

SEPTEMBER 1976

PASTORAL LETTER

My dear Friends,

It has been obvious to all thinking people that for some years, the world, and particularly this country, has been following the wrong ideals and going down the wrong road. Honesty and Truth have become submerged in dealings which can only be described as purely **Selfish**. It is long past time that we got back onto the right road, and adopted a way of life in which there is much more thought and love for other people than **self**. The Archbishop of Canterbury in a recent broadcast pointed out that "**man cannot live by bread alone**". It is surely time we took less note of all the material things that are dangerously advertised daily before **us**, and got down to a way of living in which God has a greater part to play, and I am sure God also desires that, if we will allow him to do **so**.

I wonder how many of you know Wilfred Owen's poem, written when he was surrounded by the carnage in the first world war? -

"So Abram rose, and clave the wood, and went,  
And took the fire with him, and a knife,  
And as they sojourned both of them together,  
Isaac the first born spake and said, My Father,  
Behold the **preparations**, fire and iron,  
But where the Lamb for this burnt offering?  
Then Abram bound the lad with belts and **straps**,  
And builded parapets, and trenches **there**,  
And stretched for the knife to slay his Son,  
When **Lo!** an angel called him out of heaven,  
Saying, Lay not thy hand upon the lad,  
Neither do anything to him, behold  
A Ram, caught in a thicket by its **horns**,  
Offer the Ram of price instead of him.  
But the old man would not so, but slew his Son  
And half the seed of Europe one by one."

It seems to me we are doing the same today. Cannot we listen to the angel calling out of heaven, and avert complete disaster?

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell,  
Rector.

HOLY BAPTISM. June 26th. Anna Catherine Panton, the daughter of Patrick Vivian and Angela Jane Panton.

HOLY MATRIMONY Brian William Ellis and Loveday Ann Pusey.

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, AMERSHAM

St. Marys is a medieval Church and throughout its long history, it has always been the centre of all and every activity in which the community has been interested and that is what we endeavour to preserve and encourage.

Much has been done in the last 13 years to repair, restore and revitalise the Church building itself, and this will go on steadily and patiently until all is in order. We had a set back some months ago when the wooden ridge of the South Porch Roof collapsed. The lead was removed and all the wood of the ridge and roof structure was found to be completely rotten. That has now been replaced with new timbers and steel girders, and recovered with lead, but at a cost of £2,500 (and note even church repairs have to pay V.A.T.!!). This on top of our current overdraft on the Fabric Funds is a disappointment, but not a disaster. The Quinquennial survey carried out in March gives us hope for the future, even though there are constant stone repairs, and also to be remembered that the wooden beams on which the bells (six bells we have in the tower) are showing signs of deterioration, and a good deal of movement in the masonry.

### VISITING

In the absence of a Coleshill Curate, church members are hoping to visit any newcomers to the Village, anyone who is sick, either at home or in hospital and anyone who just needs cheering up.

Would anyone knowing people in any of these categories please contact either:

Mrs- Horsbrugh-Porter      Tel: Amersham 4596  
or Mrs. Spencer                      Amersham 5857

### JUMBLE SALE

The usual Jumble Sale in aid of the Village Hall will be held on Friday, 1st October at 7.00 p.m.

Residents are asked to put on one side saleable articles, which they can spare and should deliver them to the Hall on Thursday, 30th September from 2.30 -8.00 p.m. If necessary transport can be arranged and application should be made to the hon. Secretary, Kiss Penny Weedon, or other members of the Committee.

### TAKE A "BREATH OF SPRING" LI AUTUMNAL NOVEMBER

The Village Drama Group will be presenting a full 3 act comedy on the evenings of Friday, 19th November and Saturday, 20th November, in the Village Hall.

Dame Beatrice runs a boarding house close to the Albert Memorial in Kensington. Mrs. Parry, Miss Hatfield, Dame Alice and a retired brigadier are her 'lodgers' and companions. Beatrice's devoted maid is late of Pentonville and an expert on furs.

Spend an enjoyable evening finding out how the plot thickens and hilarious situations develop.

W.I. ENTERTAINS DEPRIVED CHILDREN FROM ISLINGTON

Wednesday, 11th August, was a red-letter day for 32 children (ages from 3 - 11 yrs) brought by two very able Social Service workers - one male and one female.

The party of 38 (4 "Mums" were included) were met at Beaconsfield for a visit to Bekonscot Model Village. The wonder and delight on the faces of the children (both black and white!) was most rewarding and a happy hour was spent in glorious sunshine. The trains, as usual, were favourites, and the goldfish in the lake a close second.

By this time, everyone was dry, and in need of refreshment, and what a delight it was, on arrival at Mr. & Mrs. Emblow's house to find beakers of orange drinks laid out for the party. The children were delighted with Pat Emblow's donkeys, goat and "Lamb Chop". They scrambled over gates, "had a go" at grooming Pedro, the baby donkey, put their feet in the pond (having first gained permission) and queued up at the three 'loos', sometimes, I suspect more for enjoyment than necessity!!

The final stage was a super tea at Quarrenden Farm, and on arrival, the children found tables set out in the garden and they really got down to enjoying their tea which also included great favourites such as peanuts, crisps and ice-cream. There was a good crowd of W.I. members to wait on and look after the young visitors and I'm sure they felt rewarded for their efforts when they saw the general happiness of the children. One or two remarks must be recorded, however. One little boy said to Jean Higgs "Someone here stinks" not realizing he was on a farm with all the country odours! Another child didn't want ice-cream unless it was home-made, and a small girl rejected sandwiches saying "I don't like bread with stuff in between - I like bread and jam". After tea they were let loose and able to look at the swimming pool and all the interesting farm equipment. The "loos" were again in great demand, and soon after 5 o'clock the tired but happy party again boarded the coach for the return journey. Everyone agreed this was an "eye opener" for W.I. members and a happy and quite memorable occasion for everyone.

D.P.

COLESHILL CLUB

The recent activities of the Club are overshadowed by the sudden death of Mr. T. Line, He has been an invaluable member of the committee and he filled the post of Outings Secretary with efficiency and good humour. The success of the recent day trip to Eastbourne will always remind us of the hard work he and Mrs. Line put in on our behalf - we will miss him very much and we feel a deep sympathy for his family.

The small children of our village school visited us in June and we were enchanted by their acting and singing. We appreciate all the hard work that they and their teachers had put in for our pleasure.

A sunny July afternoon saw us wandering around Mrs. Coales' garden and enjoying the surroundings and views. We thank her for her hospitality.

The more sober side of life was considered in August when Heather Vaughan-Smith described her work as a Night Emergency Worker for the Social Services of a London Borough. This was followed by a short musical entertainment by Penny Weedon. On October 20th we hope to welcome members of the public to an Open afternoon and a Bring and Buy sale.

M.W»

## THIRTY FIRST COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SHOW

A number of Horticultural Shows up and down the country were cancelled this year and it is to the credit of this Village that our Annual Show took place as usual. Not only was the Show not cancelled but the display of fruit and vegetables gave little indication of the extraordinary drought of this summer.

The show was opened by Mrs. Rann who, with her family, has taken an interest in the Society for over 20 years, not only successfully exhibiting but also as wife to the previous secretary and as committee member. She was presented with a basket of flowers by Robin Vince.

Although, in some classes, the standard of vegetables and flowers was lower than previously, it has been a good year for fruit and this was reflected in the quantity and standard of entries in this section.

The Grindley Challenge Cup for vegetables in Division I was won by Mrs. Pauline Griffiths, whose entries included an incredible first prize for peas - and that with one pod to spare. We would be pleased to have more entries for vegetables in Division II which includes gardeners from outside the Village so perhaps members could encourage their friends to enter here. However this in no way detracts from Mrs. Coales' success in winning the Jerram Challenge Cup. She gained no less than 7 first prizes with vegetables well up to standard.

The floral art entries made a wonderful display on the stage this year. Mrs. Jackie Ferguson won the Woolacott Vase for the second year with Mrs. Gow a close second.

In the flower section, the Cotswold Challenge Cup was won again by Mrs. Ovington. Her entries were of a high standard which, being a close neighbour, I knew was achieved with the aid of washing up water. In this section too we would like to see more entries.

The competition for the best single rose was very keen with 21 entries and the Ovington Rose Bowl was deservedly won by Mr. S. Clifton, a near perfect bloom of Uncle Walter.

In the Senior Citizens' section the judges had a difficult task placing the remaining entries but the clear winner of the Windmill Bowl was Mrs. Collier for her Teddy Bear, beautifully stitched.

The Coleshill Cup for preserves was won by Mrs. Hesford and the Edmond Waller Cup for pastries by Mrs. Ferguson. The cakes, "fruit," madeira and sponge are still the most popular in this section but the classes introduced in the last two years - gingerbread, shortbread and cheese straws had very good entries.

This year, the children's cup was won outright by Eileen Davis who had more competition than ever. The children's entries were up by 40 and they did much to make the Show interesting and entertaining. I appreciate the effort which goes into them and hope that you will keep them coming.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who staged their entries on the **Friday** evening and **early** on Saturday morning which helps us greatly in the smooth running of the Show. We thank you too for giving so much of your produce for the auction which was very ably handled for us by **Gareth** Griffiths. The proceeds of the day, together with the donations from Patrons have ensured that there will be another Show in 1977.

D.H.  
Eon Secretary

Congratulations are extended to those responsible for the excellent arrangements.

M.

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1976

The results of the above Competition for 1976 were:

#### GURNEY CUP - Population under 500

Winners: Perm Street (Chiltern District)  
Runners up: Stoke Goldington (Milton Keynes District) )  
Bovingdon Green (Wycombe District; ) ed second place

#### MORRIS GUP - Population 501 - 1000

Winners: The Lee (Chiltern District)  
Runners up: Padbury (Aylesbury Vale District)

#### DEFRAINE CUP - Population over 1000

Winners: Wendoyer (Aylesbury Vale District)  
Runners up: Prestwood (Chiltern District)

#### MICHAELIS CUP

Winners: Weedon (Aylesbury Vale District)  
Runners up: COLESHILL (Chiltern District) } Tied for second place  
Bradenham (Wycombe District; }

#### SIR FRANCIS DASHWOOD TROPHY FOR ALLOTMENTS

Winners: Chenies (North Ward) (Chiltern District)  
Runners up: Great Kingshill (Wycombe District)

Arrangements will be made for the Runners up in each Class to receive a Certificate of Merit. This will be sent by post in due course.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Mrs. Lodge, Red Cross Commandant, tested 11 Guides for Home Nurse Badge, some for the first time and others renewing their badge, happily all passed and many thanks to Mrs. Wege who trained them.

At the Village Pete the Kingfishers ran a Dog Show which Mr. Weedon so kindly judged. It was a great success and added spice to the afternoon. The Snowdrops ran a sideshow called Find the Oasis. The Kingfishers gained a Patrol Enterprise Pennant for their effort.

Guides helped with the District Brownie Revels. We had a Sports Day one Saturday and Mrs. Harvey came and presented the prizes. Our photo taken on May 2nd by the Bucks Free Press appeared in July. In June we took part in a special Service at All Saints and helped with refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards. Our Mulberry Tree, planted in 1973, continues to survive despite the dry but sadly the one planted at Winchmore Hill was cut down by vandals some time ago.

The Brownies becoming Guides next term came to our last Meeting and some of them have taken part in a hike and a supper party (cooked by Guides) which took place in the holidays.

Beryl Smith attended a happy camp at Blacklands in Sussex with the 2nd Amersham on the Hill Company. Eileen Davis won the Wheatsheaf Cup at the Horticultural Show. Rachel Wege and Wendy Williams have left Guides but Wendy hopes to rejoin us when she is able.

Next term starts on 12th September 1976

H.J.M.C.

1st COLESHILL BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

The Brownies made a miniature garden with buried treasure under a black cat, inviting people to guess where the treasure was hidden, as their contribution to the Village Pete.

We had our District Revels at Grove Mill and this year it took the form of a Country Fair. Brownie Guiders from four Packs, plus kind Guide helpers ran the sideshows and we all dressed up for the occasion. The Local Association (which could be described as a supporters club for the Guide movement) kindly supplied hot dogs, cold drinks and delicious homemade cakes.

Amanda Lee was enrolled on 21st June and Elaine Timms on 5th July. Elaine was enrolled in Mrs. Eyres' garden which made a perfect setting. Sadly Ruth Jerram has left us and Pauline Barber became Sixer of the Imps in her place. Vanessa Seymour gained her House Orderly badge.

We had two meetings in Mrs. Eyres' garden which we appreciated and on 12th July we took posies to the ladies in Coleshill House. In June we took part in the special Service at All Saints and our picture appeared in the Bucks Free Press in July.

Next term Rhiannon Proctor, Pauline Barber, Susannah Davis and Melanie Weller will all be joining the Guides. The Guides are looking forward to having them but we shall be sorry to lose them and would like to thank them all, including Ruth Jerram and Kate Blunt (who has left the village) for the contributions they have made to help us to be a happy busy Brownie Pack.

Next term starts on 12th September and Mrs. Swerling is joining us as a Brownie Guider. Half term will be Monday 25th October.

Brown Owl

## BUS TIMETABLE

The London County Bus Services announce the following changes:

Services 332/398 (Amersham-Coleshill/Beaconsfield) Mondays to Fridays.

The 15.52 (not schooldays), 15.56 (schooldays), Quill Hall Estate to Beaconsfield and 15.33 (schooldays) Quill Hall Estate to Amersham Bus Garage are withdrawn.

New journeys will operate at 15.33 (not schooldays), 15.37 (schooldays) Quill Hall Estate to Beaconsfield. 16.50 (schooldays) Amersham Station to Beaconsfield. 16.49 (not schooldays) QHE to Beaconsfield.

The 17.08, 18.02, 18.56 Quill Hall Estate to Coleshill and the 19.49 Quill Hall Estate to Amersham Bus Garage will be withdrawn and replaced by journeys at 18.05, 19.05 Quill Hall Estate to Coleshill and 19.57 Quill Hall Estate to Amersham Bus Garage.

The 16.30 Beaconsfield to Quill Hall Estate and the 17.35 Coleshill to Quill Hall Estate will be replaced by new journeys as follows. 16.11 (schooldays) Beaconsfield to Amersham Station. 16.11 (not schooldays) Beaconsfield to Quill Hall Estate, 17.27 Beaconsfield to Quill Hall.

The 18.29, 19.23 Coleshill to Quill Hall Estate will run 9 and 8 minutes later respectively. All the revised, schooldays only journeys will operate via Stanley Hill to serve Amersham College.

## DIAL A GENIE

In spite of the number of organizations which already exist, there are still some people who do not know where to turn for help if there is a crisis.

"Dial a Genie" was started in June and is now being used by all sorts of people in all sorts of places to do all sorts of jobs. Do come and hear more about it at a Coffee Morning on 6th October at Orchard House, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon, and help us to raise some money to pay our telephone bills!

## COLESHILL C of E FIRST SCHOOL

Over 100 parents and friends joined the children of Coleshill C of E First School for their Open Evening and Concert on 8th July.

The children gave an informal concert accompanied by Mrs, Pauline Griffiths. Mr, P.R. Donaldson, one time head of Coleshill School, and Mrs, Donaldson were guests of honour. Mr. Donaldson, speaking particularly to the children who were leaving, stressed that courage was the quality most likely to stand them in good stead throughout their lives.

Mrs. Donaldson presented the leavers with their prizes of books. She was presented with a bouquet by Judith Richardson and Paula Mead presented Mr. Donaldson with a paper-weight and an ornament made by the children who will go to other schools in September.

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Do you remember Saturday, 27th June? Then the thermometer near the Centre Court, Wimbledon, was well above 100 degrees F. Much more will be remembered by the volunteer working party who chose that day amongst others to tidy up the Churchyard,

HARVEST SUPPER

A sit down Harvest Supper, followed by a short entertainment, will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 8th October at 7.15 p.m. for 7.45 p.m. Tickets (limited to 130) can be obtained from Mr. Douglas Pusey, price £1.25. Cars can be parked in the School playground.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

\* Following the success of last year's appeal, readers are asked again to consider whether they would like their names to be included in the following notice for insertion in the next number of the Newsletter:

\* "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 to be included in the list are asked to give their names in block letters to Miss Boston, Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Ovington, Mr. Douglas Pusey, Mrs. Post or Miss Williams, in an envelope with 25p to help towards the cost of the Newsletter,

\* Copy for the Christmas number will be appreciated before, the 17th ; November, and if possible names before that.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Oct Fri 1 JUMBLE SALE at and in aid of the Village Hall, 7.00 p.m.
  - Sun 3 All Saints' Coleshill, HARVEST FESTIVAL
  - Mon 4 Church Committee in the School, 8 p.m.
  - Fri 8 All Saints' Coleshill, HARVEST SUPPER
  - Thu 14 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill  
W.I. Mrs. Joan Cheer "A year in my garden".
  - Tue 26 St. Marys' HARVEST SUPPER, preceded by entertainment in the School.  
Tickets £1. 8 p.m.
  - Thu 28 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
  - Nov Sun 31 ALL SAINTS' DAY (brought forward) 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m.  
Sun 7 9.30 a.m. Family Service Evensong
  - Thu 11 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
  - W.I. Annual General Meeting
  - Sun 14 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
  - Fri 19 Drama Group - Play
  - Sat 20 Drama Group - Play
  - Thu 25 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
  - Sat 27 W.I. CHRISTMAS EAZAAR
  - Dec Thu 9 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill  
W.I. Christmas Party
  - Tue 14 St. Marys - big Christmas Concert to be conducted by Ian Hooker
- 1977  
Jun Sun 5 St. Marys Civic service to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Queen's Coronation.

