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SOLSBURY NEWSLETTER



THE NEWSLETTER

It is now some time since we last had an up-to-date list of the houses to which each deliverer takes newsletters. It would be very helpful if each person who delivers newsletters would let us have such a list, partly so that we can ensure that there are no gaps and also so that it is easier to arrange a replacement when the usual deliverer is on holiday or ill.

THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT MOUNT PLEASANT

The Parish Council is at present investigating ways in which the playground could be updated and improved, particularly for the children too old to play on the equipment in the Millennium Green. Bill Richards, the Leisure Grants Officer from AVDC and Mark Rutherford from AVDC Leisure Services met recently with representatives from the Parish Council at the playground and have made various recommendations. These include the resiting of the goalposts, replacing the play equipment and devising a cycling track, criss-crossing the bottom end of the field. There are various grant-making bodies who may be prepared to finance some of the scheme. The Parish Council is now setting up a sub-committee to take this matter forward and would like to hear from any interested villagers who would be prepared to join the sub-committee. They would like to

have the views of people in the village as to what is actually wanted at the playground, and also they require help to raise funds generally, including approaching the various sources which may make grants.



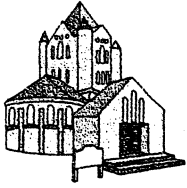
Children's Entertainer

Don't forget the free children's entertainment in the village hall on Tuesday 15th August at 11am. Children of all ages are welcome to come and see the entertainer who is touring the villages in Aylesbury Vale.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council considered the application for planning permission for a stable block on the Leighton Road at its most recent meeting. The view was expressed that the whole area along the valley down to the canal had become an eye-sore because of the great variety of activities going on there. It was suggested that a District Council officer should review the whole site before recommending any further development.

The Parish Council gave its approval of the Bedfordshire County Council initiative on dog control. This was with particular reference to Stockgrove Park area where Buckinghamshire & Bedfordshire share responsibility. The local rangers would be empowered to control dogs which were behaving in an unsociable and unrestrained manner.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Cleaning

Help would be appreciated with cleaning on Saturdays 5th August and 2nd September from 10am to 12 noon.

Church Fete

This was held on 22nd July and raised £1530 for All Saints General Funds. This was the best result yet apart from the Centenary Year in 1994 which had a much wider scope and potential. It was a pity that the day was dull and cold after the warmer weather earlier in the week.

The traditional stalls were in evidence plus one or two new ideas. Once again we were treated to some very fine music by Secklow Brass and it was good to see our local MP John Bercow present for an hour or so. The bells ringing periodically during the afternoon and visits to the tower all added to the occasion.

Thanks to John and Bunty Pargeter for allowing us to use their garden at The Cottage, to Tony Saint from The Boot for serving and providing the refreshments, to Jim Cochrane and his ringers and to all those who helped in humping tents and tables, manning stalls and by providing prizes as well as those who supported the events.

If anyone has green ticket 74 from the Teddy/Hippo raffle please contact Jean Morris on 270577.

Church Restoration

Remedial work to the electrical system has been put in hand. Members of the PCC and the committee of the Friends of Soulbury Church are to meet Alan Frost, our architect in the Church on Monday 7th August at 8pm to discuss items outstanding from his last two quinquennial reports and possible improvements which might

include kitchen, toilets, ringing platform, a creche area, improvements in the lighting in the chancel and external illumination. The public are welcome!

Financing Pastoral Work and the Restoration

The PCC continues to struggle to make ends meet financing the day to day ministry. As far as the structure is concerned, we do not want to find ourselves as in 1994 facing a mountain of work and a vast outlay after years of neglect.

There is a need to keep up and indeed increase the income for the ordinary needs of the PCC. Fund raising for restoration work can be scaled down but needs to continue.

We are thankful to those who have given under one or both heads in the past and hope they will continue but we appreciate that some will have given all they can to the restoration. Newcomers to the village may wish to participate.

For those who pay tax the new Gift Aid scheme introduced by the Government in the spring makes it possible for the Church to claim back 28p for every £1 given, even on an occasional basis. There is no need to commit to specific amounts for any period of time. Only very simple form needs completion and Stan Morris 270577 will be pleased to talk to anyone who contacts him.

H.M. THE QUEEN MOTHER

Our Bell Ringers are hoping to perform a quarter peal at 7pm on Friday 4th August in honour of Her Majesty, The Queen Mother's Birthday.



CONCERT REPORT

The first concert planned for the open air theatre on the Green very unfortunately coincided with a bout of rotten weather. It was such a shame as the twenty five children

from Gelli-Pentre school in the Rhonda Valley really sang their hearts out and made us all laugh with their comic entertainment and infectious enthusiasm. The standard was excellent as was the Cedars-sax Ensemble who played some riveting numbers in the middle of the concert. Many thanks to Chris Jones for bring these youngsters along.

When we left the church the school children were given a tea in the clubroom, kindly made by Margaret Rowe, Joyce Kellner and Jean Morris. This disappeared in no time, (especially the mini jaffa cakes!) and the children needed to let off steam.

A visit to the Millennium Green turned out to be just the ticket with the children, exploring the site, testing the play equipment and seeing how deep the pond was!

As they were leaving to go they asked 'can we come back tomorrow?'

So thank you children for entertaining us so beautifully and to Mr Jones the inspiring headteacher and his wonderful colleagues for giving up their day; and of course to Alf Peacock who masterminded the whole venture.

And many thanks to the PCC for the use of the church by the children that participated.

100 CLUB

The winner of the July draw for the Millennium Green '100 Club' was Mr Douglas Cook from Wing.

LETTERS PAGE

'I think it appropriate that I should express my personal gratitude and that of the Parish Council for recent events in the village which have been brought about by the hard work and commitment of many local people.'

First, the Millennium Green - now almost completed and providing precious open space and amenities for the village to enjoy. I am sure everybody will appreciate how fortunate it was that this piece of land was saved from development,

and secured as a village asset. The result is a wonderful amenity to be enjoyed now and by future generations.

Second, the restoration of the Church Bells. It is a great pleasure to hear them ringing out across the village once again, it brings back an important ingredient of the life of the village.

Thank you very much to the people involved in these projects. The village can rightly be proud of itself.'

Alf Peacock

Chairman, Soulbury Parish Council

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE NEW SITTING SERVICE

With the aid of a grant, St John have set up a new sitting service, providing short term respite care, daytime or evening, to enable a carer to have a few hours away from a caring role.

A carer can be anyone who devotes time caring for someone, whether friend, relative or neighbour, there is no age limit.

Prospective clients will receive a visit from a co-ordinator to assess what level of service is required and to complete a care package form.

Any information is in complete confidence and does not affect any benefits that the cover or client receive.

For further information call Chrissie Rawlings on 01296 336 484.

LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

We are currently recruiting new advisors to join our team. You do not need to have any specific qualifications or experience, but you must be willing to participate fully in our training programme, and be prepared to give 6-8 hours a week.

To find out more, contact the CAB, Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 7DA, Tel. 01525 373878.



FARMERS MARKETS

In recent years the food we eat has become the focus of increasing concern.

Locally produced food is important in that it can help the rural economy and at the same time give people access to good quality local produce.

Farmers markets are one way in which local producers can sell their produce direct to the consumer.

The success of Leighton Buzzard Farmers Market, which is held on the third Saturday of each month from 8.30am - 3.30pm, has now encouraged other towns within Buckinghamshire to establish markets.

Milton Keynes - held every Sunday
Tel. 01908 678 940

Buckingham - held on 1st Tuesday of the month, Tel. 01280 816 426

Thame - held on 2nd Tuesday of the month, Tel. 01491 823 497

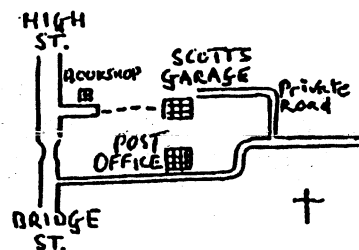
Please contact the telephone numbers given if you would like to sell your produce.

RECENT VANDALISM

It has come to our attention that a few cars have been broken into over the past few weeks in Soulbury. Can we ask that you be extra vigilant in keeping an eye out for anything that may seem out of the ordinary.

VEHICLE REPAIRS, SERVICING AND MOT TESTING

High quality workmanship from a friendly establishment. Convenient to Leighton Buzzard High Street. David J Scott. Tel. 01525 373 628.



GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

Repairs and Sales by RGC Machinery, Station Road, Mursley, NK17 0SA. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection and delivery. Reconditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of ATV's & Farm Machinery. Tel. 01296 720 066.



CRICKET FIXTURES AUGUST 2000

Saturday	5 th August	Away	Caddington
Sunday	6 th August	Away	Shenley Church End
Saturday	12 th August	Home	Willen First XI
Sunday	13 th August	Away	Cublington
Saturday	19 th August	Away	Stewkley 2 nd XI
Sunday	20 th August	Home	Mentmore
Saturday	26 th August	Home	Leighton Rovers
Sunday	27 th August	Away	New Bradwell



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2000

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Saturday	5 th	10am – 12pm	Church Cleaning
Monday	7 th and 21 st	2.00pm – 2.15pm 2.20pm – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-by - Bus Stop
Tuesday	8 th		W.I.
Wednesday	9 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Wednesday	16 th		W.F.
Thursday	10 th and 24 th		A.V.D.C. Waste paper and recycling collection
Thursday	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
Saturday	2 nd September	10am – 12pm	Church Cleaning



DIARY DATES

AUGUST	Friday 4 th	7pm	Bell ringers performing a quarter peal for HM The Queen Mother's Birthday
AUGUST	Monday 7 th	8pm	Meeting architect regarding Church restoration - at All Saints Church
AUGUST	Tuesday 15 th	11.00am	Children's Summer Entertainment
AUGUST	Saturday 19 th	8.30am – 3.30pm	Leighton Buzzard Farmers Market

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	6 th August	11.30	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	13 th August	11.30	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	20 th August	11.30	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	27 th August	11.30	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	3 rd September	11.30	Sung Eucharist

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Brian Trudgian, The Manse, Stewkley – Tel. 240251

Sunday	6 th August	10.00am	Mr M Owens
Sunday	13 th August	6.00pm	Mrs J Dimmock
Sunday	20 th August	6.00pm	Rev. K Salter, Sacrament of the Lords Supper
Sunday	27 th August	6.00pm	Mr T R Morris
All Sundays except first in month		10.00am	Sunday Club

Items for next issue by 21st August 2000 to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Mr Friswell 270918, Mrs Hulston 270349, Miss Wegener 270284, Mrs Stevens 270514 or Mrs Ridley 270 619.