

THE MILLENNIUM LYCH GATE

We are glad that so many commented favourably on the designs detailed in the last Village Newsletter. At the time of writing, the planning stage for the new gate is almost complete. The Local Authority has given planning permission, and we are awaiting the "Faculty" from Oxford Diocese which will give us final authorisation to proceed.

Richard Valentine has sorted through the various tenders for the building work and come to an advantageous agreement with a reputable local firm. We hope to break ground at the beginning of October so that the Lych Gate will be ready in good time for the new millennium.

Of course it will not be cheap. Would you care to make a donation, maybe in memory of a loved one? We hope to mark such gifts in due course, possibly by affixing a suitable plaque on the gate or in the church, or maybe with a memorial book. Gifts will be very welcome, and should be sent to the Honorary Treasurer All Saints Church Coleshill (see below).

Now we really can say **"Watch this space!"**

Tim Harper
Rector

*Howard Pool, Hon Treasurer All Saints Church Coleshill,
Lansdown, Magpie Lane, Coleshill, HP70LX.*

Cheques should be made payable to 'The Millennium Project'.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

Charitable Giving - 1998

The following donations were inadvertently omitted from the Easter newsletter:

Brownies	£103.00
Childrens' Society	£ 81.00
Fuel Fund	£ 50.00
Rosanna Hospital	£250.00
Rushymead Hospice	£250.00
Three Villages Youth Club	£200.00

Christian Aid Week

The house-to-house collection and sponsored walk together raised a grand total of £753.54. Our grateful thanks to Helen Barnes for her organisation and to all those who gave their support.

Harvest Charity*

The first fundraising event, a Car Boot Sale, has already taken place and raised a profit of just under £400.00. The second - About Antiques - will take place on Friday 26th November next.

Village Fete*

This was a great success, resulting in a net profit of approximately £2,800.00, which goes towards the Millennium Lych Gate Appeal.

Very many thanks to Philip Denyer and his team for their organisation and to Richard and Rosemary Valentine for kindly allowing the event to take place in their meadow.

Sponsored Bicycle Ride*

This annual event will take place on Saturday 11 September and, again, our church organiser is Rosemary Valentine.

Village School

Mrs Jenny Earp, currently Deputy Head at Curzon School, Penn Street, has been appointed Headteacher from September 1999.

* *Further details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.*

Ruth Murphy

HOLY BAPTISM

Frederick James Timothy Davis - 28th March 1999

James Edward Roberts - 23rd May 1999

Isobel Louise Roberts - 23th May 1999

Max Alexander Alien - 27th June 1999

Ted Charles Alien - 27th June 1999

Harry Theodore Curtis - 27th June 1999

Natasha Alexandra Curtis - 27th June 1999

IN MEMORIAM

Florence Hazel Pearce - 30th May 1999

Muriel May Baldwin - 14th June 1999

ALL SAINTS MAGPIE CLUB

Magpie Club continues to thrive. This term our theme has been a "World of Stories". Each session has included a story reflecting a Christian tradition. Some of the stories included were Isaac and Rebekah (portraying love and marriage), Jacob's Ladder (anywhere can be a special holy place), Jonah and the Whale (an example of a story with humour) and Moses and the Burning Bush (surprise).

Yet again the children have enjoyed making various articles in craft as well as playing games and we have especially enjoyed being able to get out into the garden to enjoy the sunshine.

To finish this term we will be picnicking and playing games in the School garden, weather permitting, then the new term will start again in September. All children between the ages of 3 and 10 years are most welcome to attend between 5 and 6 p.m. alternate Fridays in the Village School. The dates for the new term will be posted on the School notice board.

We would also welcome any parents or friends who would like to help. If you are interested please telephone on (01494) 727791

Glynis Culley

HAZELL PEARCE

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the friends and villagers who were so supportive of our family during Hazel's illness. There were so many of you who drove Hazel to Oxford for radiotherapy, sent cheery gifts and cards, and provided delicious **homebaked** goodies.

We would also like to thank Liz Norman for performing a lovely service and the W.I. ladies for their contribution to the church flowers especially Catherine Green, **Sharon** Hall, Lindsey Haubner and Rosemary Valentine for their beautiful arrangements. Finally, huge thanks to the lady who has always been there for us - Dumpy Swerling.

Philip and Rosalind Pearce

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW CURATE

Until November 1994 I really had no idea that my involvement in ordained ministry would go any further than being married to a vicar. I can't speak for my subconscious, of **course**, but I thought I was listening to the general synod debate about the ordination of women with a detached curiosity.

The flood of thoughts and feelings that followed that momentous 'yes' vote showed quite clearly that something had been brewing for some time!

Not that I had been sitting around twiddling my thumbs till that moment. I was born in Shepherds Bush and moved to Norwich when I was seven. Norwich was bliss after the darkness of post war London. I can well remember the smog and **greyness**, and my father's first church was no more than a bombsite.

When I set off to university to read English and Music I had ideas of becoming an arts journalist, but two things set me on another course. Firstly, I discovered that I had a voice and singing began to take over, and secondly a gorgeous young man appeared on the scene. His name was Tim. After I had finished my degree I came down to London very much in love, both with singing and with Tim, and embarked on a post graduate Opera Course at the Royal Academy.

During that period Tim and I worshipped at All Souls **Langham** Place. It was an exciting period. We sang and played in their orchestra and were part of a new Arts group, which was thinking about the theology of Art and a Christian understanding of the post-modern world.

Musically things were going well, and I delighted in my first **Wigmore** Hall recital and South bank debut.

As my voice matured I sang more **opera**, and when Tim went to Wycliffe Hall to train for ordination, I stayed in London and continued to sing, both here and abroad. It's clear now that I felt a little jealous of him, and did a counselling course while he was in Oxford and helped to set up one of the first church based counselling centres in Morden.

With the benefit of hindsight I can see that God was giving me all sorts of experience that would be valuable later. Once Tim was ordained it seemed the right time to have a family, and we now have three children who will soon have to suffer the embarrassment of having *two* clergy parents!

It is most unusual in the Church of England for one spouse to be the curate of the other, but I see it as a special opportunity. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses and hopefully we can evolve a style of work that is genuinely complementary and collaborative.

Being ordained is undoubtedly an awesome thing. I have made promises that I could never live up to in my own strength and know that only by sticking close to God can I even begin. However, it feels good and right to be here, and I look forward to an exciting few years ahead, packed with life's **usual** mix of tears and joy.

Rosie Harper
Assistant Curate

NSPCC

Thank you to everyone who supported our Nina Campbell lunch in May. We raised **£2,600.00**, which was a fantastic total.

We are already thinking about our Christmas crackers! If you are holding a millennium party, why not order some crackers from us! For advance orders contact **Sharon Hall**, telephone (01494) 725231.

Sharon Hall

**Bucks Historic Churches Trust
- 1999 BICYCLE RIDE -**

Saturday 11 September - 10am To 6pm



A clergyman on a Penny Farthing bicycle looks on as a young child leaves All Saints, Hillesden after checking in on the Bicycle Ride

All Saints is situated in a small hamlet south of Buckingham but, oh what a wonderful piece of Perpendicular church architecture!

Like many of our churches in Buckinghamshire, it has needed the help of Bucks Historic Churches Trust to maintain it.

Last year on Bicycle Ride day over £33,000.00 was raised, slightly exceeding the previous **year's** amount but on a very wet day. What can all you walkers and cyclists do for us on a hopefully fine day in 1999? Great things we hope. Remember half of the amount you raise goes to the church of your choice.

To participate and to obtain sponsorship forms, contact your local organiser-

Rosemary Valentine (01494) 725794

or the County Organiser, Paul Everitt
7 Burnham Lane, Burnham (01628) 667646

1999 BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Remembrance Sunday, this year, is on 14th November. The British Legion Poppy Appeal will be launched at the beginning of November and as in previous years there will be a house-to-house collection in Coleshill. Our aim will be to match, if not better, last year's record total.

The support from our loyal collectors continues to be outstanding, but we would welcome some additional volunteers to cover, in particular, Village Road and Barracks Hill. Can you help?

Leslie Croydon
Hon. Organiser
Tel: (01494) 721209

ALL SAINTS HARVEST CHARITY

This year the Church Committee decided that, in addition to supporting Raphael as usual, the second charity would be the **Thames/Chiltern Earing Disorders Association**. In support of these the Organising Committee has planned two events.

Car Boot Sale

This was held on the Cricket Field on Bank Holiday Monday at the end of May. Many people from the village helped by donating goods for sale, taking pitches and helping with the organisation. In spite of the gloomy weather, **£380.00** was raised towards the charities.

About Antiques

Valuers from Phillips, the internationally renowned Auctioneers and Valuers will be available to describe and value your antiques at an interesting and informative day.

You are invited to bring your items to the Village Hall between 2.30pm and 5.00pm in the afternoon of Friday, 26th November. In the evening there will be a social event with supper and more about antiques when one of the **Phillips'** valuers will be present to talk to us.

If you would be interested in what promises to be a fascinating day, it would be helpful to Phillips and to the organisers if you could let us know, to give us some idea of how many people are likely to come along.

For more information telephone:-

Rosie Searles (726118) or Patsy Wright-Warren(433356)

PARISH YOUTH MATTERS

Well, things are starting to wind down for the summer now, but here is a brief update on the current state of the various groups.

Magpie Club has a regular attendance of around 30 children, and we have been working on a "stories" theme since Easter. Next term's dates will be published as soon as we know them.

Three Villages Youth Group continues after its successful re-launch. The club, which covers Coleshill, **Winchmore Hill** and Perm Street, meets weekly for crafts, games, trips and more. Call me for details.

The Parish Youth Group incorporates several groups. We currently have just over 30 members from school years 6 and upwards, and new members (or those who are simply curious) are always welcome. We meet on Sunday mornings during the **10.15am** service at St. Mary's and also fortnightly for social events on Sunday evenings.

Recent activities have included games nights, a newspaper fashion show, bowling trips, a duck racing and stocks stall at the St. Mary's fete, and a quiz night. The 14+ (school years 9 and over) group meets on Friday evenings for a meal and discussion. A recent experiment was a 10+ group for the younger members of the Youth Group, and although this was not a total success, I plan to re-launch this in the near future, **albeit** in a different form.

Of course, no summary like this can give a full impression of what is going on for youth in the **area**, so for more details either get in touch with me (01494) 723793, *E-mail HDarvill@ukgateway.net*, or watch out for monthly newsletters on the All Saints porch notice board.

One final thing: I am trying to set up a **Coleshill Music Group**. I know there are some really talented musicians in the village, and I am sure we could get something 'fun' together. If you are interested, jot down your name, address, instrument and approximate standard on a piece of paper, put it in an envelope addressed to me and place it just inside the door at All Saints church. All standards welcome.

Howard Darvill

1ST COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Meetings

- Time: Monday evenings - 7.00 to 8.30 pm
- Venue: Coleshill Village Hall
- Subs: £10.50 per term

Guider's and Helpers

- **Kaye** Smith is the Guider
- Helen "Nightingale" Fowler (a retired guider)
- Sarah **Maclean** (a really committed parent helper)
- Emma Maclean (Young Leader in training)

The Guides

The guides come from the village and one from **Amersham-on-the-Hill**.

Enrolments, Badges and Trefoils

- We are working as a company on the Local History badge this term. We are using both **Amersham** Old Town and **Coleshill** for this. We expect to be tested for this badge at the end of this term.
- The guides are either working on their Yellow or Green Trefoils

Activities - *Theme of Challenge and Development:*

Membership - as we mentioned previously please *note we need support from the village or the Company will close* - we have a declining number of guides but need to "*feed*" our Company from *Coleshill Brownies* as well as any other girls interested.

Sofar this year

- We have done cooking - cakes for the Friends of Guiding stall as fund raising for the district - as well as sweet making (truffles, peppermint **creams**....)
- Jewellery evening - creating jewellery for ourselves and favourites
- Chocolate tasting evening
- We helped at the Coleshill Fete - running the bouncy castle and the face paints - not bad for 6 guides.
- Bowling evening
- One of our guides went to the water camp at **Longridge** and had a great time

We look forward to

- A day out in London
- Our end of year outing - Pizza and a visit to the Cinema
- A walk from **Jordans**

*We welcome new guides - whether you have been a Brownie or **not**.
If you are interested just give me a call!*

Kaye Smith

Amersham 433419 or at work on 01932 896035

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS
Coleshill Village Drama Group

How will you be celebrating the end of the year?

At the beginning of this year, I was going abroad, but astronomical air fares and difficulties with availability soon changed that idea. So now I am yet to decide how to spend this once in a lifetime occasion. It would seem that the same is true of other people in the village, as problems with baby-sitters, taxis, etc. raise their ugly heads.

The Drama Group has often put on parties at that time of year and it would be great to organise something for this very special occasion, but unfortunately, we do not have any idea of the numbers who would come. (Just my luck to end up on my own in a deserted village).

So, how many of you would like to celebrate with a party? There will of course be difficulties, but if enough people want to come, we will find ways around the problems.

If you are **interested**, let me know, my telephone number is (01494) 729266, fax number 727114 or E-mail: johnb@paradise.prestel.co.uk

John Bullard

RUSHYMEAD HOSPICE

*If you would like more information about how
you can help the "Friends of Rushymead"
please contact Heather Hollamby*

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

As I near the end of my headship at Coleshill C E First School I am filled with many memories as I look back over the four very happy years and note all the changes I have seen in the school and education since 1995.

When I started in 1995 there were 25 children aged from 5 to 8 years old. Now there are three classes and 39 children. Losing the 8 year olds meant a great deal of rethinking and as a result we took 4 year olds and organised a special area for them.

Some of the greatest changes in the school have been concerned with the actual premises. When I arrived in August 1995, there was a new kitchen being installed, which Miss Dollemore, the previous head, officially opened and this led to her becoming a regular helper in the school.

Both the **office/staffroom** and the hall were improved and later a very generous donation by Joyce How gave the children a proper school library area. The main classroom has been refurbished with the £500.00 gift from the Church for our 150th anniversary.

Now, as I leave, we are in the process of developing a Technology room equipped with three computers provided by government money for the National Grid for learning and one generously provided by an anonymous donor in the village.

One of the events I shall always remember was the school's 150th Anniversary in 1997. We had so many different events to celebrate it - burying a time capsule in the garden, a Thanksgiving service and Victorian Fete both attended by Earl and Countess Howe, a school outing to the Chiltern Open Air Museum, an Open Day attended by many past pupils, a party for the children where everyone was dressed as Victorians, and a music hall.

The reunion for past pupils was attended by more than 200 people, which was wonderful. It was an evening when young and old showed how much Coleshill School had meant to them over the years and Mr Pusey, as the eldest former pupil, cut the cake.

The result of these celebrations was the playground equipment erected in January 1999. The children really enjoy it and Leslie the caterpillar is a **bonus**, provided as one of the gifts in memory of Mr Griffiths. The pavement outside the school makes life so much easier and safer for the children.

Without Pauline to support the music in the school our concerts, dancing etc. would not have been the same and I have enjoyed working with her.

There are so many things which have happened over my time at Coleshill - visits to Rushmead Hospice to sing at Christmas, making posies for Mothering Sunday, numerous visits to Church, winning a steam train ride, a visit to Milton Keynes recycling centre, the Easter competitions we have had for hats, gardens and eggs, writing "Snippets" and country dancing. Whilst the children have enjoyed themselves they have not forgotten others less fortunate and have raised well over £1,000.00 for charities while I have been here.

Two of the two most difficult things I have had to cope with, neither educational nor financial matters, are mice (I am terrified of them) and **glis glis!** Mice seem to be permanent occupants of the school; one mouse even dared to run up and down the corridor during an Ofsted meeting.

Something I feel is unique to Coleshill is the involvement of the village with the school. The Church is also very important and we are very grateful for its support. People have been so generous with their help, contributing all kinds of different things and supporting our many events.

However, these memories would not be complete without the staff, governors and **children**. The children will provide me with the happiest memories. The staff are so dedicated and give up many hours more than they should. I do wish the government would look at our teachers and many like them around the country and be thankful for their commitment. The governors too are most supportive.

I thank you for making me feel so much a part of the village and giving me such an excellent beginning to my first headship. I know I leave the school in good hands when Jenny **Earp** takes over Coleshill C E Infant School, as it will be called from September 1999, and I wish it every success in the future. I shall look forward to hearing about the school and visiting it.

Louise Stallwood

A COLESHILL MEMORY

One day earlier this year I meet Vic Payne in the churchyard. I was doing some **clearing-up**, and he was tending a family grave. In conversation he began to tell me a story of his family during the war, which I wrote down the next day.

Vic's elder brother Bob was in the Army from the very beginning. He had not long been married, and had left the family home in Colehill, taking a flat at **Hazlemere**. He was drafted to France just as the Germans were sweeping across towards the Channel.

Bob's unit had retreated across France until they came to St **Malo**, hoping to find a ship. But the port was closed and the last ship had gone. A small group of them laid up in a wood close to the town. The German soldiers were so close that their Sergeant told them not even to breathe. They decided that their best chance was to split up and make towards Brest in the hope that there might be a ship from there.

Bob walked west for five days non-stop, and at last came near to Brest. He met a Military Policeman on the road, who said "Keep going lad. It's only half a mile now, and Jerry's very close." It was the last ship in port, and he got aboard just as it started to move.

Eventually he got back to England, and was immediately given a week's leave. During the chaos in France his mother had been told that he was '**Missing Presumed Dead**'. There was no time for him to contact home en route, and soon he reached **Amersham** Station, and set out in the dark to walk to Hazlemere and his wife. He did not find her there, and uncertain what to do, he set off back towards Colehill.

In Village Road Bob's mother and a brother were standing in the dark looking over towards **London**, as they often did, watching the Blitz - the red glow of the fires, and the searchlights sweeping the night sky. Suddenly Mrs Payne said: "That's Bob's **footsteps!**"

"What do you mean, mother?"

"That's Bob's footsteps !"

And of course it was.

When he asked where he could **find** his wife, he was told she had moved to **Winchmore Hill**. "I'd best be off **then**." But he finally gave in at his **mother's** " You're not walking another step tonight, Bob. You'll be staying here until the **morning!**"

Chris Wege

COLESHILL BOWLS CLUB

The short mat bowls club continues to enjoy a healthy membership although we were saddened to lose two of our members this year. Sam Mallet, a founder member, who lived in the village until his wife, Jess died. He then moved to **Chesham**, but continued to come to the club on an occasional basis until his own recent death. The other member, Tom Wall, came from **Amersham** and died suddenly in February, his wife **Thelma** is still a very active member. Both Sam and Tom will be sadly missed.

On a brighter note, the club finished second in the South Bucks League, only losing in the final game to **Widmer** End, well done to all concerned.

The summer season is with us again and this is an excellent time for newcomers to try out the game whilst the more established bowlers are outside playing, this means the mats are not as busy and is the ideal time for novices to try their skills, either come along any Monday at 7.30pm or telephone John Holland (01494) 729357.

The internal competitions have been held and the winners are- **Singles** Peter White. **Pairs**, Alec Edwards & John Holland. **Triples**, Peter & Simone White with Eric Wood. The Lynda **Pyle** Memorial Shield was won by Peter White & Henry Hext. Well done all.

John Holland

VILLAGE FETE

On behalf of the fete committee and millennium **lych** gate appeal can I thank every one who came to this year's fete and made it such a success. **£2,700.00** was raised. I would like to thank Richard and Rosemary Valentine for lending us their meadow for the day.

There was a moments panic as the rain came in just before the fete opened. Were we going to have a repeat of last year? Liz Norman's prayers worked though and soon the sun came out.

Thomas the Tank Engine was kept busy all afternoon, and the children from the school danced beautifully. In the "round the common race", two very fresh runners crossed the finish line several minutes before a very exhausted field trailed in. As the race was run on the road their muddy boots were a little suspicious.

Unfortunately the rain could not hold off for the evening but Grand Union Morris valiantly danced on in the rain, and the band played on.

Can I thank also the members of the committee and all the stallholders who worked so hard on the day.

Philip Denyer

COLESHILL W.I.

Coleshill WI's main event has been the celebration of its Golden Jubilee this summer. To mark the occasion a delicious lunch was enjoyed by members followed by an amusing entertainment by singer Fiona **Harrison** and her accompanist. Founder member Ruby May cut the splendid 50th Anniversary cake - golden, of course, as were the raffle prizes, the flowers and the exhibition of articles under the title "All that Glisters is not **Gold**"!

In April we walked on a glorious day with bluebells and larks in abundance around Pitstone. There we had a guided tour of the windmill which has been beautifully restored and continued our milling education with a visit to Waterstone water mill - very picturesque and equally fascinating. In June we visited the **Warburg** Conservation Forest on a trip entitled "Know your Wild Flowers". An extremely knowledgeable young warden explained the nature of the conservation work and gave us detailed descriptions of ways to identify wild flowers. Very useful for those of us who don't know our agrimony from our **eyebright!**

We have had two visits - one to the Hindu Temple at Neasden and another to Hampton Court Palace, both of which were very much enjoyed. It was wonderful to have a coach taking us straight to our destinations from the Village Pond. No worries about traffic or parking!

At our monthly meetings we have had talks on Worcester China and on the resolutions to be discussed at the **WI AGM** in the Albert Hall. We will have a follow-up report on the latter at our next meeting in July as well as a talk on the history of Stoke Court in Stoke Poges. In August we shall be entertaining our friends from St Saviours - a club for the deaf in London - to lunch and tea.

We shall be taking part in the Craft Spectacular at Wycombe Abbey School on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th August and we are looking forward to an outing to Richmond including a trip to the theatre there in September.

Our September meeting on the 9th is an open one so any ladies who think they might like to join us would be most welcome to come along. Ours is a thriving WI and there are smaller groups within it which meet on a regular basis to discuss books and poetry or to do sewing or patchwork. Our regular meetings are on the second Thursday of each month except August at 2.30pm (2.00pm during winter months).

Catherine Green

THE VILLAGE HALL

Our AGM on 1st June 1999 was the last meeting for Graham Swerling as our Chairman. We would **like** to thank him for all his support, encouragement and guidance over the past seven years. Howard Green was unanimously voted in as our new Chairman. He is not a newcomer, having served on the committee for six years!

Is **there anyone** out there who could help by auditing the Village Hall accounts? (not an arduous task!) If so please contact our chairman Howard Green on (01494) 724922.

Lindsey Eardley

1ST COLESHILL BROWNIES

We have had yet another action **packed** term and welcomed two more Brownies, Alice and Jasmine into the pack. Every Brownie took their Stage 1 cooks badge and six took their Stage 2. We had a wonderful evening sampling their delicious food.

We also had a very successful visit to Amersham Fire Station to learn about fire **safety**. We saw the fire engine inside and out, dressed Tawny Owl as a fire fighter, and all the brownies had a go with the fire hoses and **learnt** how to prevent a fire, as well as what to do in a fire. All those who attended this meeting successfully obtained their Fire safety badge the following **meeting**.

We had an adventurous walk along the **Misbourne** having to take a major detour due to a rather angry looking bull ! The pack sponsored Tawny Owl on the Three Peak Challenge.

We **have** had tremendous fun this term but, sadly the pack looks in danger of closing as both Brown Owl and Tawny Owl are **leaving** this term and, as yet, absolutely no one has come forward to take over. It will be such a shame to see such an important part of the village **life** in Coleshill disappear.

**Is there anybody who feels strongly enough about this to help?
Please contact Jean Flack Telephone (01494) 728562**

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Spring Meeting was a talk by Steve Hitchen **entitled** "Home and Away" (horticultural advantages in Coleshill and more exotic locations). This was a very enjoyable evening for the few people who attended, mainly committee members! Steve talked us through gardens in Coleshill and many National Trust Gardens from here to as far away as Canada and New Zealand.

A coach trip to **Hatfield** House, to visit the "Festival of Gardening" was thoroughly enjoyed. Unfortunately yet again we had difficulty **filling** a coach, but for the people who went they were taken right up to the door, thus avoiding parking the car. To add to this it was a sunny day and the group booking got a reduced rate. What more could you want? The house was beautifully decorated and the displays were colourful and interesting.

Hopefully there will be lots of entries in the Village Show on 4th September. The schedule should be out later this month. Remember to get your completed entry form in to one of the committee members by Wednesday 1st September. Lets try and make this year a bumper year for entries. Remember all new villagers are members by right of living in **the** village.

Judi Herbert

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

A very wet May resulted in a number of early matches being cancelled. **In** the league, the **1st XI** have drawn most of their matches and so reside in the bottom half of their division. The **2nd XI** have fared a little better. For those interested, the league tables and results appear regularly on the Red Lion Notice Board.

As well as the weather, availability has been spasmodic, causing the captains additional problems. Both seem to have improved and we hope for all round improvement in the second half of the season.

The exceptional generosity of our vice-presidents this year has **enabled** the extension to the changing facilities to be completed on time. At a very convivial cocktail party held on Sunday, **11th** April, we were able to thank those who attended in person. To those not able to attend, we extend our thanks and hope that we may see you all at **the** club during the season.

Graham Flack

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are pleased to be able to report that we seem to be continuing in our success against house burglaries although the summer visit of our friends in the A355 lay-bys appears to have once again coincided with a spate of out-building break-ins. Three local farmers have had tools and equipment stolen and another arrived home in time to frighten them off before they actually got in.

A house in Tower Road has also been a victim of a garden tool robbery. In this case, the close circuit TV camera at **Rushmead** picked up the perpetrators on film and this is currently being used to help the Police. Another house had a bicycle stolen from a shed. Thames Valley Police tell us that trailers and caravans are also being targeted at present although none have been reported in the village to our knowledge.

The new Area Beat Officer, Colin Bedford, told us of a case where a suspicious car was stopped and found to have five **trimmers** in the boot. Not one of them had been post-coded so there was no proof of ownership. Colin was present at the Village Fete and post-coded some of the children's bicycles.

All he does is etch your post code into the metal work. You may be able to do this yourselves but we suggest you paint or varnish over it or the metal may rust. By post coding and fitting secure locks and hinges you may save a break-in to your property. And remember they know that you are likely to replace your tools with new ones and may be back for them too, so take extra care.

The only other crime we have to report was that a house in Chase Close had a car stolen. Another stolen car was found at the end of the road and it appears that the thieves needed to exchange this, for whatever reason, and helped themselves to the one in the Close.

Jack & Lindsey Haubner

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

With the sun shining and the temperature rising towards the eighties (as I write this) the above seems rather incongruous, however please read on...

The Christmas Newsletter will be distributed at the beginning of December therefore would everyone who wishes to send Seasonal Greetings to their friends in the village in the usual way please let me know *before the 9th November*,

Enclosed is a **pro-forma** and if you would like to complete this and return it to me together with a donation of **£1.00** or more, I will arrange for your Greeting to be included. By the way there is no need to wait until November!

Last year £195.00 was raised which was used to offset the cost of printing the Newsletter.

Kenneth Crossley

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

We have had a good summer of tennis. Our one-day tournament in June was a great success with the winners of the **M^cCammon** Shield being Michael Wellington and Margaret Butler.

The club championship matches have been taking place, culminating with the finals on Sunday **12th** September next. All spectators welcome!

Sharon Hall

PARISH COUNCIL

As mentioned in the last edition of the Village Newsletter, this was the year for elections to the Parish Council. On each occasion since 1991 we have had the opportunity to vote for our local councillors. Sadly this time only **five** people put their names forward. These were Tony Barber, Gillian **Bungey**, David Hall and Richard Valentine, who were already members and Sue Miles, standing for the first time. This left two vacancies to be filled by co-options. However, six people then expressed their interest and the Council decided to chose the two by lot. As a result John **Jefford** and Nick Sadler joined the Council.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th May, Richard Valentine was re-elected as Chairman. Councillors accepted the following special responsibilities:-

Vice Chairman	David Hall
Planning	Richard Valentine
Open Spaces	Tony Barber and Richard Valentine
Footpaths	Tony Barber and Sue Miles
Village Hall	John Jefford
Play Area	Sue Miles
School Governor	Gillian Bungey
Highways	Nick Sadler
Tennis Club	David Hall

Traffic Calming

During the Easter holidays Bucks County Council carried out the construction of a pavement along the School frontage which has proved a success and is popular with parents and staff. The County Council is now in the process of carrying out road repairs around the village.

Millennium

The Parish Council's application for planning permission for a **lych** gate into the churchyard has been accepted. More details about this Millennium project will be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Village Pond

Concern has been expressed about the amount of fishing in the Village Pond and the amount of litter left around. This is especially serious when it is fishing line which can endanger the wildlife. A compromise is being sought so that the long tradition of children enjoying this pursuit can be continued without harm to the pond and its surroundings.

Coleshill Common

Working parties on the Common will resume in September. Anyone who is interested in joining these fun occasions should contact Patsy Wright-Warren (433356) or Ann Trotman (433545).

Future Meetings

It was felt that the period between **meetings** was sometimes too long so an extra meeting was arranged for 15th July. Meetings for the remainder of the year will be on 12th October and 7th December. Members of the public are very welcome at all meetings and have an opportunity to speak or raise any issues at the beginning of each meeting.

Patsy Wright-Warren
Clerk

THE RED LION

Traditionally the summer is a quiet season for regular activities, apart from the Summer Darts League on Mondays. It is disappointing that we had no response to the suggestion of a summer quiz league for the village in the last newsletter.

For newcomers to the village, a reminder that groceries can be purchased from 7.30am and newspapers ordered. If we can help you in any way, our telephone number is 727020.

Chris & John Ullman

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Rev'd Tim Harper	Rector	01494 724426
Jill Preston	Parish Secretary	01494 729380
Helen Spencer	All Saints' Pro-warden	01494 725857
Ian McCallum	All Saints' Pro-warden	01494 725083
Howard Pool	Hon Treasurer, All Saints'	01494 727687
Ruth Murphy	Hon Secretary, All Saints'	01494 433539
Catherine Green	Church Flowers	01494 724922
Ruth Murphy	Organist & Choirmaster, All Saints'	01494 433539
Ken Crossley	Newsletter	01494433718
Patsy Wright-Warren	Clerk, Parish Council	01494 433356
Ann Lawrence	Village Hall Bookings	01494 433421
Glynis Culley	Magpie Club	01494 727791
Howard Darvill	Parish Youth Worker	01494723793
Kaye Smith	Coleshill Guides	01494 433419
Jean Flack	Brownies	01494728562
Jenny Earp	Headmistress, Village School	01494 727206
Jack & Lindsey Haubner	Co-ordinators, Neighbourhood Watch	01494 722589
Lindsey Haubner	President, Coleshill WI	01494 722589
Sharon Hall	NSPCC	01494725231
Howard Green	Coleshill Horticultural Society	01494 724922
Sharon Hall	Secretary, Coleshill Tennis Club	01494 725231
John Bullard	Coleshill Drama Group	01494 729266
John Holland	Coleshill Short Mat Bowls	01494 729357
John & Chris Ullman	The Red Lion	01494 727020
Graham Flack	Secretary, Coleshill Cricket Club	01494 728562

DIARY DATES

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| Thursday 15th July | Parish Council Meeting - 8.15pm |
| Saturday 4th September | Horticultural Show, Village Hall |
| Thursday 9th September | Coleshill WI, Ladies Open Meeting |
| Saturday 11th September | Bucks Historical Churches Sponsored
Bicycle Ride - 10.00am to 6.00pm |
| Sunday 12th September | Coleshill Tennis Club - Finals |
| Thursday 12th October | Parish Council Meeting - 8.15pm |
| Tuesday 9th November | Last day for Greetings to be submitted for
inclusion in the Christmas Newsletter |
| Sunday 14th November | Remembrance Sunday |
| Friday 26th November | All Saints Harvest Charity -
Antiques Day, 2.30pm to 5.00pm
followed by Supper |
| Thursday 7th December | Parish Council Meeting - 8.15pm |

CHURCH SERVICES

St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	10.15am	Holy Communion
St Mary's	11.45am	Matins
All Saints'	11.30am	Family Service - 24th September, 17th October (3rd Sunday of month) & 28th November 1999
All Saints'	6.00pm	Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)
St Mary's	6.00pm	Evensong (except 1st of each month)

ALL SAINTS' SERVICES

- Harvest Festival - details to be announced
- Sunday 7th November - Patronal Festival Holy Communion 9.00am
- Patronal Festival Choral Evensong 6.00pm
- Sunday 14th November - Remembrance Day Holy Communion,
followed by short service at War Memorial
- Sunday 12th December - **Christingle** Service 5.00pm
- Sunday 19th December - Service of Lessons and Carols 3.00pm
- Christmas Day - Holy Communion & Family **Carols** 9.00am
- Sunday 26th December - Said Holy Communion 9.00am