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### NEW SOULBURY SIGN

We would like to comment on the new village sign as we have heard many compliments. Congratulations to the committee who have eventually spent the profits from the Jubilee to enhance the village. The daffodils are also making a real impression this year- a splendid display.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The councillors met on 25<sup>th</sup> February to discuss a Planning Application made to the Aylesbury Vale District Council for the Proposed Driving Range on land opposite the Three Locks golf club.

The Councillors were unanimous in their belief that:

- It does not require so much land realignment to make a driving range.
- Nor does it require this amount of landfill to make the site suitable for a driving range.
- Any earth movement required for a driving range could be done in a shorter time and with less disruption to the community and with fewer lorry movements (25 proposed movements per day over a 5 ½ day working week for 3 years)
- As there are a number of golf driving ranges in the area, it is doubtful whether this is an economically viable proposition

as a driving range.

If this application were to be approved the councillors:

- Queried where the lorries would be routed
  - Stated should the Golf Course be sold in the future the golf course and the driving range must be kept as one unit- not split up and sold separately (the driving range is not planned to have its own parking facilities.)
- Subsequent to the meeting the Parish Council has been informed that the application is being treated as a waste disposal site and the application has therefore been passed to the County Council. A letter has been written.

The scheduled meeting held on March 15<sup>th</sup> was short and several of the topics will be reported elsewhere in the Newsletter.

**Grass Cutting:** It was reported that this will be started in the near future.

**Allotments:** A good response has been received to the announcements in the recent Newsletters.

**Planning Applications:** The following were discussed:

- Christmas Cottage, Stockgrove- Crown felling of 20% to cedar tree.

• Stockgrove Farm, Stockgrove- Demolition of two barns and erection of replacement barn/stable/animal shelter.

**Planning Decisions:** The following were noted:

The Orangery, Stockgrove- work to trees – permission granted subject to conditions.

20 The Green, Soulbury- demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement – permission granted.

The next meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7:30pm.

### MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

A reminder for everyone, parents and grandparents, to get their creative skills working and design an Easter bonnet for their children to show off at the parade on the Millennium Green on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Easter Bonnet Parade starts at 2pm and the Easter Egg Hunt at 2:30 or thereabouts. Mrs. Sam Stevens is kindly organising these two events again and she would welcome donations of hard-boiled eggs so if you can help out, please take your eggs to her on Thursday 1st or Friday 2nd April at Meadowside, 67 High Rd.

The day was a great success last year and we are hoping for a good turn-out. There will be a bouncy castle for the little ones and refreshments for the adults.

In the evening we have a quiz and hot supper at the Club Room at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale now at £7 each, four people to a table, and please bring your own drinks. Phone Christine on 270377 or Jane on 270532 for more information or tickets. All proceeds go towards the Millennium Green Trust.

The winner of the 100 Club Draw for March was no.24, Nick Karzeminski of Dean Farm Lane. Congratulations Nick!

If you would like copies of the lovely postcards of Soulbury village as it once was, before the age of the motor car, please contact Chris Bryant on 270607 or Liz Miller on 270545. James Fairbairn of the Friends of Soulbury Church and his brother very kindly arranged the printing of these postcards for free. Such generosity is very much appreciated. The proceeds from the sale will be shared between the Church and the Millennium Green.

### **SOULBURY ON-LINE**

For the last year the village newsletter and other information has been available on the Internet ([www.soulbury.org](http://www.soulbury.org)). The website is getting about 400 'hits' per month now and the website does get requests for names and contact information. Chris Bryant, who runs the website, plans to put a 'Contact' page on the site, and if you would like your name/organisation mentioned there then please email or phone with the details.

Chris plans to use e-mail forwarding so your personal e-mail address will not be available. For example under the heading 'Contact the Churchwarden of All Saints'- the email link would be to [churchwardern@soulbury.org](mailto:churchwardern@soulbury.org) and this would divert to Chris' own personal email address. Chris Bryant: email [chris@soulbury.org](mailto:chris@soulbury.org) or phone 01525 270607.

### **GET GARDENING WITH VALE VOLUNTEERS**

Vale Volunteers have asked us to insert the following notice:

"Fancy a spot of gardening?

Whether you're a beginner or an expert we need volunteers in your area to lend a hand with our Gardening Project.

If you are willing to give some time once a week or fortnight to help older and disabled people with basic gardening tasks, then we want to hear from you!

We need help with cutting back shrubs, mowing lawns, weeding, forking beds and borders, and more!

Gardening can be a major concern for older and disabled people who may have difficulty keeping things looking tidy. Your involvement in the project could really help someone keep their independence.

So get out there, flex those gardening muscles and make a difference in your community! You will meet new people, swap gardening tips with other volunteers, keep fit and have fun!

All volunteer expenses related to the Gardening Project (including travel) will be

covered by Vale Volunteers. You will also be covered under our insurance policy.

If you feel you could help out in any way, please ring Laura Levac on 01296 718871 or leave a message on 01296 337456. Alternatively, you can write to Vale Volunteers, Rycote Place, 30-38 Cambridge Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1RS."

### **ST GEORGE'S NIGHT DINNER**

A St George's Night Dinner, will be held on Saturday 1st May at 7:15pm in the clubroom.

A few tickets for the event are still available, costing £11 each. This includes a 4 course meal- soup, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, apple pie and cheese and biscuits- plus patriotic entertainment. Numbers are strictly limited.

Contact Valerie Hammond on 270604 or Margaret Rowe on 270355.

### **A PLEA TO MOTORISTS IN THE VILLAGE**

Quite a few cars are parking on the footpaths through the village. It is making it very difficult for people walking, pushchairs and wheel chairs. During the evening many people have to walk in the road to get past these vehicles, so a little more consideration would be most appreciated.

Another complaint from pedestrians is that people are leaving their wheelie bins out and they are blocking the paths overnight and during the day.

### **WORK AID**

If you missed the collection of

tools for Work Aid which was held recently, you can still donate any spare tools you may have throughout the year. Please contact Tony Brown on 373860 or Peter Davies on 210260.

Work Aid is a national charity that supports educational and vocational training schemes, mainly in Africa, with the supply of second-hand tools, sewing and knitting machines, duplicators etc. They are presently short of carpentry and leatherwork tools, such as saws, vices, planes, spirit levels etc, and also haberdashery items such as reels of cotton, zips, elastic, knitting wool and lengths of fabric.

#### **CHURCH COFFEE MORNING**

All Saints Church are planning a social coffee morning in the Church 10:30am-12 noon, on Saturday May 1st. Items for the Bring and Buy sale would be appreciated. There will be a raffle and refreshments.



#### **PLANT ORDERS**

A reminder for people to return their plant order forms to Charity Farm, The Green. If you would like to request any additional forms, contact James Fairbairn on 270674.

#### **GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE**

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#### **LIFE COACHING**

Jim Brown is a personal life coach who lives and works in Soulbury. He will help you set goals for a better life and help you achieve them. He offers free trial sessions with no obligation and can be contacted on 01525 270136 or email on [goals@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:goals@tiscali.co.uk)

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES**

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated



Monday	T.B.A	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library Bungalows Lay by High Road Stewkley Rd Bus Stop ✓
Tuesday	April 13th	8pm	Women's Fellowship "A Gamekeepers Year"- speaker Mr. J Grace ✓
Wednesday	April 14th	2:30pm	Social Circle ✓
Monday	April 26th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting ✓
Wednesday	April 21st	7:45pm	Women's Fellowship ✓
Saturday	April 3rd	2pm 2:30pm	Easter Bonnet Parade ✓ Easter Egg Hunt ✓ At the Millennium Green ✓
Saturday	April 3rd	7:30pm	Quiz Night ✓
Thursday	April 1 <sup>st</sup> and 29th		A.V.D.C Recycling and Waste Paper Collection ✓
Friday	16th		A.V.D.C Recycling and Waste Paper Collection ✓

**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 4th ✓	11.30am	Palm Sunday- Procession and distribution of palms
Friday	April 9th ✓	11-12noon	Good Friday- Stations of the Cross
Sunday	April 11th ✓	11:30am	Easter Day
Sunday	April 18th ✓	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	April 25th ✓	11.30am	Sung Eucharist

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