its opening at 8.45 the children were delighted to run around releasing some of the pent up energy and when eventually refreshed, we were on our way again taking the same route as last year through Arundel; noting that the River Arun was at low tide, we knew this would ensure a good stretch of sandy beach for the children.

On arrival at Littlehampton around 10.30a.m. we split up into 2 or 3 parties to find suitable accommodation on the beach, and there we stayed for the majority of the day with the exception of our organiser, Mr. C. Saunders, who had been invited to spend the day with the Revd. Cox and his wife Nancy (née Brackley) who many of our parishioners know, and will be pleased to hear are very well. By mid afternoon, the sun was blazing forth delighting old and young and enticing most to the edge of the water and many to enjoy jumping and splashing in the breakers. The afternoon was wound up with a short visit to the funfair before we met again at 6p.m. to start off for home, again stopping halfway at the wooden Bridge Hotel for refreshments. An appetising supper of fish and chips was financially provided by our organist, Mr. Ward. We were extremely sorry that both he and the Revd. Holder were unable to join us due to ill-health and we pray that they will soon be restored to good health.

The coach arrived back at Coleshill around 9.15p.m. with a very sleepy load on board but not a tearful face among them. A most successful and enjoyable day had been had by all.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thur.	Aug 31	Presentation of Cups to Best Kept Villages by Lord Carrington at 4.15p.m.
Sun.	Sep. 3	Cricket Match Ladies v. Coleshill C.C. 2.30p.m.
Tues	5	Sisterhood - Mrs. M. Spooner Village Hall Committee - 8.15p.m.
Sat	9	Coleshill Horticultural Society 22nd Annual Show
Thurs	14	Mobile Library Van - Coleshill W.I. Miss Iris Ballard "The Theatre"
Tues	18	Sisterhood - Mr. A.E. Barnes
Thurs.	21	Mothers Union. Mrs. Elkerton. Coleshill
Tues	26	All Saints Church Committee op.m.
Thurs	28	Mobile Library Van - Coleshill
Wed.	Oct 4	124th Annual Show, Royal Stn Bucks Agri. Association

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## SERVICES

### ALL SAINTS COLESHILL

#### Every Sunday

9.00a.m. Parish Communion  
10.00a.m. Sunday School

#### 2nd & 4th Sundays

6.00p.m. Evensong

### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AMERSHAM

8.00a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00a.m. Family Service  
6.00p.m. Evensong

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS (contd)

Sun. Oct 8 HARVEST FESTIVAL  
Thur. 5 Service in Westminster Abbey "Telling the World"  
Fri 27 Jumble Sale in aid of the Village Hall  
Fri. Nov 17 Wine and Cheese party in aid of the Village Hall  
Fri. Dec 8 Whist Drive in aid of the Village Hall

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