

St Valentine's Day

So much legend surrounds St. Valentine's Day that it is impossible to be sure of the facts of his life - there may even have been two St. Valentines, both beheaded in the 3rd Century. St. Valentine's Day probably got its romantic connotations when the early church was trying to suppress the pagan Roman festival of Lupercalia. The associated practice of boys drawing girls' names from an urn was linked to St. Valentine when the feast of Lupercalia was forbidden by law. The sending of cards began early in the 19th Century and increased in popularity with the introduction of cheap postal services.

Council House Allocation.

At the request of the Parish Council Sir Philip Duncombe gives the following information about the Council House Allocation system.

"Soulbury is in the District Council's Housing Area No. 12 which includes Drayton Parslow, Dunton, Great Brickhill, Hoggston, Mursley, Newton Longville, Stewkley and Stoke Hammond. It will be seen from this that an applicant for a council house has a better chance of being housed fairly quickly if he or she has the necessary qualifications and does not mind which village they live in. If the applicant's only choice is Soulbury then the process will take longer.

The Sub-Committee dealing with Allocations and Arrears meets every fortnight, and although Sir Philip does not serve on that Committee he may attend and speak on cases in his Ward. From experience Sir Philip is confident that any special circumstances are given consideration and notice is taken of any letters received."

From the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting. The Green Sub-Committee Following Mr. Camp's resignation it was decided to defer the matter of his replacement until the Annual Parish Meeting. Allotments. Completion of purchase of land was expected shortly. An estimate for fencing etc. had been agreed and it was hoped that the allotments would be available to parishioners early this spring. Footpaths. Concern was expressed at the ploughing up of part of the footpath to Chelmscote and also at the misuse of the Green footpath as a motor access.

Scrabble Evening.

There will be a Scrabble evening on Friday, 3rd February at the home of Mrs. P. Faulkner, 204 Aylesbury Road, Bierston, at 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. This will be an open evening and any Scrabble player will be very welcome. If you would like to come please ring Mrs. Faulkner on Aylesbury 5281 or Miss Booth on Soulbury 322, so that we may know how many boards are required.

We extend our sincere condolences to Mrs. Hing and her family on the death of Mr. Albert Hing on February 20th, after a long illness.

Mr. Hing was Church Steward and Treasurer of the Soulbury Methodist Chapel for many years and will be greatly missed by Chapel members and by all those in the village who knew him and his many kindnesses to others.

We welcome to the village Mr. and Mrs. Morris and their family who have come to live at 'Kirkview,' High Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and their family who have moved into 'Foxleigh,' Church Lane.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. W. Rowe and Mr. Michael Green and hope that they will soon be home from hospital. We hope that Mr. Bill Rolls will soon be able to resume his many activities on behalf of the parish.

We have been asked to express the appreciation of the recipients for the Christmas parcels which were given by Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and their customers at The Boot to Senior Citizens in the village.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev. Norman Burrows,
The Manse, Stewkley. Tel: 251.

Sunday	5th February	2.30 p.m.	Rev. N. Burrows. Family Hour.
Sunday	12th February	6.00 p.m.	Mrs. D. Scott.
Sunday	19th February	10.30 a.m.	Mr. Gibbons.
Sunday	26th February	6.00 p.m.	Mrs. Green.

Bible Study on Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

February 6th and 27th at 11 The Green.
February 13th at 'Little Oak,' Chelmscote.
February 20th at 27 The Green.

Sunday School on Sundays at 2.30 p.m.

All Saints Church

Vicar: Rev. Paul Drake,
The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel: 287.

Sung Eucharist each Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

Forthcoming Events.

Friday	3rd February	7.45 p.m.	Scrabble evening - Bierton.
Wednesday	8th February	2.30 p.m.	Social Circle - Clubroom.
Tuesday	14th February	8.00 p.m.	W.I. Talk on Waterway Heritage.
			Competition: Slide or photo of waterway.
			Anyone having spare Green Shield or trading stamps please bring them along.
Wednesday	15th February	8.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship at the home of Mrs. Szostek, 32 Lime Grove, Linslade.
			Mrs. Primrose Gallimore on paintings.
			Cars leave the Stone at 7.45 p.m.

Newspaper Collection on 4th and 18th February.

Advance Date

Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 22nd March at 8.00 p.m., preceded by a Parish Council Meeting.

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