

The Boot, The Devil and The Pilgrims



Readers may be interested to learn of the probable origin of the name of Soulbury's central pub. The story goes back to the late thirteenth or early fourteenth century when a monk of the Augustinian priory of Dunstable was presented as rector of North Marston, an office he held until his death in 1314. The monk, John Schorne, was credited with two miracles in his lifetime; the creation of an unfailing spring which is reputedly the origin of the well which still exists at North Marston, and with enticing the devil into one of his boots and detaining him therein for the duration of a sermon.

After his death John Schorne's shrine became recognised as a place for the relief of "axes" or ague. When later his remains were transferred to St. George's Chapel, Windsor, which was felt to be in need of financial attractions, it was held to cure an increasing range of rheumatic and other illnesses. The representations of Master Schorne which were sold as proof of pilgrimage to the shrine (there's nothing new about the souvenir trade), all show him clutching in his left hand a boot of soft leather of calf or knee length and with the fiend emerging from the top. St. Mary's North Marston even without the shrine and its fittings continued to be a place of veneration. At the time of the Dissolution the proceeds from the Schorne shrine at Windsor had risen to £500 per year.

Grand Fund Raising Day for Aylesbury Vale Hospice Appeal

Towns and Villages throughout the Aylesbury Vale area are uniting to raise money for the Hospice, on Saturday 14 February 1987. Soulbury's organisers, would welcome ideas for our local contributions for this special fund raising day. Any suggestions please contact Mrs Liz Miller : Soulbury 545 or Miss Daphne Booth : Soulbury 322.

The Senior Citizens of the village would like to thank the Stapleford Trust Committee, for the christmas parcels, in particular to those who put so much effort and time into the packing and distribution. A special thankyou to Mr D Spencer, of Stewkley Road, for his kind and generous gift of fruits.

Carol Singing in aid of Save the Children Fund

The total amount collected was £36. The singers were very grateful for Miss Daphne Booth's hospitality. Her mince pies and coffee were life savers. A good evening was had by all.

Litter Skip

A litter skip will be placed at the junction of Mount Pleasant and High Road on Friday 6 February 1987.

Red Lion Raffle

Robbie and Dettie Robertson, of the Red Lion, would like to thank all those who donated prizes and bought tickets in aid of the Local Old People's christmas parcels. The sum of £150 was raised.

At Home with Pre-school Children

A small group of mothers with pre-school children are now meeting once a fortnight in each other's homes. Would you like to come along? Babies and children from 0-5 are welcome, along with whoever looks after them. If you are interested ring Mrs Pam Tolladay on Soulbury 448. The next meeting will be at Mrs Maureen Taylor's, 59 High Road, on Wednesday 21 January 1987 at 1.45pm onwards.

Results of Bingo

29 November 1986 : Club Room Fund £37
6 December 1986 : Church Fund £60
20 December 1986 : Aylesbury Vale Hospice Appeal just over £60

We are pleased to hear Mrs Jean Clark is progressing well after her recent operation.

Methodist Church

Minister : The Rev. Alan Creber
The Manse : Stewkley : Telephone 251

Sunday 11 January 6.00pm Mr R P Edwards
Sunday 18 January 6.00pm Leighton Buzzard Young Peoples Group
Sunday 25 January 6.00pm Mr D Harbey

Sunday Club : Every Sunday at 10.30am

Fellowship Meetings - Mondays at 2.00pm

All Saints Church

Minister : The Rev. Philip Dallaway
The Vicarage : Stewkley Telephone 287

For times of Services please refer to Church Newsletter

Forthcoming Events (All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday 12 January 8.00pm : Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 13 January 8.00pm : Women's Institute : Cake decorating
Wednesday 14 January 2.30pm : Social Circle
Wednesday 14 January 8.00pm : Keep fit class
Wednesday 21 January 7.45pm : Women's Fellowship : Aylesbury Vale Hospice
Nursing Sister at Miss Daphne Booth's : 7.45pm
Wednesday 28 January 8.00pm : Keep fit class

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