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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish council met on 15th December and 19th January. Among the topics discussed were:

Road Repairs: it was noted that repairs had been made to the Soulbury The Three Locks road. However, concern was expressed that the Soulbury to Linslade road was still in need of attention.

2002/3 Audit: the Clerk reported that the 2002/3 audit of accounts had been completed satisfactorily and that a notice has been placed on the board. A copy of the annual statement can be obtained from the Clerk for £1.

2004/5 Precept: spending plans and council tax requirements for the coming financial year were discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the precept (the amount of tax money from Aylesbury Vale) be fixed at the sum of £9,000 (2003/4 £11,000). This included £3,000 to be spent on the children's playground.

Payment to Church: it was agreed that a cheque for £1,000 should be sent to the church – representing a £500 donation from the parish council and £500 from the volunteers who cut the grass on the village green and verges, and in the allotments and the children's playing fields.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Harley Farm: permission has been granted for the mobile home to be sited at Harley Farm for three years (up to 31st December 2006).

Hollington Depot: permission has been granted for no more than 11 coaches and one mini bus to operate from this site. Only repair and maintenance of the 12 vehicles allowed. Concern was expressed that the hedge facing the road had been removed.

Cedar Lodge: it was reported that parishioners had expressed concern about the damage being caused to The Green by the builders working on the Cedar Lodge site. The Clerk was requested to write to the owner.

Mobile Library Service: Buckinghamshire County Council has written stating that as from June 2004 there will be one stopping place in Soulbury at the bus stop on alternate Mondays from 2.20 – 2.35 pm. The Clerk will be writing to urge that the stop in the bungalows lay-by be retained.

School Bus: it was reported that the school bus is now using a different route to get to the village. As a result, it is necessary for the school children to assemble on the opposite side of Stewkely Road. The situation was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to enquire

why the bus was taking a different route.

Allotments: the Clerk reported that of the 24 plots 12 were being rented. Anyone who is interested in renting a plot, total cost £6 per year (£5 rent, £1 water), should contact John Spires, telephone number 01525 370094.

Village Sign: the sign is now ready for installation. The site of the sign was agreed, and also that it should have a brick base and a plaque reading "To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II".

Thames Valley Police: notice has been received that it is no longer possible to contact Wing Police Station by telephone. For non-emergency calls contact the Police Enquiry Centre Tel: 0845 8505 505.

Next Meeting: 16th February at 7.30 pm.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Church was very well attended over the Christmas period with over 100 people in attending the two services. Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day Sung Eucharist. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen arrangements, red and white flowers and ribbons plus a lovely Christmas tree. Many thanks to all those who helped to make it such a good time. The Reverend Peter Lymbery

received a letter of thanks from the NCH (National Children's Home) Charity at Houghton Regis for all the Christmas gifts that were given by Soulbury residents at the Christingle service in December. Each year the children of the families that are supported by the N.C.H are given a present. Some of the children are just babies through to young people of 16 yrs of age. Without the help of people like our Soulbury residents, the children would not receive gifts at Christmas. Many, many thanks to all those who donated presents and supported the charity.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

The situation regarding dog fouling has been very good since the Green was re-opened, not perfect, perhaps an accident or two, but, nevertheless, much better than before. The M.Green is still locked at night and this maybe a contributory factor to the cleanness of the M.Green. On the whole, people are much more aware of the problem and of their responsibilities. The Trustees are in the process of organising events for this year and details about what is planned will be in the next newsletter.

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SPONSORS WANTED

At the start of a new year, we are again appealing for Soulbury residents to assist us in the production of the monthly Newsletter. It costs us £45 a month to get the Newsletter printed. Last year several residents sponsored the Newsletter, and for that we are very grateful. We are appealing again for sponsors to cover some of the months in 2004. Your name can be added to the Newsletter or you can sponsor

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TYPISTS REQUIRED

The typing of the Newsletter is done on a rota basis, by several typists, but we could also do with a few more names on the rota to cover holiday dates etc. If you can help us with the typing please contact Mrs Pam Norman 270483.

BROADBAND

Chris Bryant has done a great job in arguing the case for small villages and Soulbury in particular to be connected up. Soulbury does not really have enough people to justify BT putting in the exchange, but Chris has persuaded them that we do have the right proportion of people who have expressed an interest considering our population. February 16th is the date; thank you Chris.

SOULBURY WEBSITE

"I'm designing a little website for the village. I'd appreciate details of local history, especially a loan of Alf Peacock's history of the village. Pictures of the village in the C20 would be most helpful, with details of what, who and when if possible - I'll scan these and return them promptly. Village societies, sports, anecdotes from the past, local issues - anything at all! The more you offer the better the site! Nothing is unimportant! Email Frswell@aol.com phone 07960 082913, or deliver to 83

High Road."

One other point is worth publicising. I'm engaged in a battle with the electricity company over the disconnection compensation following the storms of 2002. The villagers may have received £25. I've already returned a cheque for £75 and am claiming the full £200. If I get this it'll mean the whole village is also entitled. I'll keep you posted. Allan Friswell

W.I NEWS

Soulbury W.I started off the year with a fascinating talk from Mrs Messenger who had trekked several times through the Himalayas and was certainly well-informed on the culture of the people of Nepal. It was medieval in places but the contrast from the valleys and spectacular mountains was well-presented by the excellent slides. She held a captivated audience and her tales of being cut off by the heavy falls of snow and precarious camping sites were quite awesome. Following the talk, delicious refreshments were served and everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

Helen Roos of Milton Keynes Theatre is our speaker for next month and there will also be a bring and buy sale.

COMMUNITY CONTACT CARD

Caring for people in the community. A new card to help caring people look out for vulnerable members of the community has been launched by Bucks County Council. The community contact card gives 24hour telephone numbers for social care teams, crime stoppers, child line etc. The idea is for people who work with or have daily contact with the elderly and vulnerable to carry

the card and use it if they feel someone is in need of health or social care, or something is wrong. The card details useful numbers which might be more appropriate than 999 for emergency.

If you would like to take part in the scheme, or more details please contact Barbara Loxton, Adult care services, 01296382173.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome to Soulbury, Mrs Maggie Smith, who has just come to live in the High Rd; We hope you enjoy village life and look forward to seeing you out and about.

THANKS

Many thanks to the Stapleford Trust for the senior citizens Christmas Parcels and to the people who kindly deliver them.

FRIENDS OF SOULBURY CHURCH

The friends of Soulbury Church are hoping to have an open gardens day during the summer. If anyone is interested in opening their garden to the public please ring Jane 270493 or Margaret 270305 for details. The last time this event was held in the village it was a great success.

CLEANER REQUIRED

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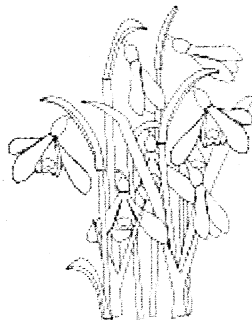
Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard - Tel: 371235

Sunday 25th Jan	11.30am Sung Eucharist.
Sunday 1st Feb	11.30am Sung Eucharist.
Sunday 8th Feb	11.30am Sung Eucharist.
Sunday 15th Feb	11.30am Sung Eucharist.
Sunday 22nd Feb	11.30am Sung Eucharist.
Sunday 29thFeb	11.30am Sung Eucharist.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday	2-16 Feb	2.00pm -2.15pm	Mobile Library
Tuesday	10th Feb	8.00pm	W.I. Helen Roos M.K Theatre. Bring & Buy sale
Wednesday	11th Feb	2.30pm	Social Circle
Monday	16th Feb	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	18th June	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday	12th & 26th Feb		AVDC Waste Paper & Recycling Collection



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