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PARISH NEWS

PARISH PLAN : The Parish Plan is now also available to download from the Soulbury Website www.soulbury.org

PLAY AROUND THE PARISHES : These FREE sessions are being held on 6th/18th/27th August see back page for times. On the playground if dry, Clubroom if wet. For further information please contact Margaret Rowe on 01525 270355.

VILLAGE HALL : The AVDC grant funded improvements are due to be completed by the end of August. A new storeroom is being added at the rear corner of the building, this will free up space in the main hall. The outside area will be cleared and levelled with new hard standing, and a new notice board will be erected.

INCIDENT : Residents contacted the police following the behaviour of a group of teenagers attending a party in the village hall. The hall had not been hired to local residents.

BUS SHELTER : The graffiti has been reported and will be painted over in due course.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND : Discussions are still taking place regarding new equipment and possible installation on the Millennium Green. The road-side fence for the playground currently has a hole, this has been reported and will be rectified as soon as possible. Please be mindful of this safety hazard for children at the moment.

STOCKGROVE COUNTRY PARK

Many of our parishioners will know that "Stockgrove" as it is known, is partly within the Parish of Soulbury. It also is a fact that Rushmere Park is also partly within our Parish. Both of these parks are managed by The Greensand Trust. The latter only recently been acquired jointly with Central Beds Council.

Stockgrove have always held an Annual Public Meeting for the benefit of the users of the park. This year the meeting will also cover usage of Rushmere as the two will eventually (possibly) become one. Ideas are invited from the public as to ways of using the parks in the future. The idea being, to hopefully attain self funding, as with other parks in the County.

If you have an idea, question or suggestion then the management are inviting you to write to them, so that, at the public meeting these can be aired. Of course we would like to see a good attendance at the meeting too.

The meeting will be at Stockgrove Country Park on 28th August meeting at the Café at 2:30pm.

Please send written questions or comments to : The Ranger, The Greensand Trust, Stockgrove Country Park, Brickhill Road, Heath & Reach, Leighton Buzzard. LU7 0BA. Or email rangers@greensandtrust.org

The meeting will probably include a guided walk and finish up with a Barbeque, so come prepared!

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

We have been very lucky recently to be able to borrow the Tracmaster tractor from The Greensand Trust at Stockgrove Park to cut the long grass in the top meadow on the Green. This machine cuts long grass for hay and is less damaging to invertebrates, such as butterflies, skippers, grasshoppers, moths and other insects. It is a modern version of the old Allen scythes that were used on small areas of meadow in the past. It is super efficient and hand held. Many thanks to Jon Sheppard, David Jones and Bob Beaumont for taking the time to go on a training course to learn how to use it and cutting our grass. We cannot thank the Greensand Trust enough for their kindness and co-operation.

On Saturday July 24th we had a group of more than 20 children and young helpers who volunteered to rake up the hay and do tidying up jobs on the Green. The children are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, otherwise known as Mormons and came from a wide area, from Watford, Hayes, Enfield, Wembley and Aylesbury. It was absolutely great to have them and they were so hard-working and a pleasure to know. Many thanks are due to Sue Fu and her family from Dean Farm Lane for organising this event.

W.I. QUIZ NIGHT

This is being held on Friday 17th September, including a Fish & Chip supper, tickets £10. Numbers will be limited so please book by the end of August. Telephone M.Rowe on 270355.

HARVEST SUPPER

Monday 27th September, tickets will be available shortly. Please contact Mrs Chris Bryant on 270607.

AIR GUN INCIDENT

I live in Chapel Hill, Soulbury and on 11th July, my cat was shot 'head on' with an air rifle that lodged a gun pellet at the back of her ear. The vet has been able to remove it and she will luckily make a full recovery, thank goodness. She is a black cat with white on her face and is a very friendly, curious cat that likes to explore. I am struggling to believe that there is someone in the village that is intentionally shooting animals. I firstly would like to warn local residents of Soulbury that this has happened and secondly appeal to people to look out for and report any actions that may lead to acts of cruelty. If you could either contact myself if you have any information regarding this (perhaps you heard something) or contact the local police in Wing who are aware of the incident. Please quote reference number URN 4911707.

Please, please any information that can prevent this from happening again would greatly be appreciated. Thank you.

Chrissie Frisbee 01525 270773

CHURCH NEWS

We have not had a very good record at Soulbury of attending Benefice Services in the other parishes of our benefice, so I am making a special plea this time for people to make the effort to attend the one in Cublington on August 29th. It is possible that the Area Dean the Very Reverend Karen Gorham will be taking the service and she is a very inspiring preacher.

June Linney's funeral took place on Monday July 5th in the church, followed by the burial in the churchyard. It was a very sad but fitting ceremony, attended by over 70 people. June was well-known in the area and many friends and work colleagues came to pay their respects. The Rev. Peter Lymbery took the service as June had requested he should. Her two nieces, Fiona and Alison Galbraith read a short tribute to their beloved aunt. Their father, June's brother, Ian Galbraith, supported by his wife, Lissa, spoke with great affection about their childhood and early life in Stewkley. He mentioned the tragic family history, the genetically inherited illness which caused June's early death and that of her sister and a niece before her. Ian himself is showing signs of this illness and at times looked quite frail. Her grave was covered with beautiful flowers as she wanted.

After the service, refreshments were served in the Club Room. Many thanks to Margaret Rowe and friends for doing the catering, again, as June herself had requested.

June was born on November 25th 1954 in Stewkley, a local lass who went to school in Stewkley and then to Wing Secondary School. When she left school she went to work for Johnny Morris in his garage in Wing (no longer there) and from there in 1970 she started working in W.H.Smith's in the High Street, Leighton Buzzard where she remained for 24 years before she had to give up for health reasons. Was there anyone in the Leighton Buzzard area who didn't know her face in those days? I doubt it. She married John Linney in Stewkley church in 1977 and in November of that year they moved to Soulbury, where they have been for 33 years. John became her carer in the nineties, as her health declined and she became more frail. They were a devoted couple and rarely apart, going to Leighton regularly on the bus to shop and so well-known by many local people.

June was a committed Christian and a regular member of the congregation and she will truly be sadly missed

St Columba Church : Some people from the P.C.C. went recently to St Columba Church in London to hear a talk given by Robin Lane Fox. He is a very entertaining academic, a Fellow of New College Oxford, an historian, an expert on Alexander the Great and a writer of gardening books. He has a series of programmes scheduled to begin on television in the autumn on Traveling Heroes, so if you are interested, look out for this programme. The P.C.C. is indebted to Lady Nadine Bonsor for arranging this event and we all thank her very much for all her hard work. Proceeds from the talk will go towards All Saints' Church funds.

STEWKLEY UNDER-11s FOOTBALL

The Stewkley under-11s football team is recruiting new players for next season. We have had a successful year and are looking to build on this as we progress to 9-a-side next year. Players need to be in Year 6 next year. Experience of playing for a team is a plus. For further information, please contact Frank Gesoff on 01525 240135 or 07970 034392.

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Saturday 16th October 2010

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Sunday	1st August	11:30am	Family Service (Andrew and Lesley Barry)
Sunday	8th August	11:30am	Holy Communion & Baptism (Rev. Valerie Rushton)
Sunday	15th August	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Vernon Smith)
Sunday	22nd August	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	29th August	* 10am *	Benefice Service at Cublington (St. Nicholas)



CRICKET FIXTURES

www.soulburyvcc.org.uk

Sunday	1st Aug	Bletchley Cavaliers	Home
Sunday	8th Aug	Whitchurch	Away
Sunday	15th Aug	Ivinghoe & Pitstone	Home
Sunday	22nd Aug	F M Arthurs	Home
Sunday	29th Aug	Drayton Parslow	Home

Events in September

Friday 17th September - W.I. Quiz

Sunday 19th September - Soulbury Breakfast

Monday 27th September - Harvest Supper

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesdays	4th & 18th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop
	6th, 18th, 27th		AVDC Play Around the Parishes 10am - 12:30pm on 6th/27th , 2pm - 4:30pm on 18th
Thursdays	5th & 19th		AVDC Refuse Collection
Thursday	12th August		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection 
Thursday	26th August		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass
Friday	* 3rd Sept *		AVDC Refuse Collection

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