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We had no responses from our editorial plea for sponsors in last month's Newsletter. So is there anyone out there prepared to cover one month's publishing costs of approximately £46? Please contact Pam Norman on 270483.

We would also like to say thank you to our typists who have regularly and expertly helped us produce the Newsletter. If there is anyone who would like to join this band of typists as an occasional substitute, we would be pleased to hear from you.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The most recent meeting was held on Tuesday 28th March. We welcomed Mr David Kempster onto the council, taking the vacancy following the retirement of Mr Alf Peacock.

The response was disappointing for the village tidy up. Another will take place in the near future. Let's hope we will get more volunteers. Perhaps residents would help by keeping the local area around their own houses clear of rubbish.

Last chance to get tickets for the Cockney night on Friday 21st April, to celebrate the Queen's 80th birthday, from 270355 or 270537.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Family Services have been very well attended and it is truly encouraging to see the numbers of children who have been coming along and helping in the service. Last time on March 19th we had 14 children and 17 adults. However, the next Family Service will not take place till June 18th so put this date in your diaries. There is no Family Service in April because it falls on the same Sunday as Easter Sunday when there will be a Sung Eucharist at the usual time of 11.30 am with a children's Easter Egg Hunt after the service. In May there will not be a Family Service either because it clashes with the Confirmation service on May 21st when Bishop Alan of Buckingham is coming to All Saints to preside at this important occasion.

If anyone over 16 years of age would like to be confirmed, please contact the Rev. Michelle Morton on 240287 or Peter on 371235. Michelle will run 5 preparation sessions on Tuesdays at 8pm in the Vicarage from April 25th.

The Mothering Sunday Service was very pleasant with about 25 people there, though only a handful of children. The little posies of daffodils were given out to everyone in the congregation by the children and received with many thanks. The daffodils came from Liscombe House. Many thanks to Lady Bonsor and to Mrs Hilary Ashburne who picked them and made up the posies.

The A.G.M. of the Parochial Church Council took place on Monday March 27th in the Church when 10 people attended. The Rev. Michelle Morton chaired the meeting which opened with a prayer. Two Churchwardens were elected, Mr Harry Ayris and Mrs Christine Sheppard. It was decided that the Electoral Roll needed to be amended; some new people should be added to the list and others wished to come off. The Health and Safety procedures also need to be updated in the next few months. The Annual report written by the secretary Lady Bonsor was read and accepted by everyone present. The treasurer, Mrs Christine Bryant gave a brief summary of our financial position; the financial statement had been audited and the accounts were duly approved.

The members of the P.C.C. were elected and all were in favour. They are Mrs Joyce Kellner, Mrs Hilary Ashburner, Mrs Margaret Owen, Mrs Brenda Howell, and newly appointed Mr Graham Wilde.

The sidespersons were re-elected as last year with the addition of Mr Graham Wilde, making 10 people in total. The vicar gave an interesting analysis and talk called "Shaping the Future" about how we hope our Church will develop over the next five years. There are lots of new ideas and initiatives in the pipeline and it all seems very exciting.



MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

100 Club winners February no 61 and March No 6. Congratulations and thanks you for supporting the 100 Club.

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, our coffee morning will have passed, but hopefully we will have a good report next month. The trustees are intending to make the coffee mornings a regular thing and over the summer months, we plan to hold them on the Millennium Green, weather permitting, they may even run into afternoon teas!

If any of you would like to bake a cake or a few biscuits they would be much appreciated.

The Trustees regret to inform all parents that very small children must not be allowed to play on the Millennium Green unless they are accompanied by an adult. This is because our miserable vandals have disposed of the water safety B-Line, we can not find it and therefore at present the pond areas are definitely a "no-go" area for toddlers – the small ponds are deep. We will be fencing the area off as and when we can.

If anyone knows who is responsible for this wanton vandalism, please let us know. These few people are annoying to the rest of us and need reporting – they are spoiling the freedom of activity for our children.

We would like to remind people that due to the unpleasant smell coming from compost during the summer months, the Millennium Green compost is no longer to be used for dumping garden waste

and grass cuttings. We are moving the compost heap so please dispose of your garden waste elsewhere, away from the Millennium Green. Thank you.

On a more cheerful note, it is great to report that the snow drops that were planted a few years ago are looking lovely and have multiplied into quite large clumps – we hope the bluebells have done the same.

The short grass area will soon be cut; the meadow paths have already been done. The front ditch has been cleared out and the bramble cuttings disposed of.

Don't forget that now spring is here and hopefully warmer weather, there will be more activity on the Millennium Green, so please enjoy it and be mindful of others and do your bit to keep it free of dog poo and rubbish.

Thanks,
Jane



W.I. NEWS

In March, we were joined by Stoke Hammond for our annual get together. The speaker was Helen Dawkins, a photographer, who takes old black and white photographs and restores them. She told us how to look after our photographs and suggested that we go back to using albums and photo corners and to not use adhesive pages.

At the next meeting on Tuesday April 11th at 8pm, Mr J. Bates will be giving us a talk on Buzzing along with Bees.

RACE NIGHT

There are still a few last minute places left for the Soulbury Cricket Club Race Night on Saturday April 8th at 8pm in the Clubroom. Entrance (includes a hot supper) £6. Please contact Christine Bryant on 270607 as soon as possible.

CHARITY CRICKET MATCH

To celebrate his 70th birthday, Brian Mead, the Chairman of the Soulbury Village Cricket Club, will be hosting a Charity Cricket match on Sunday June 11th. All funds raised will go to the Leighton Buzzard Lions Club who support many local good causes. More details later.

There will be one cricket match in April on Sunday April 23rd 2pm away at Great Brickhill.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on Friday April 7th at 2.30pm at Hillcroft, Stewkley Road. We shall be discussing "A Gathering light" by Jennifer Donnelly, a modern American author.

FOUND

A lovely pink scarf has been left in the Church and it has been there several months. If anyone has any idea to who it may belong, please phone Christine on 270377.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated



Saturday	April 1st	10.30am	Millennium Green Coffee morning
Saturday	April 8 th	8pm	Cricket Club Race Night
Friday	April 7 th and 21st	1.00 – 1.15pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Friday	April 7 th	2.30pm	Book Club at Hillcroft, Stewkley Road
Tuesday	April 11 th	8pm	W.I – Mr J Bates' talk on "Buzzing along with Bees"
Thursday	April 13 th		A.V.D.C Glass, Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Wednesday	April 19 th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Friday	April 21 st		Refuse Collection
Friday	April 21 st		Cockney Night to celebrate the Queen's 80 th birthday
Monday	April 24 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Vicar: Rev. Michelle Morton, The Vicarage, Stewkley Tel 240287

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



Sunday	April 2 nd	11.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	April 9 th	11.30am	PALM SUNDAY – Procession and Sung Eucharist
Friday	April 14 th	11am	GOOD FRIDAY – Stations of the Cross
Sunday	April 16 th	11.30am	EASTER SUNDAY - Sung Eucharist followed by the Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday	April 23 rd	11.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	April 30 th	10.30am	Benefice Service at St. Michael's Stewkley (no service here at Soulbury)
Sunday	April 30 th	2.30pm	Holy Baptism

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