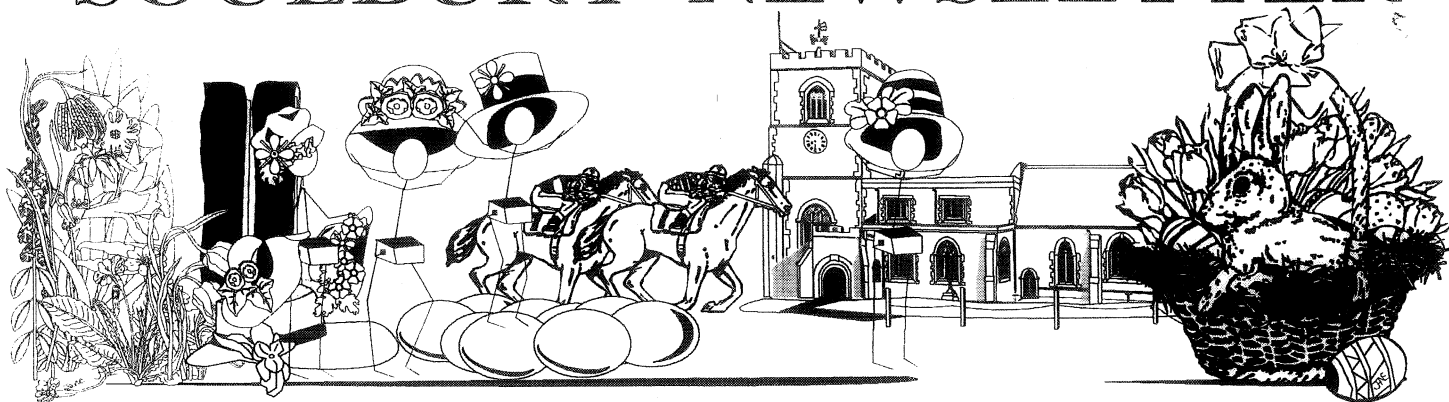


SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the recent Council meeting discussion was held on the newly sited concrete posts on The Green. It was agreed that they were placed rather too close together and would look less offensive if painted. A site meeting was to be arranged. The turning into The Green off the main road has also been called a hazard but, suggestions of reflective posts on each corner were not felt to be suitable. Further advice from County Highways would be sought to make the junction safer.

Councillor Liz Miller reported that applications were in for grants to lay a tarmac area on the children's playground. It was agreed that she would also approach Bucks Playing Fields Association for assistance as well. She was determined that the play area should be ready for the summer.

The chairman Mr Alf Peacock was anxious that something should be done to offer village youngsters activities outside the village, as there was nothing for them to do here. Transport could be arranged to Aylesbury occasionally or on a regular basis if parents would get together. If anyone is interested please contact Alf Peacock 270541.

The next Parish Council meeting is later in April than usual. Monday 28th April 8.00pm.

THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Last year's festivities raised considerable funds which it was agreed would be spent on an attractive village sign. A competition was organised for the design of the sign and finally the awards have been made to the entrants. On 26th March a decision was made by the committee to use the ideas from the competition entrants and build them into the final design, which it is hoped will be erected on The Green. The committee is now exploring manufacturing possibilities.

100 CLUB

The 100 club winner for February was No75, Mrs Mary Stelmach, and for March was No 15 Mr Mark Baker.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Now is the time for you and your children to design and create your Easter bonnets ready for Saturday April 12th and the Easter Bonnet Parade on the Millennium Green. It is due to start at 2pm and afterwards there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children, toddlers and older children, starting at about

2.30pm. This afternoon's entertainment is open to everyone and there is no entry fee. Adults are welcome to join in the Easter Bonnet Parade with their children and show off. All we need is lots of children and adults and great hats! There will be a super prize for the best hat, a family ticket to the famous Roald Dahl Museum in Aylesbury. There will be small prizes for the runners up too.

In the evening of that day Saturday April 12th, we are holding a quiz and buffet for adults in the Club Room at 7.30pm. Tickets are now on sale at £6 a head, available from any of the trustees or phone Christine on 270377 or Sam Stevens on 270514, who is very kindly organising the afternoon events for the children as well. Teams for the quiz will be made up of four people at each table. Don't worry if you aren't a foursome. We will make up the tables.

A reminder about the photo competition which, will be held later on in the summer. There will be prizes for the best photos. The photos must be of the Millennium Green, at any time of year – a general view or close-up of trees, flowers, fruits, birds or people enjoying the Green. More details about this will follow soon.

VOLUNTEERS

As a newsletter publication we frequently receive requests from various organisations for recruitment of volunteers. SPACE who offer support and care through relationship breakdown, contact 01296 432769. Save The Children, contact 0845 6064027.

CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING

This is an ASDAN certificate being offered free of charge by South Bedfordshire council of Voluntary Organisations. The course starts 24th April and lasts six weeks. Contact 01525 850559 for more details.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOUSE. AYLESBURY VALE HOSPICE AT STOKE MANDEVILLE

The "Soulbury's Bygone Days" evening in early March was a great success. Everyone enjoyed seeing the old photographs from postcards and reproductions, as well as reading the historical accounts of Soulbury from medieval times to the present day. There was so much to talk about that the evening could have gone on for another two hours. Mrs Liz Miller, and Miss Daphne Booth would like to thank Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Vic Wright and Mrs Rita Marks for technical assistance, and to the ladies who donated the food for the delicious meal. Mrs Margaret Rowe made a lovely floral arrangement to be presented to Miss Freda Lines to honour the occasion of her 90th birthday. Having lived all her life in Soulbury, Freda must be the oldest person living and born in Soulbury. Many thanks also to those who donated raffle

prizes. The evening finished with a light-hearted quiz about the village which was won by Mrs Olwen Fountaine and her daughter Heather. Congratulations to everyone - £350 was sent to the Hospice.

LITTER ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

A new post has been created to try and make Aylesbury Vale a cleaner place. Mr George Duguid asks the general public to be vigilant and where possible note numbers of vehicles and description of persons involved in car or litter dumping - (and dog fouling) with a view to prosecution. He can be contacted on 01296 585395 or fax 01296 398775,

MISS FREDA LINES

Miss Freda Lines would like to thank everyone who sent her cards, gifts and best wishes for her 90th birthday. Also for the lovely flowers and cake presented to her at "The Bygone Days" evening in the Club Room.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH CONFIRMATION

Three people from Soulbury are due to be confirmed this year. The ceremony will take place on July 13th in St Michael's Church, Stewkley. If anyone else would like to be confirmed or would just like some more information about this event, its significance and what it entails, please phone the Rev Norman Cotton on 240287 or the Rev Peter Lymbery on 371235.

The kitchen and toilets at the back of the church are nearly finished and it is beginning to look quite splendid. The wood that the doors are made of is particularly attractive.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place on Wednesday April 2nd in the Clubroom at 8.00pm.

NANCY MERCY 1924 - 2003

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Nancy Mercy. We send our condolences to all the family. Her funeral was held in the church on Tuesday march 18th at 1.45pm. Mrs Mercy had lived in the village for 60 years and was well known by all the older residents of the village and by other local old families.

The church was full of mourners - family members, relatives and friends. The committal took place at Old Linslade Cemetery where Nancy was buried next to her husband.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Peter Lymbery. The family wish to thank everyone who attended the church and those who came to join with them in the Club Room afterwards to offer their condolences and partake of a little refreshment.

Nancy Grace Chappell was born in Stewkley, a daughter for Harry and Violet and a sister to Joan. She attended the local Church of England school in Stewkley and only came to Soulbury to Bowden Farm when she married Bob Mercy in 1943. They had three daughters Jean, Margaret, and Sally, and eventually three sons in law, 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, many of whom live locally and are well known. In the 1970's Nancy and Bob moved from Wellmead farm to their bungalow which was their home till recently. Very sadly

Bob died in 1988 a few years after they had celebrated in fine style their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in 1983. Nancy loved the farming life and her large family. She also enjoyed playing darts and dominoes and attending agricultural shows where she and Bob, followed by daughter, Margaret and husband Lawrence and more lately their son Andrew, have all made a name for themselves showing cattle.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL 2003

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Wednesday	April 2 nd	8.00pm	AGM Parochial Church Council
Friday	April 4 th		Lions Club Race Night
Monday	April 14 th & 28 th	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library Bungalows Lay by – High Road Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Tuesday	April 8 th	8.00pm	W.I. Toastmasters International – Roger Lord
Saturday	April 12 th	2.00pm 2.30pm 8.00pm	Easter Bonnet Parade – Millennium Green Easter Egg Hunt Quiz Night
Wednesday	April 9 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Wednesday	April 16 th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday	April 3 rd & 17 th		A.V.D.C. Waster Paper & Recycling Collection
Saturday	April 26 th	8.00pm	W.I. St Georges's Night
Monday	April 28 th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday	April 25 th		Easter Refuse Collection

DIARY DATES

Saturday	July 4 th	Charity Ball
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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	April 6 th	11.30am	Passion Sunday-Sung Eucharist
Sunday	April 13 th	11.30am	Palm Sunday – Sung Eucharist
Thursday	April 17 th	7.30pm	Maunday Thursday
Friday	April 18 th	11.00am	Good Friday
Sunday	April 20 th	11.30am	Easter Sunday

Items for next issue by 22nd April 2003 to: Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, or Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk