

The Abattoir

There can be no doubt that the most important issue in the village at the moment is the proposed abattoir on the former Grant's site in Stewkley Road. Aylesbury Vale District Council has granted permission in principle for the change of use of site from warehouse to abattoir, but various matters such as suitability of buildings, sewage, etc., have still to be resolved. Soulbury Abattoir Resistance Association, (S.A.R.A.) has been formed to challenge this permission; they question the seemingly undemocratic way in which the questions of the Parish Council have remained unanswered, and the opposition of our elected District Councillor, Sir Philip Duncombe, and the 89 signatories to a petition have been ignored.

The representative of Clay's who came to a public meeting held in the clubroom stated that he had already applied for an Export Licence and that as soon as it is granted they intend to expand the business so that they will, as quickly as they can, reach the point where they will be slaughtering 40 head of cattle or 80 pigs or 160 lambs every hour, which will all have to be held on site for a minimum of 12 hours before slaughter. In order to cope with this volume of animals and carcasses they will be using 32 ton Juggernaut lorries which will be coming across The Green or along the High Road starting at 5 o'clock every morning, including Sundays.

There will be 17 job vacancies in the first place, with more as the plant expands; it is expected that these will be mostly in the slaughterhouses or the office, as we understand that Clay's will use contract hauliers for transport. There is, of course, no guarantee that they will employ a single Soulbury resident. Alternative use of the site could produce just as many jobs for Soulbury people without the noisome smells and unpleasant accompaniments of an abattoir.

It is beyond question that the continual heavy traffic through the village will not be just a nuisance but will completely and permanently change the village as we know it. It is in the light of these considerations that we must decide our attitude to the abattoir.

The garden party held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sutton resulted in a profit of just over £100 for Women's Institute funds and was a most enjoyable event. The Committee are most grateful to everyone who contributed to its success by their gifts, help and attendance.

Evening classes are likely to be resuming soon after the new school year commences at Wing on 1st September. If anyone wants to attend a class on Tuesdays but requires transport, please phone Soulbury 322. Tuesday's subjects usually include woodwork, dressmaking and pottery as well as Youth Club.

We are happy to welcome to the village Mrs. Sheila Bellsham who has recently come to live at 6 The Mead.

Methodist Chapel

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

Sunday 5th Sept 2.30 p.m. Dr. Owers Family Service
6.00 p.m. Circuit Service at Stewkley
Sunday 12th Sept 6.00 p.m. Supply
Sunday 19th Sept 10.30 a.m. Mr. Scott
Sunday 26th Sept 10.30 a.m. Mr. H. Hammond) Harvest
6.00 p.m. Mr. R. Richardson) Festival
Monday 27th Sept 7.00 p.m. Harvest Service and Sale of Produce.
Sundays 12th and 19th Sept 2.30 p.m. Sunday School

Bible Study Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

6th Sept - 10 High Road.
13th Sept - 27 The Green.

20th Sept - 11 The Green.
27th Sept - 25 The Green.

All Saints Parish Church

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

Sunday 5th Sept 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Sunday 12th Sept 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19th Sept 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist) Harvest
4.00 p.m. Evensong) Festival
Sunday 26th Sept 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Methodist Chapel Harvest Festival
(No 11.30 a.m. Church service)

COMING EVENTS

Monday 6th Sept 8.00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 14th Sept 8.00 p.m. Women's Institute - members' evening
competition: A hairstyle from a dish mop
Wednesday 15th Sept 2.30 p.m. Social Circle
(Venue to be announced in the Post Office)
8.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship - Business meeting at
Hill Farm, Hollingdon.
Competition: A home made birthday card.
Wednesday 22nd Sept 8.00 p.m. Soulbury Gardening Association

Meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.
