



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Aylesbury Vale District Council had sent a letter which detailed the costs of setting up a Parish Council Election, and explained that even when no election was held, because there were too few candidates, some of those costs had already been incurred. It was therefore charging each Council, who had not had an election, £67 to cover those expenses instead of the full amount (two or three times as much) which would have been charged if the election had taken place. The Parish Council reluctantly agreed to pay that amount. There were a series of complaints about the refuse collection over a number of weeks in the Stockgrove area. District Councillor Mrs. Maureen Payne told the Council that she was coordinating any comments on the refuse collection in our area and would like to know of any complaints. Please inform her as soon as possible on 270418.

It was agreed that once again Soulbury should enter the Best Kept Village Competition and as a first step a Litter Clear-up was arranged for Saturday 27th April. Please do come along and help; it is a long and tedious job when only a few people are prepared to do it.

All villagers are cordially invited to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting next month on May 20th at 8.0pm. The Chairman will review the past year's events and will welcome any comments or suggestions which residents of the Parish might wish to make.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 15th April.

The Council have received a consultation document setting out proposals for the future departmental structure of the County Council to be implemented by April 1997 when Milton Keynes becomes a new and separate unitary authority. May 20th Annual Parish Meeting 8.00pm.

Concessionary Travel

For those people who are unable to easily use buses or get to a bus stop there is a National Transport Tokens Scheme. These can be used for journeys in taxis, private hire vehicles or on community transport. For more information there is a notice on the Clubroom Notice Board.

Skip

The Parish Council are hoping to get a skip organised for the weekend of April 26th-29th in the usual place at the bottom of Mount Pleasant.

Horse Riders

Would horse riders please keep to the rough grass on the verge outside Manor Farm House. The footpath is the only way into the village from the cottages at the top of the hill and it is being chewed up by horses.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWSSunday School

Before he left for Canada Peter Bibby interviewed a number of parents about the possible setting up of a Sunday School. A small group of representatives of All Saints and the Chapel met and believe that there is a need to be met. To take the proposal forward there is to be a meeting of would-be teachers and helpers on Thursday 25th April at 7.45pm at the Chapel. If you feel a call to serve this way PLEASE come along if this date is convenient or at least let Norman Cotton or Tony Kimble know of your interest.

Quiz Night

A Quiz to raise funds for the Church will be held at Liscombe House on Friday May 10th at 8.00pm. Tickets for the event (£4 per head including refreshments) will be available from Easter Day from Stan or Norman. Don't leave it too late...Demand could be high.

Lunch & Lecture at Liscombe Park

The Hon. Lady Bonsor has issued an invitation to lunch at Liscombe Park to enjoy a lecture on the Royal Collection by Jane Roberts LVO on Thursday 23rd May 1996 in aid of Soulbury Church-Lunch 12.30pm. Lecture 2.0pm. Tickets are £25 lunch and wine included. For details please phone 270218.

Church Fete

The date is 29th June. New ideas wanted and offers of help and tending of stalls. Please phone Stan on 270577.

All Saints Restoration News

The Auction of Promises evening was a great success. This was due to the amazing generosity of people who gave services and items for the auction and the willingness of the people present to bid generously. Mr. Tony Gotzheim again entertained everyone with his skills in auctioneering. £2256 was raised for the Friends of Soulbury Church.

Visit of the Bishop of Buckingham

The Bishop is leading three Bible Study Evenings in Stewkley School at 8.00pm on Mondays 29th April, May 6th and May 13th as part of The Cottesloe Scheme. All are welcome: there will be an opportunity for people to follow these up on any of the following dates at 8.00pm.

May 20th in Stewkley Methodist Church
May 21st in Soulbury Methodist Church
May 22nd in Drayton Parslow Carrington Hall

Concert

The concert arranged for 14th April has been postponed until 19th May. Sunday June 16th. Concert in the Church.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

This will take place on Saturday 6th April from 2.00pm at the Village Hall. The entry fee is £1.50 and the hunt will be in three categories: Under 4 years of age- 4-6 years of age and six to ten. For tickets contact Debbie (270680)

Soulbury Gardens

Will be open to the public on the weekend of June 15th/16th. If anyone could help on either of these days Jane Luxton would be pleased to receive a call. (Tel.270493)

LONDON MARATHON

Liz Miller would like to thank those people who have already promised sponsorship which will be sent to Florence Nightingale House and "Flexicare" a charity helping to look after permanently disabled or terminally ill children in their own homes. In case readers would like to look out for her when the Marathon is televised her number is 23387, a red number on a white background and she will be wearing a brown coloured running vest. There is still time enough to sign her sponsorship form and help her on her way to the finish line. Please contact 270545.

COUNTY COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES-WALKS AND EVENTS

This April there are a number of interesting activities taking place quite near to Soulbury.

These include exploring otter holts in North Bucks, a lambing day in Aylesbury, a dawn chorus walk in Ashridge and a RSPCA sponsored dog walk around Denham Country Park. There are other activities further afield. Liz Miller has the leaflet (270545) or it should be available in Buckinghamshire libraries or Tourist Information Centres.

BUS SERVICES

Unfortunately owing to financial constraints in the County Council's budget certain reductions and withdrawals are being made to local bus services as from 19th April 1996. Those which affect Soulbury are as follows:- Service 5 (Saturday Leighton Buzzard Shopper) This is subject to retimings, and will be operated by Red Rose Travel (as route 53) Tel 01296 399500 for further details.

Services 52/53 (Tuesday to Friday Bletchley & Milton Keynes Shoppers). These are also subject to retiming and will be operated by Buffalo Travel (tel 712132)

Service 73. this Saturday shopper service to Milton Keynes is to be withdrawn due to very limited use by passengers.

Service 75. The Monday to Saturday journey from Aylesbury at 1735 hrs is to be withdrawn due to lack of patronage. Unfortunately the current financial climate precludes retention of services with such limited usage.

When further details are known of retimings we hope to revise the timetable which was supplied with the newsletter last year.

Mrs. Sydney Barnes

Mrs. Sydney Barnes would like to thank all those kind friends who sent congratulations, gifts and good wishes on the occasion of her 90th birthday recently. Also many thanks to the Vicar and Joyce for kindly arranging the wonderful surprise presentation in Church during the Mothering Sunday service. Very special thanks to John and Bunty for the lovely celebration tea party.

Sydney is so grateful for the love and friendship of so many people.

REGISTERED CHILD MINDER

A Registered Child Minder will shortly have a vacancy. Tel 270130.

FOR RENT

One car space. Price on application. Tel 270493.

GARDENING MACHINERY SERVICE

Repairs and sales by R.G.C. Machinery, Rock Lane Farm. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection and delivery. Reconditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of A.T.Vs & farm machinery. Tel 01296 681007 (daytime) 681286 (evenings).

ALL SAINTS CHURCH. vicar Rev Norman Cotton. The Vicarage. Stewkley (240287)

April 4th	Maundy Thursday 8pm United Service. Stewkley Meth Church
April 5th	Good Friday 11.am United Service .St Michael's. Stewkley
April 7th	Easter Sunday. 11.30am Sung Eucharist.
April 14, 21, & 28.	Sung Eucharist at 11.30am.

METHODIST CHURCH

April 7th. Sunday. Easter Day. 9.15am. Rev. J. Hustler.
 April 14th. 6.00pm. Mr. K. Gregory.
 April 21st. 6.00pm. Mr. D. Harby.
 April 28th. 6.00pm. Mr. R. Harris.

The Youth Group meets every Sunday after 6.00pm service-except 1st Sunday in month.

Mother and Toddler Group every Tuesday 10.45am -12 noon.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed. April 3rd & 17th. Mobile Library at The Stone 11.35-11.55am.
 Wed. April 3rd & 17th. Waste Paper Collection Service.
 Thurs. April 4.11.18.25th. Bowls Evening. 7.30pm.
 Sat. April 6th. Childrens Easter Egg Hunt. Clubroom 2.00pm.
 Tues. April 9th. W.I. Speaker Mrs M. Lintonbon 8.00pm
 "Walking in the Himalayas"
 Wed. April 10th. Social Circle. Cars leave The Mead 3.00pm.
 Mon. April 15th. Parish Council Meeting. 8.00pm.
 Wed. April 17th. W.F. at Church Farm House. 7.45pm.
 Frid. April 26/29th. Village Skip.
 Sat. April 27th. Litter Clear Up. 10.00am at the Stone.
 April 16th 18th 23rd 25th 30th. Keep Fit 10.00am. Children welcome.

DIARY DATES

May 10th. Quiz Evening.
 May 19th. Concert in Church.
 June 15th/16th. Open Gardens Weekend.
 June 16th. Concert in Church.
 June 29th. Church Fete.

Items for next issue by 20th April to: Mrs Miller 270545. Mrs. Bunyan 270461
 Mrs. Norman 270483. Mrs Fairbairn
 270674.

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