



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the meeting on 17th July some of the matters on the agenda were:-

Andrews Close Footpath.

It is now many months since the Chairman first met a member of A.V.D.C. to discuss the removal of the deteriorating footpath which runs straight down the Green in front of the houses of Andrews Close. It was agreed that our District Councillor Mrs Maureen Payne should take up the matter and try to get some action. In the meantime it was recommended that the good path which runs directly in front of the houses of Andrews Close, and not the old footpath, should be used whenever possible; the uneven surface of the old path making it quite dangerous, especially at night.

The Clerk reported that a new salt bin had been ordered to replace the stolen one on the fountain bend. It should be installed shortly. The Chairman, Mr Alf Peacock, had recently approached a local gardener, Mr Jon Shepherd, to cut back the overhanging hedge in front of the playground along the High Road. This has now been done and it was agreed that the task has been completed very efficiently and economically.

All were agreed that the repaired and re-upholstered clubroom chairs were excellent. Mr Don Haines was congratulated on his craftsmanship.

Planning

The plans for the Linslade Western By-Pass were thoroughly inspected and it was noted that it was now a dual-carriageway. A roundabout had been proposed at the junction with the Soulbury Road. It was generally considered to be favourable to Soulbury residents and the Council agreed to recommend the plans be implemented as soon as possible.

Amended plans had been presented for the application relating to 85-89 High Road, (Brook Cottages). These amendments were extremely minor affecting the right of way between the proposed buildings. However, it was appreciated that this application gave the Council and others who are concerned another opportunity to object to the proposals. It was felt to be very important that as many residents of Soulbury as possible should write and object to the plans, which are to demolish the three end cottages of the Brook Cottages terrace and to replace them with two large, modern houses with gardens, set out of line with the present buildings. The Council felt that as the cottages form part of the Conservation Area in Soulbury and they are an important and attractive feature on the edge of the village, they should never be considered for demolition. The replacement buildings were considered out of character and unsatisfactorily located; the houses breaking up the building line and the exit onto the road being at a dangerous point on the bend. It was hoped that other members of the village would write to object to these proposals. The application numbers are : the demolition plans 95/0827 and the amended plans 95/0631. Further information can be obtained from the Clerk, Mr John Spires, tel. L.B. 370094.

CHURCH BROCHURE

In 1968, 'Design & Ideas', Soulbury, designed a guide to the history of the Church - it is still in print and you can buy it for 2/- (2 shillings). After nearly 30 years we need a new one. Are there some people in the village who could up-date the content and design? If you are interested, could you let Norman Cotton know (tel. 240287). It might of course be possible to widen it's content to include a history of the village.

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS!

The Bucks Historic Churches Trust, who have given All Saints a grant, organise a church crawl for cyclists (or horse riders!) to raise money for the Trust. Cyclists keep half of the money they raise in sponsorship. The idea is to get sponsors to sponsor you to visit as many churches in the area as possible. The date for this year's event is Saturday, September 9th. If you want to cycle for All Saints, please give Norman a ring - or if you want to sponsor. We also need volunteers to be at the church from 10am to 4pm to sign cyclist's papers. Please see list in porch.

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Work is progressing well behind the green plastic - the new lead roof to the tower is almost complete and looks very neat and waterproof. It is a pity most people won't see it!

New sections of stone have been set into a belfry window and other higher sections of the tower. The missing section of the E on the weathervane was found at the foot of the tower and will be replaced and soon the freshly painted flagpole will once again be seen at the top.

FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS FOR CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

On Thursday August 17th from 6.30pm, by kind invitation of the Pargeters, an evening of pasta and wine at The Cottage. Tickets £6 from Mr Pargeter.

Bank Holiday Monday August 28th, enjoy a Barbecue and Jazz at 'The 'Boot' from 6pm.

Sunflower Judging - This will take place on Saturday September 16th. If your sunflower is over 6'6" by then, please ring Richard Payne. Tel. 270463.

VJ Day - Sunday August 20th

To mark VJ Day there will be a said service of communion at 11am in the church, then at approximately 11.30am a service around the Memorial. If there are people in the village who took part in the war in the Far East could you contact Norman Cotton (tel 240287), preferably before August 4th.

CHURCH FETE

Many thanks to all who supported the Fete in various ways. It made a profit of £1,415 for church funds and the excellent Barn Dance in the evening raised £500 for the Restoration Fund. It was good to have the use of the Marquee for the whole day. Thanks to the Cricket Club for the use of their ground.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1995

After all the work Soulbury residents put in it is disappointing to have to report that we were not successful in reaching the final again this year. Our total points gained were 79 out of 100. Most of our lost points were caused by weeds around the base of buildings, especially the Clubroom, the Church, the telephone box, the Memorial and the footpath edge at the bend opposite the Stone. It always seems to be the case that most of these sites were immaculate soon after the judging - but we don't seem to get our timing right! The "Public House gives a very favourable impression" was the comment for The Boot. Well done there! Let's try for better marks next time.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

This will take place in the Clubroom Tuesday 15th August at 11am. An Entertainer will keep the children amused, free of charge, for about an hour.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

At the recent open meeting, it was noted that the village scheme now covered the following sectors:-

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Sector Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Tel.</u>
Dean Farm Lane, Great Brickhill Road The Green (even numbers)	Ken Lamb 11 Dean Farm Lane	270476
Andrews Close and the Green (odd numbers)	Pam Norman 11 The Green	270483
Stewkley Road (High Rd to Wragmore) & the Mead	Stan Morris Village co-ordinator 3 Stewkley Road	270577
Mount Pleasant & the High Rd (Stone to Forge)	Yvonne Amour 8 Mount Pleasant	270599
Chapel Hill, High Road (Stone to Boot)	Debbie Walton 21 High Road	270680
Church Lane, High Road (Boot to Brook Cottages) Leighton Road	David Kempster 59 High Road	270190

If you have recently moved to the area or have not been receiving Neighbourhood Watch literature please talk to your sector co-ordinator. Anybody willing to act as a Co-ordinator in uncovered sections of the village please contact Stan Morris.

We were worried to hear of an unpleasant incident occurring in the village which involved the shooting and killing of a cat. It was shot by an unknown person using an air gun or pistol with very large, 10mm pellets. The owners of the cat are anxious that other pet owners don't have to experience this trauma and warn people in the locality to be very careful.

W.I

Tuesday 15th August: Members of Soulbury WI have been invited to join Stoke Hammond WI for their August meeting - a make-up demonstration at 7.30pm in Stoke Hammond school. For further information, telephone Val Hammond on 270604.

Tuesday 12th September: Flower arranging demonstration by the flamboyant Neil Gurney. Everyone is welcome as this is an open meeting. Non-members £2. All the flower arrangements will be raffled. 8.00pm in the clubroom.

BOWLS CLUB

Although on Thursday evenings at the Clubroom Indoor Bowls is played, the Soulbury members have audaciously entered the Watford Mixed - Fours Open Competition and play their first match on Thursday 3rd August. We hear that some serious practising has been taking place at Linslade Club and wish the team the very best of luck.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A reminder that August Bank holiday will delay the collection of our rubbish until the Friday of that week.

MUSICAL EVENINGS

The fund raising organised by the Friends of Soulbury Church continues to give rise to a welter of splendid entertainment of various kinds. Sunday the 9th July, saw a musical feast in the Church. We are so lucky to have such talent in the village. Sunday's concert consisted of a trio composed of Sue Taylor (flute), Chris Jones (bassoon) and a Bedford friend Charles Evans, on piano, together with the Heathfield Singers from Tring, of

which Richard Onslow is a member. It was a brilliant evening. Chris and Sue are arranging a final concert on the 17th September at 6pm in the Church. At £5 per head including savouries and wine, it is excellent value, so do come.

We would like to welcome Richard and Rita Marks who have come to live in Stewkley Road.

Congratulations to Cassia Cochrane and Robert Lorrimore on their recent Wedding.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Sun Aug 6th	Gt. Horwood	Away	Sat Aug 26th	Eaton Bray	Home
Sat Aug 12th	League Cup Semi-Finals		Sun Aug 27th	New Bradwell	Away
Sat Aug 19th	Gt. Brickhill	Away	Mon Aug 28th	Six A Side at Gt. Horwood.	
Sun Aug 20th	Bletchley Printers	Home	Mon Aug 28	The League Cup Final	

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Vicar. Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley, 240287

Sunday Services.

Each Sunday in August 11.30am Sung Eucharist

August 20th 11am Said Communion & VJ Service

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. J Hustler. Tel 240251, The Manse, Stewkley.

Sunday 6th	10.30am	Mr C. Dimmock Family Service
August 13th	6.00pm	Rev. J. Hustler Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
20th	6.00pm	Rev. N. Cotton
27th	6.00pm	Mrs F. Brown

Youth Group every Sunday after 6pm service, except 1st Sunday in the month.

AROMATHERAPY & MASSAGE THERAPY - Help yourself to better health. Fully trained and qualified therapist Annette Gesoff S.P.Cert A.,MISPA,ITEC,AIPTI. Please phone for further details Stewkley 01525 240135.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - Meetings in the clubroom unless otherwise stated.

Wed Aug 9th Social Circle 2-30pm
 Thurs Aug 3/10/17/24/31 Bowls evening 7.30pm
 Tues Aug 15th W.I. at Stoke Hammond 7.30pm
 Wed Aug 2/9/16/23/30 Keep Fit. 8.15 - 9.15pm
 Wed Aug 16th Womens Fellowship Fish & Chip Supper at 7 Chapel Hill 7pm.
 Tues Aug 15th Childrens Entertainment 11am
 Thurs Aug 17th Pasta & Wine 6.30pm - Mr & Mrs Pargeter, The Cottage, Soulbury.
 Mon Aug 28th Barbeque & Jazz at The Boot - 6pm.

DIARY DATES

Sept 4th Parish Council Meeting
 Sept 6th Golf Day
 Sept 9th Bucks Historic Churches Cycle Ride
 Sept 16th Sunflower Judging
 Sept 17th All Saints Harvest Festival
 Sept 17th Musical Evening
 Sept 18th Harvest Supper
 Sept 24th Treasure Hunt

Items for next issue by 19th June to: Mrs Miller. 270545. Mrs Bunyan 270461.

Mrs Norman 270483. Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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