



SOUTHWICK NEWSLETTER



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A recent application by 'On A Mission' coaches for change of use of an area of Hollingdon Depot to an Operating Centre, brought some critical comment from the Parish Council. If anyone else would like to object or comment, the Planning Reference Number is 2000/2862.

It was also noted that the retrospective application at Harley's Farm has been refused, so the enforcement of that order should now take place.

In County Councillor's Report Mrs Brenda Jennings remarked on the new structure of the Council and that everyone was at present still experimenting with it. She did however report that the Bypass is definitely moving along well and is now scheduled for January 2003!! We quote from Bill Chapple who said in an information sheet, "Up until today we only had an agreement in principle from the Government for this Bypass. We are now one step closer to final agreement for this scheme. It should not be too long until Stoke Hammond, Soulbury and the gated road through to Wing will return back to its residents as opposed to cars. The Bypass will also make it easier for people to travel from the county town of Aylesbury to Milton Keynes." The total cost of the scheme is currently estimated at £40m, with contributions expected from Bedfordshire County Council and a developer.

Rural Problems

A range of factors, not least social isolation, ill health, insufficient or non-existent local transport facilities and the worst agricultural depression in 70yrs causes the problems of stress. The time has come for rural communities to look at ways of overcoming these problems locally. A one-day workshop will be held on Wednesday 7th February 2001 at Green Park, Aston Clinton from 10am to 2pm. It is a free event organised by Bucks Rural Stress Group and will be helpful both to those suffering from or helping to alleviate rural problems. Bookings close 31st January, please contact Penny Maylin on 01296-421036, or e-mail bca@bucks-comm-action.org.uk.

Biking in Soulbury

The Parish Council is much concerned that a safe place for local children to use their bikes is created as soon as possible. The completion of an application for grant money is a long and often frustrating process but Mrs Jackie Ridley is working on this and we hope in a years time something will be in place. In the meantime we are relying on local youngsters to be sensible, patient and restrict their activities to safe and socially acceptable areas.

Dog Excrement

There seems to be an increase in the incidents of owners not cleaning up after their dogs, in all areas of Soulbury. It has become unacceptable behaviour to let your dog foul anywhere other than your own garden or a country field. It is an offence in a public place and can lead to a serious fine.

The Parish Council will give out yellow bags to anyone who would like them, or owners can easily provide their own, the bin for the dog bags is on the entrance to the Millennium Green and is regularly emptied.

Soulbury Sign

Anglia Water is being pressed to compensate for the damage done to the sign at the entrance to the village. Unfortunately this is holding up the much-needed repair.

Church Entrance

The Parish Council have stressed to the Highways Department the danger posed by the steep drop opposite the Churchyard gates. Pedestrians and car users would benefit from a rail along the top of the slope, which we hope the county will see fit to install. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 19th February.



MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The memorial plaques for the trees are ready to be installed. We thought the relatives might like to be present when we install them, so, later on in the year, when it is a bit warmer! we plan to do this and plant the Millennium Yew tree at the same time. This little tree is only a few centimetres tall but is very special. It's a cutting from an ancient Yew in Hambledon, Surrey, some 1000-2000 years old. The Conservation Foundation donated it and we think ours must be planted in a favourable, eye-catching position, so that you can imagine what the Green might look like in another 1000 years!

Mr Bill Chappell from Stewkley has kindly donated a locally produced variety of plum tree, a Stewkley plum tree, which has been planted near the children's playground. It's very gratifying that we are helping to continue the cultivation of local trees and plants. We hope to install a water outlet and tap at the entrance to the Green to enable us to water young trees and hold public functions more

easily in the future. This will be done in the next few months.

Finally two reminders. **Firstly** dog excrement! The Millennium Green is a very popular place for dog-walkers, but could you please pick up what your dog leaves behind and put it in the bin provided (at the entrance) or dispose of it some other responsible way. **Secondly**, could parents remind children not to cycle on the new turf at the entrance to the Green. It is too soft and muddy at the moment to take bikes. One day (!) there may be a cycle track on the Mount Pleasant playground, because we are all aware that there is a real need for places for children of this age group to go.

Millennium Green 100 Club

The winner of January's draw was Mr A Friswell, congratulations Alan. Please contact Christine Sheppard on 270377 if you would like to join.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Church Cleaning

Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays 27th January and 24th February. Numbers are getting a bit low and any new helpers would be welcome even if only for part of the time.

Christingle

The joint Church/Chapel Christingle took place at All Saints on the 17th December. There was a good attendance and the children from the Sunday Club, their adult helpers and parents took part. Music was provided by the Marion Burch Accordion Band. The service was conducted by the Reverends Norman Cotton, Peter Lymbery and Arthur Cowburn. The ladies served light refreshments at the conclusion of the service in the Chapel. Thanks to Tony Saint of The Boot for the mince pies!

Curate Peter Lymbery has received a letter from Meg Hawkins, the Senior Practitioner at the NCH Parkside Family Project at

Houghton Regis and the Moorings, Leighton Buzzard expressing the thanks of the organisations for the lovely presents which went to their deserving children from the Christingle. There were some really nice presents and thanks go to all those who so generously gave them.

Christmas

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services at All Saints were both well attended. The change to 10am on Christmas seemed to be well received. Over Christmas Stan Morris had a card from Kay and Orland Chandler in Wisconsin, USA with their latest news and a substantial gift towards the cost of the bells. This will help pay off the final bill due in a week or so. Kay and Orland were over here last year and established that their ancestors once lived in the farm now occupied by Ian Parrott and his family and others were involved in a foundry at Drayton Parslow which produced one of the Soulbury bells and one at Drayton.

Ring in the New Year

Some villagers attended the Soulbury Village Cricket Club's New Year's Eve Dinner and it was all the more enjoyable when we opened the doors of the Clubroom at midnight to hear the bells of All Saints ring in the New Year. Thanks to the ringers who tore themselves away from another party in the village to provide this welcome to 2001. It was a pity that the bells were not back in place to ring in 2000 but at least they were back in time to ring it out and the finished product has been well worth waiting for. The bells would however be of little use without ringers and we must thank Jim Cochrane and his team for their dedication.

Lenten Evenings

Our Vicar, Norman, will be talking in four episodes on "The History and the Meaning of the Bible". The series begins on Monday March 12th and continues on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 28th and Friday 6th April at St Michaels, Stewkley from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Easter Lily Scheme

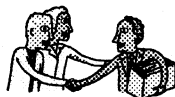
It is never too early to look forward to spring and Easter! However, Easter is a time when we sometimes feel a little sad remembering friends and relatives no longer with us. The idea of the Easter Lily Scheme is to sponsor one of several Easter Lily blooms in memory of someone dear, or perhaps to give a special thanks to a particular friend or someone who has moved away from the area, or any other reason you can think of! All lilies will be arranged in one (or more) displays in the Church in time for the Easter Sunday Service. A nicely presented list of names of those remembered or thanked will also be presented. However, if you wish a private remembrance, then this can be omitted from the list. This is a scheme similar to that, which has run in Wing for several years. The estimated cost per stem will be £2. A list will be placed in Church or please ring Mrs Bryant on 270607 for more details.

Church Fete

Doctor David and Mrs Margaret Owen have kindly offered to hold this year's Church Fete at the Old Vicarage on Saturday 23rd June. It is not too early to start thinking about it and any new ideas will be welcomed by the vicar, churchwardens and (it goes without saying) the treasurer.

The Diocesan Year Book

For 2001, is now available from the Church House at a price of £10 including postage and packing. The churchwardens have copies if anybody just wants a brief reference



WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome to the village Brenda & Nicholas Jennings who have come to live on The Green.

THANK YOU

The senior citizens from the village would like to thank the trustee of The Stapleford Charity for the parcels they received at Christmas,

and to the people who delivered them.

SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

New Years Eve Dinner

Friends and a few members of the Cricket Club enjoyed a very successful evening. This was not primarily a fund raising event however, £130 was made for the Club mainly from the raffle. Many thanks to all those that helped and entertained us during the evening, especially those not directly involved with the Club. Also a very special thanks to Margaret Rowe, who masterminded the provision of a superb meal! It was good to hear the bells ring at the turn of the year – thanks to the bell-ringers!

CAROL SINGING

The Carol Singing evening raised the sum of £105 for the Save the Children. Thank you to all those who took part, especially the children, and to all who donated.



MAY DAY STALL

Mr Alf Peacock is once again manning a charity stall for Parkinson's Disease on Monday 7th May. He would be pleased to receive gifts of books, and/or bric-a-brac, which could be sold on the stall (270541).

CHILDMINDER START UP GRANT

Bucks Childcare and Early Years Partnership are promoting a grant to encourage more people to take on the job of childminding. Funds will cover the start up costs. Further information can be obtained from Olwen Stovold on 01296-382824, or email: ostovold@buckscc.gov.uk

POSTMASTER

Are you interested in becoming a sub-master and have suitable premises to offer within the vicinity of Stewkley? If so please contact

the Post Office Human Resources Service Centre on 0845-6016260 for further information and job responsibilities.



COOL LOGISTICS

Cool Logistics is a new business located in Soulbury, supply packaging solutions into the pharmaceutical industry. After recently winning our first major contract we are now looking for staff in several positions.

Product Development Technician

We are seeking an engineering or industrial design graduate to run a project on a one-year contract. The project is to develop an idea we have for insulated shipping systems into product within the 12 months. Ideally the candidates will have heat transfer and project management experience and be prepared run the project on their own. Package will be commensurate with ability and experience.

Part Time Packers/Operators

Our new contract to provide supply services to a blue-chip pharmaceutical company now requires us to employ four Packers/Operators at our factory in Soulbury. We are interested in people who are prepared to work part time, we can be flexible with the hours worked.

Contact Kevin Valentine at Cool Logistics, Unit 2 Hillcroft, Stewkley Rd, Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0DH. (Please - no telephone applications). Alternatively e-mail us at info@cool-logistics.com

For more information visit our web site: www.cool-logistics.com

FREELANCE HAIRSTYLIST

Freelance Hairstylist in Soulbury

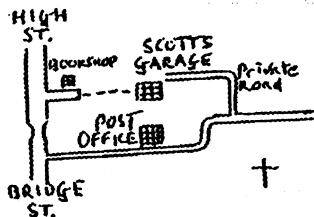
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Next newsletter editorial meeting will be held at Charity Farm, The Green on Thursday 15th February at 8pm. Anyone who is interested in joining please come along.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2001

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Thursday	Jan 25 th Feb 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
Thursday	Jan 25 th , Feb 8 th & 22 nd		A.V.D.C. Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Saturday	Jan 27 th & Feb 24 th	10am-12noon	Church Cleaning
Monday	Feb 5 th & 19 th	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-By, High Road, Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Tuesday	Feb 13 th	8.00pm	W.I – Speaker: Mr Collis, "Royal Star and Garter Home".
Wednesday	Feb 14 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Thursday	Feb 15 th	8.00pm	Newsletter Meeting
Monday	Feb 19 th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	Feb 21 st	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship



DIARY DATES

JUNE	Saturday 23 rd	Church Fete
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

Remaining Sundays in January, all in February and 4th March	11.30am	Sung Communion in Church
Wednesday	Feb 28 th 7.30pm	No Service at All Saints. Holy Communion at Drayton Parslow

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Brian Trudgian, The Manse, Stewkley – Tel: 240251

Sunday	4 th	No Service
Sunday	11 th 6.00pm	Mr M. Owens
Sunday	18 th	No Service
Sunday	25 th 6.00pm	Reverend W. Morris – Sacrament of The Lords Supper
All Sundays in February	10am-11am	Sunday Club – If you would like more information please contact Margaret Harris on 01525-759968. Take your children along; parents are invited to stay for the whole session.

Items for next issue by 15th February to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Mr Friswell 270918, Mrs Hulston 270349, Miss Wegener 270284 or Mrs Stevens 270514.
Or email: debbie@dbegroup.co.uk