

Open meeting - Jubilee Celebrations and Ladies Football Team

The Parish Council are calling an open meeting on Monday 6th December at 8.00 p.m. to discuss the form of possible activities to take place in the next year's celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. They have already been advised that the County Council do not intend to make any presentation to schoolchildren, so this meeting is wide open to all ideas. It is also proposed that the meeting shall discuss the formation of a Ladies Football team so that the village can participate in the inter-village knock-out competition next Easter. Do try and come and bring your ideas.

At the latest meeting of the Parish Council the Councillors expressed their appreciation of the work carried out by the Clubroom Sub-Committee which has transformed its appearance and also their thanks to the W.I. for donating the curtains which have certainly added to the present attractiveness of the Clubroom.

The application to allow an abattoir in the village has been refused and although Clay's have the right to appeal against the decision, it seems that we can be reasonably optimistic that they will not in fact do so. We can now hope that the site will be bought or rented by a company that will be as asset to the village and not a threat to its way of life. Before the whole episode slips to the backs of our minds, however, there are several points which should be made. The first is that we must be sincerely grateful to those people who regularly check on planning applications submitted to the District Council and who first alerted us to the threat. Secondly, we must express our gratitude to the S.A.R.A. Committee for the hours and hours of time and the tremendous effort they put into fighting the application, to Sir Philip Duncombe and to the Parish and District Councillors who did all they could to help us.

The third point that deserves consideration, is one made at the Aylesbury Vale District Council Meeting on the day that the application was refused. A Councillor drew attention to the fact that all applications to the District Council are dealt with under the same procedure whether they are for the erection of a garage or a home extension, for example, which will affect only the applicant and perhaps his immediate neighbours or whether, like the proposed abattoir, they affect the whole community and several villages.

The District Council were urged to consider whether a fuller investigation, involving closer consultation with Parish Councils and allowing more time for all the implications of such applications to be assessed, should not be pursued for the second type of case. It is indeed disturbing to realise how easily far-reaching decisions can be taken almost on the nod and it is up to us all individually and collectively to persuade the Council to review their procedures.

The Coffee Evening recently held at Hill Farm, Hollingdon resulted in a cheque for £25 being sent to Multiple Sclerosis. Mrs. Faulkner would like to thank all those who contributed to this evening.

The various stalls at the recent 'get-together' held on Saturday, 13th November raised £131.12 which covered the costs incurred by members of the S.A.R.A. Committee in fighting the abattoir. S.A.R.A. would like to thank all those who worked so hard towards this enjoyable evening and for all the splendid donations.

We extend a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Hounslow and family and to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimons, who have recently come to live in the village, and we wish every happiness for the future to Mr. and Mrs. P. Broad, who will be leaving Soulbury during December to live on the South coast.

FOR SALE

Heat 'n' light bathroom heater. Never used £6.00
Rocking horse for 1½-3 year old, baby walker,) Any reasonable
safety gate, pram set) offer accepted
Boys Rob Roy coat - brand new suit 5-6 yr old £4.75 Soulbury 355

Anyone willing to babysit for a 10 month old girl occasionally in the evening, please contact Mrs. Louise Dawes - Soulbury 300

Methodist Chapel

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

Sunday 5th Dec 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Jean Dimmock Family Service
Sunday 12th Dec 10.30 a.m. Rev. N. Burrows
Sunday 19th Dec 2.30 p.m. Childrens Carol Concert
Sunday 26th Dec 10.30 a.m. Mr. H. Scott

Bible Study Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

6th Dec - 27 The Green 20th Dec - 'Little Oak' nr. Chelmscote
13th Dec - 11 The Green

All Saints Parish Church

Vicar: The Rev. P. Drake,
The Vicarage. Stewkley Tel: 287

Sunday 5th,12th,19th Dec 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Sunday 26th Dec 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion Please note: no 11.30
service
Saturday 25th Dec 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th Dec 11.00 a.m. Sutherlands School End of Term Carol Service
Thursday 16th Dec 2.30 p.m. In St. Michael's Stewkley M.U. Preparation
Service

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 1st Dec 7.30 p.m. Cheese and Wine Party at The Cottage, Soulbury -
proceeds for Senior Citizens Christmas Parcels.
Tickets £1.25 or pay at the door.
Wednesday 1st Dec 8.00 p.m. Soulbury Gardening Association Orders for seed
pots Bring and Buy. The Parish Council will be
attending this meeting to discuss the question of
allotments.
Monday 6th Dec 8.00 p.m. Open Meeting to discuss Jubilee Celebrations
Wednesday 8th Dec 2.30 p.m. Social Circle
Tuesday 14th Dec 8.00 p.m. Women's Institute Christmas Surprise Evening
competition: Christmas Cracker. All are welcome.
Wednesday 15th Dec 8.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship at the home of Mrs. Pooley,
Church Farm House. Carol singing and entertainment
with Senior Citizens.
Tuesday 21st Dec 8.00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

We hope to deliver the January newsletter during Christmas week. May we please have all items for publication not later than Monday, 20th December.

WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS