



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Church Cleaning - Help would be appreciated from 10.00am until 12 noon on Saturdays 1st August and 5th September.

Graveyard - On the right hand side of the path from the road to the church are four graves of the Robinson family. The railings surrounding the graves make strimming difficult. It is the intention of the PCC to remove these railings in two months time unless any objection is received.

Harvest - Advance notice that the harvest festival will be on September 20th and the traditional harvest supper on 21st September.

Restoration News - By late August / early September we hope to see a start on phase 2 of the restoration work to the building. Later in September the bells will be taken down for major work and re-hung in the spring of 1999. More details to follow in a separate newsletter.

Fund Raising - "A Party At The NAAFI" theme evening at Holmside was a great success. £676 was raised to be shared between the funds of the PCC and the FOOSC. The uniforms, wartime posters, photos and memorabilia all added to the occasion. Thanks to Jim and Greeba Cochrane for the venue and food, also to Heather and Ian Parrot for their help, to the Curles for masterminding the raffle and everybody else who joined in, especially Joyce and the spice girls. Colin White as Vera Lynn excelled himself!

Advance Notice - There will be a barn dance at Stewkley village hall on 26th September at 8pm in aid of the FOOSC, the caller will be John Kemp. Tickets cost £8 to include a fish and chip supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Jackie Ridley (270619), Jane Luxton (270493) or Sheila Morgan (270485) will be glad to have your reservations.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Official progress is slow, as everyone knows who has purchased a house. Legal details take an age to complete but we are getting there. Planning permission has been

granted; the Charity Commissioners are considering the application to form a Charitable Trust and should give us the go ahead this week; and we have a bank account! Any cheques can now be made out to " Soulbury Millennium Green Trust ". The trustees very much enjoyed the company of those who attended the awareness evening, and hope to see those members of the village who couldn't make it over the next few weeks.

Offers of help have been very encouraging. So far all these different ways of helping have been offered :-

- volunteer driver and digger for the pond,
- volunteers hay making , tent erection and path clearing,
- sponsors for individual trees, bat and bird boxes,
- covenants,
- sponsor for the pedestrian entrance gate,
- sponsor towards the cost of fencing,
- volunteer to set the gates in to the field,
- volunteer driver and grass cutter.

A volunteer workers list has been started and is being kept by Liz Miller. If you would like to add your name to it there will be lots of different activities to interest you over the next eighteen months or so. The first stage of work will include dredging out the pond and the ditches and wet areas. This should be happening in early September. The gates will be hung also quite soon, and the grass will continue to be mown to help reduce the tussocks. (We could do with some help here as it needs some quite substantial cutters to cope with the tough grasses, any offers?) Also, once cut the grass must be removed from the surface which we have been doing with hay rakes. Whilst the paper work is being completed the Green is being surveyed for its present wildlife interest. Members of Milton Keynes Natural History Society, and Buckinghamshire's Recorders for Insects and Flowers and Grasses have visited the site. Neighbours to the Green may have seen the bright light that was being used to attract moths one warm night recently. Our Millennium Green may well be the site for the first record in North Buckinghamshire of at least one or even two insects! What fame!

ALPHA IS COMING TO SOULBURY!

Tuesday 15th September is the day that Alpha comes to Soulbury. Alpha is a series of videos each followed by a short discussion exploring the major questions of life. It is designed for people who want to know the truth about Jesus Christ. Was he just a good man? So why did he claim to be perfect? Did he claim to be God? What does that mean to me? The course is open to everybody, both those who go to church yet are unsure about these important questions, and those who do not attend any church but want to know what Christians believe. It is also a way for parents to find out what children are taught at Sunday School so they can answer their children's questions.

"Songs Of Praise" on BBC1 will feature Alpha on Sunday 20th September but the course will **already** have started in Soulbury. Don't miss the first evening on 15th September which will start with a meal at 7.00pm in the Methodist Chapel, Chapel Hill. Times for future meetings (which will not include a meal) will be adjusted to suit participants. For further information contact Bob and Margaret Harris (Tel. 01525 376492) or Matthew and Amanda Williams (Tel. 01525 377257).

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Kevin Vinsen for typing the newsletter on numerous occasions. Kevin and his family are now moving abroad and we wish them all the best in their new life.

We would be most grateful if anyone else would now volunteer their services to type the newsletter, preferably on a computer / word processor. The more people who volunteer, the less often any one person will be asked to type. Please do contact any of the editors named at the foot of the newsletter if you are able to help, even if only occasionally.

BOWLS CLUB

The Soulbury Bowls Club enjoyed a very exciting day out to the Rhondda Valley on Thursday 16th July. Apart from a lovely sunny day and an afternoon of Green Bowls we also visited the Lewis Merthyr Colliery which is part of the Rhondda Heritage Park. Many thanks go to Alf Peacock for organising our trip.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Sun. Aug. 2nd - Gt. Brickhill - Home
Sun. Aug. 9th - Cublington - Away
Sat. Aug. 15th - Stoke Hammond - Away
Sun. Aug. 16th - Stewkley - Away
Sat. Aug. 22nd - Whitchurch - Home
Sun. Aug. 23rd - New Bradwell - Away
Sat. Aug. 29th - Little Horwood - Away
Sun. Aug. 30th - Newport Pagnell - Home
Mon. Aug. 31st - Gt. Horwood six-a-side.

REFUSE COLLECTION

If anyone currently using a rectangular wire mesh black-sack holder would like theirs collected please contact J. Sheppard (270377) or D. Miller (270545).

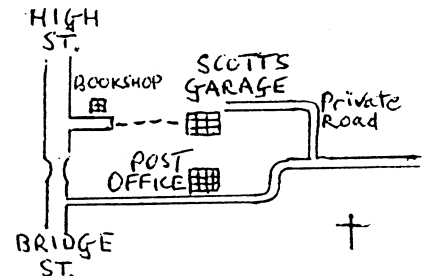
CHILD MINDER / MOTHER'S HELP

Patricia, aged 16, currently studying for an NVQ in Child Care, offers her services as child minder / mother's help in Soulbury and surrounding areas. References available. Contact Patricia on 270597.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

Sun. Aug. 2nd - 11.30 - Morning Prayer taken by Peter Lymbery
Sun. Aug. 9th & 16th - 11.30 - Sung Eucharist
Sun. Aug. 23rd - 11.30 - Sung Eucharist led by the Vicar of Wing
Sun. Aug. 30th - 11.30 - Sung Eucharist
Sun. Sept. 6th - 06.00 - Holy Communion
Sun. Sept. 6th - 10.00 - Family Service and start of New Year for the Sunday Club
in the Chapel.

Additional Services at Stewkley

Sun. Aug. 2nd & Sun. Sept. 6th - 7pm - At St. Michaels ; Service of Compline and readings and music. A reflective service lasting 30 minutes.
Weds. Aug. 26th - 12.00 - Prayers and Bears Service. Bring your teddies for a short service followed by a picnic and games on the Vicarage lawn. Drinks provided, bring your own picnic.

METHODIST CHURCH Minister: Rev. Ian Banks, The Manse, Stewkley. 240251

Sunday Aug. 2nd - 10am - Mrs J. Dimmock
Sunday Aug. 9th - 6pm - Rev. K. Salter
Sunday Aug. 16th - 6pm - Rev. I. Banks, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday Aug. 23rd - 6pm - Mr P. Male
Sunday Aug. 30th - 6pm - Mr M. Corby.

No Sunday Club during August.

No Mother and Toddler during August.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Thurs. Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Bowls Evening 7.30pm
Weds. Aug. 12 - Social Circle 2.30pm
Tues. Aug. 18 - Children's entertainment 11.00am
Weds. Aug. 19 - Women's Fellowship, Fish & Chip Supper at Church Farm Ho., 7pm
Mon. Aug. 3, 17 - Mobile library : 10.15 - 10.30 High Rd, 2.35 - 2.50 Stewkley Rd.
Weds. Aug. 5, 19 - Woodland Waste Paper Collection
Thurs. Aug. 13, 27 - AVDC Waste paper collection and recycling.

DIARY DATES

September 21st - Harvest Supper.
September 26th - Barn Dance.