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'O God', 'Christ', 'Lord', 'Jesus', 'God Almighty' - how often have you had the painful experience of hearing these most holy words used without any intention of addressing the Deity? We Christians might well ask how it is possible for anyone to take the Name of the God of limitless power and majesty and unutterable love and use it as an expletive or common swear-word.

Among non-Christians this is sometimes done out of sheer ignorance or thoughtlessness, but at other times it is done deliberately as a calculated insult either to God himself or those who profess to follow him. Of course it is an insult to both, but it is the affront to the holiness of God that it so mortally serious. Perhaps we don't hear enough these days of the Ten Commandments, and one of them runs thus: 'You shall not utter the Name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his Name to misuse it'.

It is clear that there will be punishment for every time the non-Christian blasphemes in this way, unless his heartfelt repentance and determination to amend intervenes. How much more serious will it be then for the Christian who does this, subject as he is to the teaching, grace, fellowship and example which living the Christian life involves? Who would think of using the name of his own mother or wife, whom he is supposed to love always less than God, as a swear-word? The use many times of the most sexually obscene of words is a lighter offence than knowingly to misuse any of those most holy Names I mentioned at the beginning. 'Dear God, give me grace to love you that I may never misuse your most holy Name'.

MRS ELLEN SAUNDERS

I saw our late churchwarden's wife at Ascot recently where she's in an orthopedic hospital (you remember she had a fall at a nursing home in Denham and broke her leg). She seemed quite well and looked forward to coming out of hospital within the not-too-distant future.

J. S. Nightingale,

JUMBLE SALE

This year, the jumble sale in aid of the Village Hall will be held earlier than usual, namely on Friday 26 September from 7 to 8.30 p.m.

People are asked to review what treasures can be spared and to place them on one side, excluding bedsteads. They should be sent to the Village Hall on Thurs 25 Sept from 2.30 - 8p.m. and requests for transport should be made to Mrs Browne (Amersham 4940) or Mrs Ovington (Amersham 5233)

WELCOME TO COLESHILL

Mr and Mrs Macbeth came to live at Lands Farmhouse this summer. We hope they and their two sons will be very happy here.

WHY BOTHER WITH GREEN-SHIELD STAMPS?

Here is the answer - i.e. a letter from Mr Evers who is in charge of the scheme for the USPG. 'Thank you yet again for your welcome gift of stamp books. Will you please express our gratitude to our excellent friends who do so much to support us. This very day Doctor Ursula Hay and Sister Felicity CSP. (in charge at Magila Hospital) are out shopping at the surgical instrument suppliers choosing the instruments they most urgently need. I have suggested that they spend up to £30. This is an act of faith really, as I have only about £25 in hand! I hope the invoice will not come in just yet!'

A further note of thanks - an anonymous gift of £5 was sent to us for Magila. This has been lost gratefully received by the hospital and has been used to improve the mattresses in the women's ward to the great benefit of the patients.

NUMBERS

White South Africans are outnumbered by Africans 4 - 1; white Rhodesians have set themselves the task of staying on top in a country where they are a minority in a ratio of 18 - 1. (Figures provided by the USPG Press Service)

ROYAL SOUTH LUCKS AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Grindley has sent in the following results affecting local farmers in the 1969 competitions:

<u>Best Cultivated Farm</u>	2nd: E.H.Grindley, Luckings Farm, Coleshill 3rd: G.D.Swerling, Brentford Grange Farm.
<u>Best Stock Farm</u>	3rd: E.H.Grindley, Luckings Farm
<u>Best Dairy Herd</u>	2nd: E.H.Grindley, Luckings Farm
<u>Best Winter Wheat</u>	2nd: R.J.Higgs, Quarrendon Farm
<u>Best Oats</u>	2nd: R.J.Higgs, Quarrendon Farm
<u>Best Winter Barley</u>	2nd: D.Jarvis, Bury Farm, Amersham
<u>Best Spring Barley</u>	1st: D.Jarvis, Bury Farm
<u>Best One-Year Hay</u>	4th: G.D.Swerling, Brentford Grange Farm

THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

By opening their gardens at Hertfordshire House to the general public Mr & Mrs Canfield have been able to raise £55 or thereabouts so far this year in the National Gardens Scheme to help retired district nurses.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WORK AMERSHAM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

A bridge drive has been arranged this month to help raise funds for this very deserving work. It will be at St. Michael's Hall, New Amersham from 7.30 - 11 p.m. on Wednesday 17 September (7/6d each, refreshments provided). If you're a bridge fiend please give it your support and book now with your parish priest or Mrs Newby at Little Chalfont 2992.

'BUSY BEES'

In a recent edition of the Bucks Examiner you will probably have seen a picture and a write-up of a thriving group of children called 'Busy Bees' who have been very active in Winchmore Hill for 18 months.

These children are members of the junior branch of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals and do a lot of good work to enable the Society to carry on caring for sick animals.

On August 14th Mr Fitter came down from the Society's headquarters in Dorking to present the children of our 'Red Squirrel Hive' with a pennant awarded for good work. The informal meeting was opened by Mrs Green, the Hive leader, who introduced Mr, Mrs & Master Fitter. Mr Fitter gave a talk on the work of the Society, how our 'Busy Bees' are helping and how their contributions are used. The 'Busy Bees' then presented Mr Fitter with a pen-and-pencil set and a bouquet for Mrs Fitter. A surprise came next in the form of a beautiful bouquet for Mrs Green presented on behalf of the hive by Miss Susan Bell. Next came a presentation by various members of the hive of 10 knitted animal blankets, 3,000 used postage stamps, 4 sacks of tin foil and a cheque for £3.12.4d.

Fifteen blue badges of honour and two special red badges were awarded to the children, and a very special badge was given to Miss Vera Hazlegrave for her wonderful work in knitting hundreds of squares to be made up into blankets, also other collections she makes of bottle tops and used stamps.

The meeting closed with refreshments being served while Mr Fitter chatted informally with the children, parents and friends.

The 'Busy Bees' are always living up to their name running raffles, jumble sales, concerts etc. as well as collecting pennies, bottle tops and used postage stamps (foreign and English). A small group have started a children's library service and a child-minding morning, and sweets,

cakes and garden produce have been sold. There is always plenty to be done.

Mrs Green (of Fagnall Lane) is always happy to see any youngster (aged from 4 to 80 years) who wants to help - they can join the P.D.S.A., and get their badge for 6d. and pay a six-monthly sub of 3/- for their own magazine. Blue, red and green badges of honour can be subsequently earned.

(Contributed by Mrs P. Green of Cherry-Tree Cottage, Fagnall Lane, Winchmore Hill; tel. Amersham 6669)

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Don't forget the Society's Annual Show to be held in the Village Hall at 2.30 on Saturday 13 September (adults 1/-, children 3d.) The entry forms, which can be had with a brochure from the village shops and pub, should be returned to Mr Rann of Red Lion Cottages not later than Wednesday 10 September. The Society hopes for a record number of entries this year. There will be a sale of produce at 4 o'clock and a prize-giving at half-past.

STILL GOING STRONG

Obviously the extravagant and much criticised amount of subscribers money the Post Office has laid out recently in a massive campaign to advertise the yellow pages at the back of the telephone directory must be well spent. For those sane yellow pages in the current (1968) local directory list the Fleur Do Lys, Coleshill, as a public house and a going concern complete with telephone. Rumour has it that the pub unfortunately closed in or about the year 1938, but the Post Office, undaunted, gave the alehouse a new number when the telephone became automatic this summer.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord.

(The collect for Monday in Holy Week from the American Prayer Book).

THE OUTING TO LITTLEHAMPTON

A coachful, 45 people in all, went on the annual outing this year on Thursday 14 August. It all went well until just after two o'clock when the rain came and didn't let up until after we'd left for home. But you can't always hope for good weather - it's a chance you take - and the journey there and back was often very pretty. Let's hope for

ter luck next year! But because of the bad weather this year and
ause Littlehampton offers so little to entertain one when it's wet,
would be well worth considering somewhere with a wider range of indoor
ertainments next year.

HOLY BAPTISM

The following were made Christians and members of God's family last
th:

Lucy Samantha Hatch, of Morrell Cottage, Winchmore Hill
William Hamish Lawrence, of 2 Chase Close, Coleshill

Our prayer for them is that, having received the grace of the Sacra-
it, they may by encouragement, help and exam_mple grow up to be fine
ristians.

CARDINALS

The Roman Catholic Church now has 134 Cardinals of the Sacred
Liege: 84 in Europe, 31 in North and South America, 10 in Asia, 7 in
rica, 1 in Australia and 1 in New Zealand.

R.I.P.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs Minnie Atzema of the Cottage,
leshill. She had been ailing for some time when very recently she fell
d broke her thigh. She died in Wycombe Hospital and her funeral took
ace at Amersham crematorium on Monday 11 August. May God in his mercy
ve her rest.

CALORIE LEVELS

In Britain, during the war, adults began to lose weight when rations
all below the 'adequate' level of 2,800 calories. The present level of
consumption in the British Isles is about 3,000 calories per head a day.
p the world's population 60% is at a calorie level below 2,200 and half
p these (30%) below 2,000.

DRYNESS

That man is perfect in faith who can come to God in the utter dearth
p his feelings and desires, without a glow or an aspiration, with the
eight of low thoughts, failures, neglects, and wandering forgetfulness,
ad say to him, 'Thou art my refuge'.

SEPTEMBER 13 (SAT.) ST MARY'S GARDEN PARTY - 2.30 p.m.
AT 66 AMERSHAM HIGH STREET.

WEDDING OF MISS SANDRA DENYER TO MR HENRY DAWSON

On Saturday 23 August Miss Sandra Denyer of Winchcombe, Winchmore Hill was married to Mr Henry Dawson in Coleshill Church at noon. There was a reception afterwards at the bride's house, and it was of course a happy occasion unspoilt by the indifferent weather. We wish them both every happiness and God's blessing throughout their lives. They have made their new home at Hughenden.

MR PAISLEY'S WORDS

'I think the blaspheming, cursing, spitting Roman scum were shewn up in their true light'.
Mr Ian Paisley, when he was waiting for his plane to Belfast at Heathrow on the evening of 22 January, after he had been at St. Paul's while Cardinal Heenan spoke inside.

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

On July 17 I felt very proud when, with *my* husband, I strolled in the gardens of Buckingham Palace as one of the guests from Buckinghamshire Villages, and very honoured to have been chosen by Coleshill Parish Council to pay this mark of respect to our Royal family.

We had very good views of the Queen and members of her family, and many of the members of the Diplomatic Corps with their ladies in beautiful native dress. The gardens were delightful, as were the flamingoes with their delicate pink colouring.

I was very glad to have the opportunity of representing Coleshill at such an occasion, and wish to express my thanks to the Parish Council

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

E.Stevens.

- September
- 1 (Mon) Football Club Fete at Winchmore Hill: 2 p.m.
 - 8 (Mon) The Nativity of St Mary the Virgin HC: 7.30p.m.
 - 11 (Thur) W.I. at 2.30: Talk on Medical Social Work. Mobile Library.
 - 13 (Sat) St Mary's Garden Party at 2.30 at 66, Amersham High Street.
Coleshill Horticultural Show at 2.30 in the Village Hall
 - 17 (Wed) Bridge Drive at St. Michael's Hall at 7.30p.m.
 - 18 (Thur) Mothers' Union meet at Coleshill. Speaker: Mrs Milroy
 - 21 (Sun) St Matthews' Day
 - 25 (Thur) Mobile Library
 - 26 (Fri) The Village Hall's Jumble Sale: 7 - 8.30p.m.
 - 29 (Mon) Michaelmas Day - HO 10a.m. & at St Michael's at 8 p.m.
 - 30 (Tues) No Eucharist at 10 a.m. at Coleshill (regretfully)

PLEASE PRAY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

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 6 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.

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.** HOLY 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.