

School Transport

As most parents will no doubt have read in the local newspaper, Bucks County Council intends to go ahead with plans to charge parents for school transport as from September 1980, unless there is strong opposition to these proposals and unless alternative ways can be found of raising or saving money. As we are a rural community and most children are transported to a school out of the village, Soulbury would be particularly hit. It is thought unfair to place an undue share of the public expenditure cuts on villages, like Soulbury, whose own schools have been compulsorily closed and that the local Education Authority should be told to find other and fairer ways of obtaining the money. A charge which falls only on parents by the accident of where they live cannot be right. It is said that the cost would be in the region of £1-50p per week per child, but how long would it be before the Authority increased this figure again and again. If you are concerned about this charge being implemented please come to the Clubroom on February 13th at 8.00pm. A discussion will be held as to how we can best draw the attention of local and national representatives to the unfairness of these proposals, and in particular how they would affect us in Soulbury.

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Parish Council News

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Clubroom on Tuesday 25th March 1980, with an address by Mr. F. J. Bramwell of County Engineer's Department (Traffic). Parishioners who would like Mr. Bramwell to speak on any particular aspect of Traffic should forward their requests to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible. Overstone School Managers. The County Authority have confirmed the appointment of Parish Councillor Mr. L. Brazier of Sefton Lodge as the representative for Soulbury.

The April meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 15th April. The guest speaker will be the Chief Executive of Aylesbury Vale District Council, Mr. J. Guest. Requests for any particular subjects to be answered should be forwarded to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

Cesspool/Septic tank emptying - The District Council will cease to operate the voucher system with effect from 1st April 1980, but vouchers already issued will be honoured. The Council Engineer advises us that Cleansing Services Group will continue to operate in this area and owners are advised to make arrangements directly with the company.

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Wing Adult Education Centre

There will be a public meeting on Monday 18th February at 7.30pm at Wing County Secondary School. If you are interested in your Adult Education Centre please come along as this is your chance to express your opinions and offer your suggestions. You will also be invited to take part in the Election of a Centre Management Committee which will have considerable powers in deciding on the programme and running of the Centre. Further details and nomination forms will be given at the meeting. Whether or not you will be attending the meeting, it will help us to provide the kind of Centre you want if you write to the Tutor Dr. A. E. Owen with any comments you have about how to improve the Centre and courses or activities you would like to see. Names and addresses of potential new tutors will also be welcome.

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Methodist Chapel

On Saturday 23rd February there will be a Coffee Morning in the new Chapel Hall. Coffee will be served between 10.30am and 12.30pm and there will also be a Bring and Buy Stall.

Methodist Chapel

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

Sunday 3rd February 2.30pm
Sunday 10th February 6.00pm
Sunday 17th February 10.30am
Sunday 24th February 6.00pm

Rev. N. Burrows - Family Service
Mr. M. Borkett
Rev. Lenton
Mrs. E. Green

Sunday School each Sunday at 2.30pm.

Fellowship Meetings Mondays at 2.30pm in the new Chapel Hall.

All Saints Church

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

Sung Eucharist & Sermon each Sunday at 11.30am: Series II Rite

Wednesday 20th February 11.00am

Ash Wednesday - Holy Eucharist

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 12th February 8.00pm

Women's Institute: Talk and demonstration on YOGA by Mrs. Plumptre. Competition: Make a Valentines Card.

Wednesday 13th February 2.30pm

Social Circle: A talk by Mrs. E. Smith on her 'Precious Box'.

Wednesday 13th February 8.00pm

School Transport Meeting

Monday 18th February 7.30pm

Wing Adult Education Centre public meeting at Wing.

Wednesday 20th February 8.00pm

Women's Fellowship at the home of Miss D. Booth. A talk by a Marriage Guidance Councillor.

Saturday 23rd February 10.30am-12.30pm

Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Stall in the Chapel Hall in aid of Chapel Building Funds.

All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.

Diary Dates:

March 8th - Slides of the Holy Land, followed by refreshments, in the Chapel Hall.

March 24th - Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting.

March 25th - Annual Parish Council Meeting.

April 5th & 6th - Official Opening of the new Chapel Hall.

April 15th - Parish Council Meeting.

June 7th - Church Fete.