



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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We would like to thank everyone involved in the production of the newsletter and in particular Luther Brazier for his continued support in photocopying the newsletter each month. We would also like to thank Liscombe Park for making some extra copies for us last month at very short notice. We would always welcome extra help and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would help in writing the newsletter, typing it or photocopying when necessary. If anyone is interested, please contact any of the editorial team listed on the back page.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on 18th January. Their minutes are available for villagers to read in the Clubroom, Church and Chapel. The next meeting will be on 15th February.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Church Cleaning - Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12noon on Saturdays 6th February and 6th March.

Christmas Bingo - The Bingo evening on 12th December raised £107.70 for the General Funds of the Church. The Vicar and Churchwardens are very grateful to all those who helped with and supported this event.

Church Accounts - The deficit on the accounts this year is down to £80 compared with a figure of £750 in 1997. This is a move in the right direction, but we still need to improve the income to the General Fund. Detailed accounts will be available for all to see once they have been audited. In the meantime Stan Morris will be pleased to talk to anybody who wants more information or would like to contribute towards the normal costs by way of Freewill Envelopes or a Covenant.

Church Fete - The Church fete is to be held at the Old Vicarage, thanks to Doctor and Mrs. Owen, on Saturday 12th June. We would like to see one or two new ideas and we would be delighted to welcome anybody who wants to put on a dancing or athletic display. Contacts - Stan Morris on 270577 or the Vicar on 240287.

RESTORATION NEWS

Phase 2 - The glass has now been replaced in the clerestorey windows, the south aisle and the North side of the Chancel. There is a small amount of painting to finish. The south aisle pews have been refurbished and are back in place. The floor stones between the South porch and the font have been repaired, together with the tower steps. We hope to have the south aisle roof complete before the end of January, but due to the nature of the paint to be used, decoration of the interior will have to be postponed until the weather is warmer.

Christmas Beauty Evening on 10th December organised by Angela's Hair and Beauty Salon of Leighton Buzzard through Heather Parrott was a great success and raised £181 for the Restoration Fund. Thanks to all who helped and attended.

The Christmas Sing-a-Long at the Boot was well attended. The Landlord Tony Saint had invited Sue Taylor, Chris Jones and some of their friends to provide the music. There was a good deal of audience participation and everybody enjoyed the carols and Christmas songs. A collection for All Saints Restoration Fund raised £110. Many thanks to Tony, Sue, Chris and their friends and all who took part.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Since the launch in November the Green has progressed considerably despite the terrible weather conditions. All the tree planting sites are now prepared but until the lying water disappears we cannot put the trees in. Did anyone hear Maureen Payne talking about the only Millennium Green site in Buckinghamshire? Mix 96 interviewed our Chairman recently and we had quite a good piece of publicity from that. Well done Maureen.

R.A.F. Halton recruits have been on site helping with moving manure, fencing, digging out paths and creating wildlife-friendly wood piles. Another very helpful group has been members of Lets buzz, the Local Exchange and Trading Scheme, who have dug holes, laid textile, spread newspaper and assisted with creating the jetty and steps which should be erected before long. Over the Christmas period some fun was had using a Kango hammer to break up the enormous pieces of concrete which had been revealed in a heap when the site was cleared. S.R.B.E. very kindly lent the hammer and compressor and our thanks go to the volunteers who tried their hand so willingly and discovered what hard work it was!

We now just have to wait and hope that February will be a fine, dry month and then we will see those trees planted and the fencing completed.

SMALL GRANTS FOR SMALL GROUPS

If you are involved in a small voluntary group or charity working in the local area, the small grants scheme could provide between £500-£5,000 to support your work.

- (a) Is your group set up for charitable purposes?
- (b) Was your income last year less than £15,000?
- (c) Could you spend a grant within 6 months?

The grant might be used for training, equipment, repairs, events etc.

If you can answer YES to these CONTACT the small grants number 0345 458458

MOBILE LIBRARY

For those of you that support the mobile library, or to anyone who is interested in joining the library, the details are listed below. The library calls on alternate Mondays. Keep the dates in your diary.

Bungalows Lay-by, High Road	2.00 - 2.15
Bus Stop, Stewkley Road	2.20 - 2.35

Dates: Jan 11, 25; Feb. 8, 22; Mar 8, 22; Apr. 19; May 17; June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9, 23; Sept. 6, 20; Oct. 4, 18; Nov. 1, 15, 29; Dec. 13.

W.I. NEWS

Next W.I. meeting - Tuesday February 9th, 8pm in the clubroom.
Dr Brenda Harold - "Genetic Engineering"
New members very welcome. Contact 270474 or 270355.

The W.I. will be holding a Meningitis Coffee morning on March 13th, 10:30 - 12 noon in the clubroom. Come and have a coffee and a chat and help a good cause!

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

The senior citizens from the village would like to thank the Trustees of the Stapleford Charity and helpers who gave their time to deliver the parcels. They were very much appreciated.

MR COLIN KIMBLE

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Colin, who had lived in Soulbury all his life, farming at Valley Farm. Colin served as a parish councillor and as a member of the Soulbury Stapleford Charity. He was a founder member of Leighton Buzzard young Farmers, and as well as playing cricket, enjoyed the Whaddon Chase Hunt. We would like to express our sympathy to Tony, Caroline and their families.

REGISTERED CHILD MINDER

Experienced mature child minder has got two vacancies. Phone 270130

CATERING

Eat hearty, let Katie cater for your Party! Cold Buffet menus available on request. Phone 270130

IRONING

No time for ironing? Drop off and pick up same day. Call Sheila 01525 270546

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

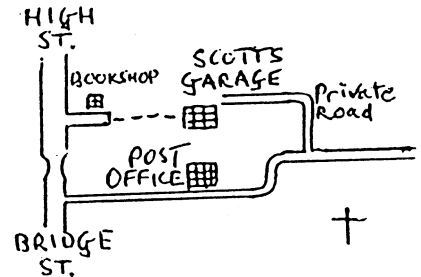
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley - Tel. 240287
Ordained Local Minister : Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, L.B. - Tel. 371235

All Sundays in February} 10.00am Sunday Club in Chapel
11.30am Sung Communion in Church

Friends of Soulbury Church Committee

There will be a meeting of this Committee in the Clubroom on Sunday February 14th at 7:30pm

METHODIST CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. I. Banks, The Manse, Stewkley. - Tel. 240251

Sunday	7th Feb.	10.00am	Mr. K. Edlington
	14th Feb.	6.00pm	Mr. W. Farmer
	21st Feb.	6.00pm	Rev. I. Banks
	28th Feb.	6.00pm	Mr. K. Gregory

Mother & Toddler	10:30am - 12noon	every Tuesday
Sunday Club	10.00am	every Sunday in the chapel

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon.	Feb. 15th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
Tues.	Feb. 9th	W.I. - Genetic Engineering - Dr Brenda Harold	8pm
Wed	Feb. 10th	Social Circle	2.30pm
Wed	Feb. 17th	W.F. At Stockhall Crescent, Stewkley - Home of Mrs J Kellner	7.45pm
Thurs.	Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25	Bowls Evening	7.30pm
Thurs.	Feb. 11th & 25th	A.V.D.C. Wastepaper & Recycling Collections	
Mon.	Feb. 8th & 22nd	Mobile Library - High Road - Stewkley Rd	2.00-2.15pm 2.20-2.35pm

DIARY DATES

March 13	W.I. Meningitis Coffee Morning	10.30-12noon
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Items for next issue by 20th February to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483 or Mrs Fairburn 270674

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