



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council were very sorry to lose one of their members this month, Jeff Marston. Only serving on the Council for a short time Jeff made a lively and thoughtful contribution, but was forced to resign since taking up new employment in the north of England. This leaves a vacancy on the Council which will be advertised.

Some considerable discussion has been taking place over the Dept. of the Environment's proposals to re-structure local Government.

A commission has been set up and views are being sought from the public, organisations and bodies likely to be affected by change. The purpose being to streamline administration by making unitary authorities, e.g. removing either the County Council, or the District Council, and possibly changing the areas and boundaries of the district. This decision would be made by peoples preferences, work and leisure patterns, the geography and history of the area, so as to make up an identifiable community. The Secretary of State proposes to give the Commission specific guidance on how to proceed with consultation with the public, so presumably we shall be seeing or hearing more !

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CLUB ROOM

The floor of the Clubroom has now been sanded and sealed, so the next stage involves the refurbishment of the interior. New tables have been purchased to be used instead of the old card tables, and they will look very nice once the redecoration has taken place. Offers of help with the supply as well as the application of paint would be very gratefully received. Also a Carpenter is needed to construct a small cupboard around the wall mounted meters. Can anyone help ? Margaret Rowe would be pleased to hear from you. (270355)

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LEIGHTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

The above Association has for some while promised transport for the elderly and disabled in and around the Bedfordshire area of Leighton Buzzard. They have now agreed to run a pilot scheme to include local villages in Bucks which look to Leighton as their focal point. There is a registration fee of £1 and the fares are based on the distance involved. The charge is more than the fare if you can use a Bus Pass, but is meant to help those who cannot avail themselves of this facility. It is cheaper than using a taxi and it is possible to allow more time to help passengers. Some journeys have been for such diverse aims as visits to doctors, dentists, chiropodist, the library, to a vet (with pets), and others have enabled people to go shopping - sometimes for the first time in years. If you would like more information please ring the co-ordinator, Mrs. Myrna Green, on Leighton 853566 between 1.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.

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VILLAGE FOOTPATH

The public right-of-way which runs from Chapel Hill to Soulbury Green provides a useful route away from the traffic for pedestrians travelling from one end of the village to the other. Bucks County Council has supplied the materials which have significantly up-graded the quality of the stiles, making it an easier and more pleasant route to use. Should you encounter any problem in using this footpath, please contact Joanne Taylor, the County Rights-of-Way Officer, telephone (0296) 382145.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

A gift of a pair of Brass vases for the altar of All Saints Church has been given by Mr. & Mrs. F. Barnes, to mark the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. These were in use for the first time on Sunday January 12th, filled with daffodils and jasmin from Mrs. Barnes' garden. They were kindly arranged by Mrs. Brenda Howell.

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SOULBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - MEMBERS EVENING - TUES 11th FEBRUARY

Fun & Games - we will have several games which you can play (purely for fun) i.e. Scrabble, Cluedo, Snakes & Ladders, Cards etc. Our usual scrumpious refreshments will be served and we will keep "business" to a minimum. Chris Bryant, 270607, our new President, would be pleased to welcome anyone who might be interested in joining W.I. Please come along and give us the "once over" - we do have some fun. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Clubroom. Future events include a Police Constable and his dog talking about drugs and how the dog sniffs them out, a Pig Roast in the summer and a talk on the Navajo Indians !! You see, we do more than knit and make jam !!

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RESULT OF CHRISTMAS BINGO AND CAROL SINGING

The Christmas Bingo raised £81.12 for the childrens ward of Milton Keynes Hospital. The carol singing round the village in aid of Save the Children Fund, collected £91. All those involved would like to thank everyone who contributed.

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We are pleased to welcome back to the village, Jeffrey & Fiona Streule and daughter Emily, who have come to live in the High Road.

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We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Roy Kempster, a local builder who has lived and worked in the village for over 20 years. We offer our sympathy to his wife Audrey.

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We are pleased to hear that Mr. John Price is now out of hospital and making steady progress.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH Minister: The Rev. P. Dallaway, The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tele: 240287 - please refer to Church Newsletter

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METHODIST CHURCH Minister: The Rev. J. Hustler, The Manse, Stewkley. Tele: 240251. SUN FEB 2nd 10.30 a.m. Mr. W. Farmer Family Service

SUN FEB 9th 6.00 p.m. Mr. R. Harris SUN FEB 16th Mrs. J. Gregory

SUN FEB 23rd 6.00 p.m. Rev. J. Hustler SUNDAY CLUB 10.30 a.m. except

first Sun in month MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. every Tuesday YOUTH GROUP after 6.00 p.m. service except first Sun

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Held in Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

- Wednesday Feb 5th/12th/26th 8.00 p.m. Keep Fit
- Thursday Feb 6th/13th/20th/27th 7.30 p.m. Bowls Evening
- Monday Feb 3rd 7p.m. - 9p.m. Youth Club Night & Twister
- Monday Feb 10th 7p.m. - 9p.m. Youth Club Night & Card Flicking
- Tuesday Feb 11th 8.00 p.m. Women's Institute Members Evening
- Wednesday Feb 12th 2.30 p.m. Social Circle
- Monday Feb 17th 7p.m. - 9p.m. Youth Club Night - Golf Driving Range
- Wednesday Feb 19th 7.45 p.m. Women's Fellowship. 'Remembering W.A.R.A' at the home of Mrs. M. Jones, Oaklands, Great Brickhill Rd.
- Monday Feb 24th 8.00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

DIARY DATES

Monday : March 30th : 8.00 p.m. : Parish Council Meeting

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