



SOULBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council News

The frequency of the heavy lorries carrying soil through the village was again the topic of concern at the recent Parish Council meeting. A letter will be sent to Liscombe Park pointing out their responsibilities and reminding them of the weight limit along the C20. The County Council is also aware of the problems.

More worries were also expressed over the Orange microwave tower, which is now being erected on the Hillcroft site. It was recognised that the tower is not in the remit of the planning department but consideration of the views of the local residents ought to count for something when decisions like this are made. Councillor Payne pointed out the Government legislation needed to be changed to make any difference to the policy on these towers, as at present they are deemed to be "safe". Anyone feeling strongly about this should put pressure on and lobby their local M.P. to try and change the present unsatisfactory situation.

The decision was announced on the White House application – permission was refused.

In the playground there is a bench, which has deteriorated beyond repair, which Councillor Cross will remove. A letter had been received and a verbal complaint expressed over the children's use of the newly slabbed area at the end of Mount Pleasant. It was also agreed that the Council recommend that no ball games played in this area, as they are such a nuisance to the neighbourhood. Ball games are best played in the playground and to that end the Parish Council intends to reinstate a goal post at the far end of the playing field and set up a basketball post also. Any further development with a cycle mound is dependent on insurance cover, but this is progressing.

A letter will be sent out to all possibly interested parties, setting up a meeting to discuss and co-ordinate any celebrations in Soulbury for the Millennium on December 31st or January 1st.

At present green bags from the District Council are very limited in number and size. The A.V.D.C. are anxious to encourage the composting of garden waste, and are selling composting bins at a very good price of £15.00. There will be a local sale of these in our area shortly. We will advertise it when we have the details.

The Clerk had received notice from Anglia Water of expected work renewing the cast iron water mains in Hollingdon. It is anticipated that the work will take six months starting this July. Water supplies will probably be interrupted at times, and some disruption and inconvenience caused by restricted roads and footpaths, parked and plant vehicles, and traffic control. Anglia Water has also applied for a temporary road closure to Hollingdon Lane. Customers who will be affected by the work will receive information cards. Any further information can be obtained from Terry Smith of Anglia Water Services 01604 447503.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 19th July when Mrs Jackie Ridley will be invited to join the Council.

Heritage Open Day September 11th and 12th 1999

For the past few years a number of venues have taken advantage of the promotional benefits of the Heritage Open Days organised by the Civic Trust. The weekend offers the opportunity for people to visit buildings which are normally closed to the public, or buildings which are able to waive their normal admission charges for all or part of the weekend. Ian Barham, Tourist Manager at A.D.V.C. 01296 585184, would welcome any ideas or suggestions. The buildings do not need to be old or stately; this is an opportunity to view the work of modern artists or unusual buildings as well as those of the past.

All Saints Church News

Cleaning – Help would be appreciated with cleaning on Saturdays 10th July and 7th August at 10am to noon.

Church Fete

The Fete on 12th June raised the sum of £1348 for the Church General Funds. This was a very good result considering the poor weather on the Saturday morning and the unfortunate clash of dates with Stewkley.

Once again Chris Rowe from Stoke Hammond kindly provided an excellent Punch & Judy Show and the Secklow Brass band added to the atmosphere with the music.

Thanks to David and Margaret Owen for allowing us to use their grounds at the Old Vicarage, and to all those who helped in the humping tents, tables, manning stalls and providing refreshments as well as those who supported the event.

Soulbury Millennium Green

The Annual General Meeting of the Soulbury Millennium Green Trust was held on Tuesday 15th June in the clubroom. It was well attended and the Trustees were very glad to have so much support from the village. Mrs Maureen Payne took the Chair, Mr Steve Kittoe gave the treasurer's report and Mrs Liz Miller reported on the achievements and progress over the past year; the buying of the land, the launch in the mud and the wet, the planting of 1500 trees including the Millennium Oak, the diggings of the swales, footpaths, children's playground and amphi theatre, mowing the long grass and ploughing the arable patch, building the jetty and laying the patio! Some concern was expressed about the bumpiness and narrowness of the footpaths, which the trustees hope to put right eventually. The meeting closed with thanks from Mr Alf Peacock to the Chairman and Trustees for all their hard work.

The trustees would like to thank again everyone in the village who has helped in anyway towards the creation of the Green – the Parish Council, the Church, Liscombe Park, the local farmers and businesses and all the local people who have given their time, expertise and labour. We would not have a Green without you.

On Saturday September 11th we plan to organise a Country Fair on the Green. If anyone has any brilliant ideas on what to have and do, we would be delighted to hear your suggestions. We will need help manning stalls so someone might soon contact you asking for your help on the day. We need new people to come forward with new ideas so please phone Jane 270532, Christine 270377 or Liz 270545 whenever you can.

There has been a bit of delay over the children's playground equipment but it should be arriving in August some time. When it does arrive we would like the parents of small children who might use the playground to help form a working party to install the equipment. The Trustees have also pledged to raise £400.00 towards the cost, so perhaps Mums and Dads could do a bit of fund raising too. All help is much appreciated.

Those of you/us who do not like the portacabin will be pleased to hear that it will be demolished shortly and removed. There is still weeding to be done round the young trees. Help with this will be appreciated.

Polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces with the logo Soulbury 2000 on continue to sell well. Phone Christine Sheppard on 270377 if you would like to order any. Polo shirts £10.50, sweatshirts £12.50 and fleeces £20.00. Children's sizes are also available at £8.50, £10.00 and £15.00 respectively.

Target stamps are being collected to pay for a £100 bench. Pam Norman at 11 The Green or Liz Miller at Lovett House will take them for you.

W.I.

Tuesday 13th July. There is an outing to Brighton. Coach leaves bus stop at .08.30am and there are still a few places available. If you are interested please contact Margaret Rowe on 270355. Cost is £10.00 and we will be stopping for a pub break on the way back. There is a trip to Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 21st September and there are a few seats for this, again contact Margaret if interested.

Next meeting – Tuesday 20th July – Informal coffee evening 8pm. Members only.

No meeting in August.

Cricket Fixtures.

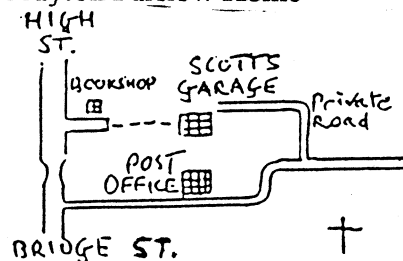
Sat July 3 rd	Apsley Guise	Away	Sun July 18 th	Brooklands	Away
Sat July 10 th	Turvey	Home	Sat July 24 th	Studham	Home
Sun July 11 th	Wicken	Away	Sun July 25 th	New Bradwell	Away
Sat July 17 th	Turvey	Away	Sat July 31 st	Drayton Parslow	Home

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All Saints Church

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

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

Sunday 4th July – open air service with the Salvation Army Band on the Millennium Green at 11am. Do come and enjoy the singing.

July 11th, 18th, 25th, August 1st Sung Eucharist at 11.30am

Methodist Church

Minister Rev Ian Banks, The Manse, Stewkley. Tel 240251

Sunday July 4th 10.00am Mr M Corby

Sunday July 11th 6pm Mr C Dimmock

Sunday July 18th 6pm Rev K Sattter

Sunday July 25th 6pm Mr R Harris

Mother and Toddler 10.00am to 12 noon every Tuesday, please come.

Forth Coming Events

Sun July 4 th	11.00am	Open Air Service Millennium Green
Sat July 10 th	10.00am	Church Cleaning
Tue July 13 th		WI outing to Brighton
Wed July 14 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Mon July 19 th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tue July 20 th	8.00pm	WI Coffee Evening
Wed July 21 st		Womens Fellowship

Mon. July 12th & 26th Mobile Library
Thurs. July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 7.30pm Bowls
Thurs. July 1st, 15th, 29th A.V.D.C waste paper and recycling collection.

Diary dates

Sat 7th August Church Cleaning
Sat 11th September Millennium Green Country Fair

Items for next issue by July 22nd to Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483 or Mrs Fairbairn 270674. Published and edited by Soulbury Women's Fellowship.
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