



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

County Councillor Mrs Jennings was present at the recent Parish Council meeting and she agreed to try to press the Highways maintenance team to cut back the ivy along the wall of The Thatches which obstructs the view up The Great Brickhill Road. There is still a dispute over the responsibility for this growth.

Councillor Jennings also agreed with the Parish Council that Anglian Water was not acting reasonably when siting new meters in public pavements and footpaths. This meant that maintenance of the pipe work up to the meter which was the responsibility of the owner would involve interference with the public highway leading to even more problems.

The Clerk reported that he had received an apology from Anglian Water for their contractors low standard of work on The Green, and a promise of speedy re-seeding and levelling. However this re-instatement work has still not been done almost a month later, so further prompting was requested of the Clerk.

Whilst discussing the state of The Green the Council also noted that the new turfs over the dismantled footpath were gradually improving but felt that horse riders should be requested not to ride on it. There was quite a strong lobby to encourage riders to spread out over The Green and not trample one particular path, although obviously the edge of The Green was the best place for them. There was a suggestion that riders might be asked to keep to the roads and off The Green altogether.

On Planning Matters the Council's main objection was to buildings being sited in obtrusive situations, and this principle was used on three separate applications. Brook Cottages development was also discussed again and another complaint will be sent to the Planning Authority over the standard of brick work on the porch, front and end walls, which should have been closely monitored to see that matching bricks were used.

The chairman then commented on the recent news on the Linslade Western By-Pass which has been postponed yet again. He made the point that if the County Council had decided there was a need for this by-pass for Soulbury fifteen years ago then there was obviously even greater need now with the increase of traffic. He recommended the village did an in-depth survey of the numbers and types of vehicles using Soulbury roads and if possible their destinations. He also felt strongly that the weight limit through Soulbury could be reduced across The Green as the Leighton Southern By-

Pass now provides a route for all large vehicles unable to negotiate the low railway bridge. Soulbury roads are too dangerously narrow and winding for such heavy vehicles. But only personal complaints by individuals has kept these traffic numbers down to their present level as no official assistance has been given to regulate the weight limit. The new Milton Keynes Unitary authority has now put forward its suggested expansion plans for the future which include a National Distribution Depot, more heavy industry and thousands more houses on this side of the city particularly around Bow Brickhill and Bletchley. The Chairman felt that the Authority should show some responsibility for providing the means of transport to and from these nationally recognised centres as well as for its own residents. There is obviously a need for major roads outside their area and the Authority should not ignore this need.

Councillor Jennings said that the new Director of the Environment Department at County Hall still held the by-pass a high priority and hoped that the private funding initiative might assist with finance. However she agreed that a meeting between the Director and some members of the Parish Council to express our concerns to him would certainly be helpful. She also stressed that continuous pressure on MPs, County officials and all those who influence decisions on spending on our by-pass should be exerted so that the Linslade Western By-Pass was always at the top of the projects list.

FRIENDS OF SOULBURY RESTORATION NEWS

English Heritage and Bells We had to cancel the Village Meeting arranged for 21st Jan due to the lack of information. This will now take place on Wednesday Feb 12th at 8pm in the Club Room. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the village with as accurate an estimate as possible of the financial position and gauge opinion on whether the Village wants the bells restored and rung again. If the Village does decide it wants to do this, are there any people who want to learn the art of bell ringing? It would be useful to know the level of interest before the meeting. Please ring Norman to let him know (240287).

Christmas Draw The Christmas draw raised £615.00. Thanks to organisers and all who bought and sold tickets.

Christmas Sing-a-long at The Boot £100 was raised and thanks are recorded to Ros & Tony Saint at The Boot and Chris and Sue from Kirkview

Future Events A list of events will be published shortly - any ideas welcome.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Cleaning Help would be appreciated for Church Cleaning on Friday Feb 28th from 9am - 11am

Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Saturday Feb 22nd from 10am - 12 noon in the Clubroom.. There will be stalls of fancy goods, bric & brac and cakes. Any other ideas will be welcome. Goods can be brought on the morning or delivered to: 3 Stewkley Road on the Friday. Admission 50p including coffee

Christmas Bingo This raised £122.57. Many thanks to all concerned

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Tuesday 11th February: A "behind the scenes" talk about the famous landscape gardens at Stowe, which will be given by Mr John Cornwall. The meeting starts at 8:00pm in the Clubroom. Visitors & new members welcome. For further information, telephone Margaret Rowe on 270355.

BUCKINGHAM & WINSLOW CROSSROADS CARE

We have been asked to include the following:-

Cathy Johnstone would like to introduce herself as the new scheme manager of the Buckingham & Winslow Crossroads Care scheme.

Crossroads schemes operate all over the country and provide a service for carers, the often forgotten group of people who care for sick, disabled, elderly, frail relatives and friends at home. The main aim of the Crossroads scheme is to reduce the stress of a carer by giving them regular breaks from care. Trained care attendants can be sent in to take over the role of carer whilst they have a break.

Buckingham & Winslow Crossroads Care supports many carers in 48 parishes. If you think that either yourself or a relative or friend could benefit from this service do not hesitate to contact the office at the Health Centre in Winslow. Tel. 01296 - 715286. All information is treated in confidence; they are there to help...

PAT SOMERVILLE

It is with regret that we report the recent death of Pat Somerville. Pat came with her parents to live and work at Liscombe Park before moving to live in the High Road. She will be missed at The Boot by all her work colleagues and by all her many friends.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

The senior citizens would like to thank the committee of the Stapleford Charity for their Christmas Parcels. They were very much appreciated by all the recipients.

BUCKS CVS VILLAGE APPRAISAL EVENT

On Saturday 1st March at Jubilee Hall, Seer Green 10am - 12.30pm there will be an exhibition and talks of village appraisals and parish maps. Enthusiastic speakers will explain how they and many others became involved and enjoyed the projects. The exhibition, which is free, will be open until 4pm.

For further information Tel: 01296 21036

THANKS FROM THE 'PAPERBOY'

The paperboy would like to thank all those customers who showed their appreciation over the Christmas period and wishes them all the best for the new year.

THE BOOT

The Boot urgently requires a morning cleaner for weekdays. Please phone TONY SAINT on 01525 270433 for details and an interview.

LOST

A Cameo brooch has been lost in the area of the Clubroom. A reward is offered. Tel 270266

FOUND

A small number of old coins were found on The Green recently. For further information telephone Milton Keynes Police.

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

Repairs and sales by R.G.C. Machinery, Rock Lane Farm. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection & delivery. Re-conditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of A.T.Vs & farm machinery. Tel 01296 681007 (daytime) 681286 (evenings)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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

Feb 2 nd	8:00 Holy Communion
	10:30 Family service in The Chapel
Feb 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd	11:30 Sung Eucharist
Mar 2 nd	8:00 Holy Communion
	10:30 Family service in The Chapel

Every Sunday the Sunday Club for Children meet at the same time as the service. The venue is The Chapel.

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Ian Banks. The Manse, Stewkley Tel: 240251

Feb 2 nd	10:30am	Mr K Gregory Joint Family Service
Feb 9 th	6pm	Rev I Banks Sacrament of the Last Supper
Feb 16 th	6pm	Rev A Cox
Feb 23 rd	6pm	Mrs J Gregory

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Every Tuesday 10:30 - 12 noon

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Wed	Feb 5 th , 19 th	Mobile Library at the stone	11:35am - 11:55am
Wed	Feb 5 th , 19 th	Woodland Waste Paper Collection	
Thurs	Feb 13 th , 27 th	A.V.D.C Waste Paper Collection	
Tues	Feb 11 th	W.I. "Behind the Scenes" Landscape Gardens at Stowe	8:00pm
Wed	Feb 19 th	W.F. "My Marathon" by Mrs Liz Miller	7:45pm
Thurs	Feb 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th	Bowls Evening	7:30pm
Mon	Feb 17 th	Parish Council Meeting	8:00pm
Wed	Feb 12 th	Meeting (Church Bells)	8:00pm
Sat	Feb 22 nd	Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy	10am - 12noon

DIARY DATES

Mon	Mar 17 th	Parish Council Meeting	8:00pm
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Items for next issue by 20th Feb to: Mrs Miller 270545. Mrs Bunyan 270461.

Mrs Norman 270483. Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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