

RETTENHAM NEWS SOUTH SOLBURY



MAURICE CROSS

At its meeting on 21st February the Parish Council presented Councillor Maurice Cross with a framed certificate to acknowledge the exceptional public service that he has given to the parish community over a number of years. Congratulations to Maurice.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Church's AGM will be held in the church at 8pm on Monday 10th April.

Church Cleaning

Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays 1st April and 6th May.

Quiz Night and Supper

A General Knowledge Quiz will be held at Liscombe Park, by kind permission of Sir Nicholas and Lady Bonsor, on Friday 19th May at 7.30pm for 8pm. Proceeds will be for All Saints General Funds. Teams should consist of four people but do not be afraid to buy individual tickets as teams can be made up on the night. Tickets are £5 per head which includes supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Get your tickets now from Stan Morris (270577) or Norman Cotton (240287) before the event is more widely advertised.

Grass Cutting

A word of clarification. The purpose of the remarks in last month's newsletter was purely to make certain that we have significant labour to continue to keep our grass and verges looking decent and help the church finances at the same time. Stan Morris and John Rowe were only mentioned because they do the major percentage of the work and they are a little older than the other helpers. There was no intention to belittle the efforts of those such as Maurice Cross, Dr David Owen and Graham Catchlove, whose help is greatly appreciated. If you can help please contact Stan Morris (270577).

Sale of Plants

Delivery of the plants is expected for the 27th April. Please contact James Fairbain (270674) to arrange collection.

Friends of Soulbury Church

The Committee is due to meet on Sunday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Clubroom.

Auction of Promises

The Auction of Promises is taking place in the Clubroom at 7.30pm on Saturday 1st April, in aid of Soulbury Church Funds. Contact Jane (270493), Sheila (270485) or Jackie (270619) for details.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At their meeting in February the following matters were discussed:

- The possibility of having an additional postbox adjacent to Manor Farm House – the Post Office is to be asked to arrange a site visit.
- The agreement to the PCC's proposal that they will carry out the necessary grass cutting in the village for the same cost as last year.
- AVDC are now requesting proposals for candidates from the parishes for Parish Volunteer 2000.

At their March meeting the Parish Council noted that they have recently paid for the dog bin, which is situated at the entrance to the Millennium Green, and also paid for it to be emptied once a week in the winter and twice a week in the summer. This outlay of course comes from the Parish rate and is an attempt by the Council to keep the village free of dog excrement. It is hoped that all dog owners will make an effort to use the bin, (the bags are still available free in the Clubroom) and so keep the village clean and a safe place for small children.

The Chairman, Alf Peacock proposed that a strong letter be sent to the Environmental Health Department of the District Council regarding the telecommunication tower in Hillcroft farm. The request would be made for some equipment to be used to regularly monitor the dosage of radiation emanating from the tower, as there is so little knowledge of long-term effects from these structures. The Council also worded a strong complaint to Aylesbury Vale concerning the unacceptable rise in concessionary fares in this locality. The Clerk believed that the present proposed increase would shortly be reduced, as there has already been much opposition. If you wish to have any further information contact Liz Miller (270545). The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 17th April.

The Annual Parish Meeting, to which everyone in the village is invited, is arranged for Monday May 15th at 8pm.

An Apology

The Parish Council wishes to apologise to the users of the Clubroom for the lack of heating during recent weeks. The Council has a five star service agreement for the maintenance of the heating system. Unfortunately, due to a breakdown in communication between the insurers and the heating engineer, the Parish Council did not receive the service it should have had. Steps have been taken to ensure, as far as possible, that this does not happen again.



MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The RAF recruits from Halton have laid a drain from the sculpture on the amphitheatre towards the ditch on the left hand side. We still have more to do. The ground has been prepared for more turfing and a path of matrix paver has been set, ready to be sown with grass seed. We are very grateful for all help. Walkers and young cyclists please watch where you go around the top area until all the work is finished. Plans are going ahead for the Millennium Green Fayre on June 18th. The Morris Dancers have been booked and will perform on the amphitheatre stage. We are also delighted to welcome back the English School of Falconry team who will display birds of prey, owls, falcons and hawks. They are beautiful birds and very impressive in flight.

If anyone can help with a stall, serve ice cream, help with teas, make a cake or crafty things, please ring Christine on 270377 or any of the trustees. All contributions will be gratefully received. Talking of contributions, Soulbury Millennium Green Trust has booked a stall for the Leighton May Day Fair on 1st May. They will be selling cakes, and so would be most grateful if any cooks could make them a homemade cake or two.

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust has been arranged for Wednesday June 28th at 8pm in the Clubroom.

The lucky winner of the 100 Club for March was Greg Shimmin.

We would like to announce a Children's Art Competition. A local artist is going to judge the entries and the results and prizes will be given at the Millennium Green Fayre. The title for all entries is 'Millennium', and can be painted, drawn; or a model etc..... and should be submitted to Kate Cobb of Charity Barn by June 1st. Please remember to put your name and age on your entry.

IN MEMORY

We are sorry to note the recent death of Mrs Daisy Rolls. Resident in Soulbury from 1936, Mrs Rolls was well known to many, having worked for Mr and Mrs Wilson Parrott at Wincott, and Mr and Mrs Bill Bone at Ruislip. Earlier she worked with the late Jimmy Robinson who delivered milk to the village. He kept a smallholding on the Liscombe Estate and he and Daisy brought milk round with yokes and pails, just for Soulbury residents. More lately she worked for Dr and Mrs Lloyd-Hart.

Until she was 90 Daisy tended her garden, but her great love was sport, especially cricket. She scored for the cricket club for many years, in fact her two sons and late son-in-law, seven grandsons and one great-grandson all played for Soulbury Cricket Club.

We extend our sympathy to all her family.



Soulbury Village Cricket Club

Summer must be approaching, as we look forward to the first few matches of the coming season:

Sunday 23rd April, away to Milton Bryan (friendly - start time 14.30), Saturday 29th April, away to Stewkley (friendly - start time 14.30), Sunday 30th April, at home to Studham (friendly - start time 14.00).

League matches commence in May, and we start the 2000 season in Division 3 of the 'Stumps' Beds & Bucks border league.

Over the winter months, many improvements have been made to the Pavilion, including showers for the Home team. The Chairman & Committee would like to thank all those who have given their time and effort. For further information, tel: Brain Mead on 01525 270444 or Roger Rolls on 01525 270599.



LETTERS PAGE

Letter to the Editorial Committee: *Soulbury Women's Fellowship note with regret that they no longer have any representation on the editorial committee of the newsletter, and therefore they are no longer the publishers.*

Having recognised the need for the information about village activities and concerns, they inaugurated the newsletter some quarter of a century ago, and find that their only contribution now is as 'delivery ladies'. They fully recognise that times change and they welcome the volunteer help, which has now added new ideas to the newsletter and its format. They do however, ask to whom is or should the editorial committee now be ultimately answerable?

Editors' Note:

The Editorial Committee is always very happy to welcome and indeed encourages, members of any group in the village along with individuals to join our team and to help write the newsletter, so that as many different interests as possible may be covered.



LADIES NIGHT

Remember Ladies night is the last Thursday evening of the month, either at The Boot or, at someone's house. These are very informal evenings and all (ladies!!!!) are welcome.

Contact Jackie Ridley (270619) or Catherine Fairbairn (270674) for further details.

PARKINSON'S SOCIETY

Mr Alf Peacock will be manning a stall at the Leighton May Day Fair in aid of the Parkinson's Disease Society. He is hoping for contributions of books and bric-a-brac, and will be happy to receive any calls on 270541.

AYLESBURY SHOPMOBILITY

This a free service for anyone who finds it difficult to get about in Aylesbury town centre. Aylesbury Shopmobility has scooters, wheelchairs and electric wheelchairs, which can be used free of charge for shopping and leisure purposes. You may have a broken leg, had an operation or have any of a number of other illnesses that prevent you from getting around, you are still entitled to this free service.

You can park in one of the dedicated parking spaces, collect a vehicle and take advantage of what Aylesbury has to offer. If you wish to arrive by public transport it can be arranged for someone to meet you.

If you have never used an electric vehicle before, then please let Shopmobility know. They are easy to use and a member of staff will train you on the day. The wheelchairs and scooters can also be hired at a low cost rate if you are planning to go on a holiday or a weekend break. For more information on this scheme please contact 01296-336725 or call in at the Civic Centre Car Park, Exchange Street, Aylesbury.

GO-KARTING

The Friends of Florence Nightingale House are holding a Charity Karting Grand Prix in aid of Aylesbury Hospice at Florence Nightingale House on Thursday 4th May 10am - 5pm at Unit 11 Pembroke Road, Stockdale Ind. Area, Aylesbury. The cost is £50 per person, which includes lunch, places are limited so book early. For further information contact Liz Miller (270545).



WINSLOW FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Winslow Flower Festival to celebrate The Millennium is being held on 27th-29th May (Spring Bank Holiday), 10am - 6pm at St Laurence Church, Winslow. Proceeds to Willen Hospice and St Laurence Church. Attractions include historical walks, open gardens, a Grand Draw and refreshments. For further information please telephone Lady Fennell 01296-712464.

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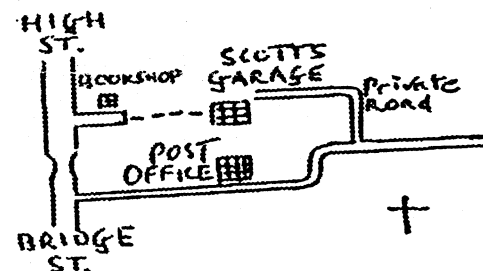
Liz Miller would like any good 1 lb jam jars with lids. Telephone 270545.

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COTTAGE GARDEN NURSERY

The Cottage Garden Nursery opens for the first time on Good Friday 21st April. We sell wild flowers, herbs, grasses, climbers and roses, and cottage garden perennials.

We also have a children's plant corner. The Cottage Garden Nursery, Hillside Farm, Ivy Lane, Great Brickhill, telephone 01525-261581.



Next newsletter editorial meeting will be held at 11 The Green on Tuesday 18th April at 8.00pm. Anyone who is interested in joining please come along.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL 2000

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Saturday	1 st	7.30pm	Auction of Promises
Monday	3 rd 17 th	2.00pm – 2.15pm 2.20pm – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-by
Thursday	6 th , 13 th , 20 th , & 27 th	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
Saturday	1 st	10.00 – 12 noon	Church Cleaning
Tuesday	11 th	8pm	W.I – Have Ago, Embossing, Stamping & Gilding with Mrs Gay Bruckner
Wednesday	12 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Thursday	6 th & 20 th		AVDC Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Monday	17 th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	19 th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship at 29 Centauri Close, LB (Park in Appenine Way)
Thursday	27 th	8pm	Ladies Night in The Boot



DIARY DATES

MAY	Monday 15 th	8pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting
MAY	Friday 19 th	7.30pm	Quiz & Supper Night at Liscombe
JUNE	Sunday 18 th	2.00pm	Millennium Green Fayre

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley – Tel: 240287

Curate: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard – Tel: 371235

Sunday	2 nd April	11.30am	Mothering Sunday – Family Service followed by shortened Communion
	9 th & 16 th	11.30ams	Sung Communion in Church
Thursday	20 th April	7.30pm	Said Communion in Church
Friday	21 st April	11.00am	Good Friday Service in Church
Sunday	23 rd April	11.30am	Sung Communion for Easter Day in Church
		6.00pm	Evensong in Church
Sunday	30 th April	9.00am	Said Communion in Church
		6.00pm	Evensong in Church
Sunday	6 th May	11.30am	Sung Communion in Church

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Brian Trudgian, The Manse, Stewkley – Tel: 240251

Sunday	2 nd	10.00am	Dr R Owers – Family Service
Sunday	9 th	6.00pm	Rev. K Salter – Sacrament of The Lords Supper
Sunday	16 th	6.00pm	Dr R Owers
Sunday	23 rd	6.00pm	Rev. B Trudgian
Sunday	30 th	6.00pm	Rev K Salter
All Sundays except first in month		10.00am	Sunday Club

Items for next issue by 16th April 2000 to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Mr Friswell 270918, Mrs Hulston 270349, Miss Wegener 270284 or Mrs Stevens 270514.