

The Stapleford Bridge Charity

This charity was formed in the middle of the 17th century. At that time there was a ford over the River Ouzel, near where the Three Locks are now, and Bletchley was non-existent, the main residential areas being Leighton Buzzard, Soulbury and the Brickhills.

It was decided that a bridge would be built and a charity was formed to maintain the bridge. There were several benefactors, the Lovett family being the main one and another being a family at Brickhill whose name was not recorded. Over the years the funds became less and the cost of the up-keep of the bridge was more than the charity could afford. Finally, the County Council undertook the maintenance of the bridge and the charity pays a nominal sum to the Council each year towards the up-keep.

There is some land in the village, still belonging to the charity, which is let to local residents. The rents from this land, together with other investments by the charity, bring in a regular annual income which in years gone by was used to provide comfort in the form of blankets for the the poor and needy of the village. Nowadays, the money is used to buy coal for the older members of the parish and this is done twice a year by the trustees of the charity, who are six in number, and one of whom must be a member of the parish council.

Allotment/Gardening

Following a very fruitful meeting on Monday 19th July, Soulbury Gardening Association was officially formed. With much enthusiasm, the various officers were elected and subscriptions paid to allow the Association to become formally recognised by the National Society of Leisure Gardeners. The next open meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22nd September, by which time we hope to have their catalogue for general perusal and ordering. We do hope that many other interested parties in the village will be able to attend, for it is emphasised that the Association is not only for those wishing to have an allotment but also for enthusiastic gardeners wishing to take advantage of the many facilities and advice offered by the National Society of Leisure Gardeners. All our efforts now are being geared to find a suitable piece of land in our village for those interested in allotments. For any wishing to know more of the Association, please contact either: Mr. H. Austin (Chairman) Soulbury 269 or Mr Lake (Secretary/Treasurer) Soulbury 373.

Garden Party

On Saturday, 14th August a garden party in aid of Women's Institute funds will be held at Dr. & Mrs Sutton's home, Leylands. Everyone is welcome. Stalls include tombola, grocery and produce, and teas, squash and ice cream will be on sale. There will be a raffle and several side shows including skittles, welly throwing, hoop-la, etc. Anything you may have for the above stalls will be gratefully received by Mrs Hammond at The Thatches, Soulbury 318.

The church fete held on Saturday, 3rd July raised the sum of £307; two donations have since been received making the final total £317. The P.C.C. would like to thank everyone for their support towards this most enjoyable day.

The Clubroom Committee will be happy to receive any contributions towards the tombola which will be an added attraction at the Produce Show on Saturday, 21st August in the Clubroom..

We extend a very warm welcome to all those who recently moved into Andrews Close and to all other new residents who have moved to the village.

For Sale

Games, including new Monopoly, children's books, jig-saws, etc. at Hill Farm, Hollingdon on Thursday, 5th August from 2.30 p.m. onwards.

Lawn mower with box. Good condition. £2.75 - call Soulbury 380.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: The Rev. N Burrows, The Manse, Stewkley
Telephone: Stewkley 251

Sunday	1st August	2.30 p.m.	Dr. Owers	Family Hour
Sunday	8th August	6.00 p.m.	Rev. N. Burrows	
Sunday	15th August	10.30 a.m.	Mrs. Dimmock	
Sunday	22nd August	6.00 p.m.	Mrs. Mettam	
Sunday	29th August	10.30 a.m.	Mr. Barron	

No Sunday School during August

Bible Study 2.30 p.m.

2nd August - 27 The Green

9th August - 25 The Green

16th August - 11 The Green

23rd August - 10 High Road

All Saints Parish Church

Vicar: The Rev. Paul Drake, The Vicarage. Stewkley
Telephone: Stewkley 287

July

Sunday	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	29th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Saturday	7th August	12.00 noon	Wedding of Mr Stephen Redding and Miss Rosalyn Kirk
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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday	10th August	7.45 p.m.	<u>Women's Institute</u> Guests of Stoke Hammond W.I. at the Village Hall. 7.30 p.m. pick-up on the green.
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Wednesday	11th August	2.30 p.m.	<u>Social Circle</u> to be arranged
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Saturday	14th August	3.00 p.m.	<u>Garden Party</u> at Leylands, Soulbury
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Wednesday	18th August	8.00 p.m.	<u>Women's Fellowship</u> Barbecue at Hill Farm Hollingdon. Bring your own beaker and something to sit on! If anyone has a Hurricane lamp, please bring that also.
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Saturday	21st August	3.00 p.m.	Produce Show in the Clubroom. Judging 11.30 a.m. Sale of produce 4.30 p.m.
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