

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Parish Council meeting on the 21st June, the election of chairman & vice chairman was again deferred as Councillor Vic Wright was unable to be present.

Plans were received for a 17 metre mast to be erected along the A4146 on the verge. The Parish Council felt they could make no comment as the land belonged to the county council and was under Highways jurisdiction. It would be very well away from any dwellings.

The application by Cypry House, and No.7 The Mead for in one case demolition of barn and erection of games room, and the other a rear extension were not objected to, although in both cases some more details were sought.

The decision on the proposed Driving Range and Landscaping by the Three Locks Golf Club was given as a refusal at the Planning Meeting held earlier in the week. County Councillor Mrs Brenda Jennings had spoken against the proposal and was pleased with the outcome. She also reported that new plans had been received from Luton Airport Western Airspace Extension Committee, which would affect the air space over Leighton Buzzard. Comments were being considered.

Councillor Mr Maurice Cross reported he had received six comments on the playground questions which had appeared in the newsletter last month. There was some disagreement over whether the Play equipment was well used or not, but the general feeling was that swings and slide were at least necessary items with a proper safety flooring. The cost and convolutions of the safety implications were contained in a report that each councillor agreed to read and respond to at the next meeting. Councillor Cross had received no replies to his appeal for volunteers to help with the grass cutting.

The Clerk Mr John Spires reported that he had received correspondence from B.T. who were wanting to remove the telephone call box at the Three Locks. The Parish Council had raised objections and B.T. replied that they would announce the outcome when they had collated the responses.

The last item of correspondence raised a smile. The Clerk had received a request from Thames Valley Police for nominations for 'Community Officer of the Year' to be sent in by 16th July. The Clerk was asked to write to the Refuse Collection Service complaining about the state of the road and the Green after the bins had been emptied recently.

The next meeting was agreed for the Mon 19th July.

MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

The Trust held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday June 24th at 7pm in the Club Room, the day England got knocked out of Euro 2004. in spite of the football, all trustees were present and one member of the public.

The Trust has had no secretary for several months so in her report the chairman covered both Chairman's and Secretary's report. It has been a moderately successful year even though the long term financial situation remains the same as last year. Fund raising will have to be a major priority in the future.

The Trust put on two, non profit making community events for children, the Halloween Party and the Easter Bonnet Parade with the Easter Egg Hunt, thanks to Fiona Holcombe and Samantha Stevens.

There was a Ramble and Barbecue and Pet Show last July which proved a very enjoyable occasion. The banning of dogs last autumn 2003 because of irresponsible owners not picking up dog excrement caused a lot of controversy and upset many people. However, to date it has proved to have been a very successful strategy and the Green

is clean apart from the occasional 'accident'. The Trust took legal advice over the right to do this and the Chairman recommended taking the same action, should the problem re-occur.

The Chairman Christine Sheppard is stepping down after three years of doing the job. New officers will be decided upon at the next meeting in July. She ended her report by expressing the hope that the Trust would sponsor and support other village groups, events and organisations in the future. Everyone in the village would benefit from greater co-operation and sharing of resources (since volunteers are so thin on the ground).

The Treasurer Mr Stephen Kitloe gave his report next. The financial situation is healthy at the moment but in the long term decisions will have to be made about how to finance the Trust, thanks are due to Mr Graham Catchlove for auditing the accounts.

In the Open Discussion concerns were raised about the tree plantations at the bottom of the gardens of the houses on the Green. The willow trees are causing too much shade and there were complaints about compost heaps, potential rat problems and general untidiness. The maintenance of the Green is to be discussed at the next meeting.

The next A.G.M. will take place on Thursday June 23rd 2005. On Saturday September 11th this year the Trust is organising a big "do", an Autumn Fayre with Morris Dancers, live music and various other attractions.

There will be another photo competition which you can start taking photos for now. One competition for adults, one for children to 14 yrs of age. The only rules are that the picture must feature the Millennium Green. The entry fee is £1.00 for four photographs or 25p each.

and the size must not exceed 6x8 inches. There is no entry fee for children. All entries must be handed in to Jane Phillpot at 4 Andrews Close by August 30th at the latest. As in last year's competition the photo can be of people enjoying the Green, children playing. There will be a prize for it, animals, birds, trees, flowers or general views.

New this year is the childrens Colouring and Drawing Competition. For this there are three age groups. 1) Four to Six year olds to colour a pre-printed picture. 2) Seven to Ten year olds own composition. 3) Eleven to Fourteen year olds own composition.

Pictures can be pencil or ink drawings, paints or mixed media. They must be a picture of 'Nature' and have a title. Size no bigger than A3.

So, parents and grandparents, you have plenty of time throughout the long summer months to encourage your children to sit down quietly and use their creative talents.

If you are interested in entering this Art Competition, please contact Jane Phillpot on 270532.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Everyone was very sad to hear of Evelyn Lymbery's death, the Rev. Peter's wife. There were over a 100 people at her funeral on Thursday June 10th at Crownhill crematorium in Milton Keynes. Peter, Philip, Stephen and Teresa, Evelyn's husband and children would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who came to the funeral to pay their respects and to all those who sent sympathy cards. (They had an enormous number). Thanks also for the generous donations for the Wooden Spoon and Willen Hospice. The family reported that she will have enjoyed her funeral service thanks to the Rev. Norman Cotton, John Hibbard (soon to be Rev.) and Richard Dillamore. "She is now free and at peace."

The Annual Church Fete took place on Saturday June 26th in The Cottage, the home and gardens of Mr and Mrs J Pargeter. Many thanks to them. The garden was lovely and the lawn looked particularly nice this year with so many gazebos and attractive tents. The forecast was very poor but in the end the weather was not as bad as we'd anticipated - only a couple of short sharp showers. However the numbers of people who came were slightly down on previous years, probably due to the blustery showery weather, and to the fact that it clashed again with the Overstone School's fete in Wing where most of our children go to school, so they more than likely went to their school fete rather than Soulbury. Anyway it was a very enjoyable, successful event. Many thanks to everyone who helped, particularly to Christine and Chris Bryant who were the main organisers, to tent putter-uppers, stall holders, to all those who donated prizes, items for the stalls, bric-a-brac, cakes, plants, toys and books. Thanks are due to Vernon Van Hire who loaned us a Luton lorry to carry tables and chairs and tents, to all those who lent their gazebos and to the Millennium Green Trust for the loan of their three tents. Just over £1300 was made for Church funds.

Don't forget the Open Gardens weekend this Saturday and Sunday July 3rd and July 4th. This event has been organised by The Friends of Soulbury Church and thanks are due, especially to Mrs Margaret Owen and Mrs Jane Luxton. Thanks are due too of course, to the nine families who have opened their gardens for others to admire, so let's hope the weather is kind. Entry fee is £3.00 (OAPs £2.50 and 50p for children). The gardens which will be clearly signposted can be visited in any order and on entry you will be given a map of where to go. Delicious teas will be

served at The Old Vicarage, courtesy of Dr and Mrs Owen and car parking is in the sheep field in front of All Saint's Church, which will also be opened to visitors.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Soulbury WI had an unusual meeting this month, enjoying the taste of exotic fruits at Waitrose. It certainly gave members a chance to try some of the more unusual varieties and encouraged them to be a little more adventurous with their future desserts. The Waitrose staff made us very welcome and it was interesting to see what went on behind the actual store. Next month there will be a trip to Warwick and an extra meeting on Tuesday 20th July at 8pm in the clubroom.

As there will not be a meeting in August, we would like to remind both our members and anyone interested in the village that there will be a day trip to London on Sunday 12th September at 9.30 am – 8 pm at a cost of £28.00. This includes the cost of the coach and a blue badge guide whilst in London. For further details please contact either Margaret Rowe on 01525 270355 or Val Hammond on 01525 270604.

We would also like to mention the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September 10.00 am – 12.00 noon in the clubroom.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

We are currently recruiting new advisers to join our team. You do not need to have any specific qualifications or experience, but you must be willing to participate fully in our training programme, and be prepared to give 8 – 10 hours a week. CAB workers give advice on a wide variety of subjects, including debt, employment, housing, benefits, consumer rights and relationships.

If you would like to find out more about this challenging but

rewarding work, call in, telephone or write to CAB Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA
Tel: 01525-373878

PAVAN

Luton Airport Flight path Proposals.

Further consultation documents are being circulated with a new option for a landing route. This one is likely to affect Leighton Buzzard and although requirements were made to avoid Soulbury and Hollingdon, PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise) warn that it is likely that all the local villages will be subject to intrusive noise. More information about this option is available from PAVAN. All letters from concerned residents received by PAVAN will be included with its response to the consultation. The consultation period ends on September 27th.
Tel: 01525 240950
Or webbrchl@aol.com

CRICKET FIXTURES

Sat. July 3rd Stoke Goldington (Away)
Sun. July 4th Shenley Church End (Home)
Sat. July 10th Drayton Parslow (Home)
Sun. July 18th Stewkley (Away)
Sat. July 24th Willen (Home)
Sun. July 25th New Bradwell (Away)
Sat. July 31st Caddington (Away)

ELEVEN YEAR OLD BUDDY NEEDED!

Melissa & Damion Larkin of 45 High Road have asked for this to be put in.

We left to embark on a round the world trip at the end of March and are currently in Australia, due to return at the start of August.

We are doing 2 home exchanges with 2 different families from Australia. The first is Lynne Robertson from Melbourne who is staying in our house at the moment until 24th May. And the 2nd is the Cumbers Family who

will be staying in our house from the 25th may till the 26th July. The Cumbers have one daughter Grace, aged 11, and I was wondering if you would know of any children in the village of around the same age as Grace, who would be interested in being a buddy for her? She is very keen on making some local friends as they are in the area for 8 Weeks. If you think of anyone at all that would be great.

Also Grace has asked if anyone would like to e-mail her before she arrives, she would really like that. She is very interested in horse riding. If there is any interest then Grace can be contacted at the Cumbers e-mail address
cumbers@ozemail.com.au

LESBIAN & GAY LINK

Being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender in Buckinghamshire can be an isolating experience. Lesbian & Gay Link has appointed Tony O'Shea as Equalities Officer, to help to reduce isolation for gay and lesbian people who might be cut off from the gay community. Services include one-to-one support, buddying, assertiveness courses and social groups. There are also volunteering opportunities available and Tony is particularly keen to hear from older people, people with disabilities, people from ethnic minority communities and people living in villages. Full training and ongoing support is given.

To find out more about services, groups or volunteering, please contact Tony.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays in July 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Sung Eucharist at 11.30 am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY 2004 (In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)			
Monday	July 5 th and 19 th		Mobile Library
Tuesday	July 20 th	8.00pm	W.I.
Wednesday	July 14 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Monday	July 19 th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	July 21 st	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday	July 8 th and 22 nd		A.V.D.C Recycling & Waste Paper Collection
Sat and Sun	July 3 rd and 4 th	2pm - 6pm	Open Gardens Weekend

This month's newsletter was kindly sponsored by Lioncrest Properties. Thankyou.

If you would like to sponsor one month's Newsletter or submit items for the next issue by 20th July 2004 please contact:

Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Emily Fairbairn & Mrs Fairbairn 270674, or email: fairbairn@btopenworld.com

Rev. Norman Cotton.

Norman has been our vicar for the past 12 years, and he is due to retire in September 2004. The last service he will take at All Saints Church will be at 11.30am 29th August 2004. During his time with us Norman has made a significant contribution to Soulbury, and was instrumental in both saving the Church building in 1995 when closure seemed imminent and having the bells restored in 2000. Recently Norman has been unwell, and has now been diagnosed as having Parkinson's disease, so a slightly early retirement has been permitted. Retiring vicars are not allowed to live closer than 10 miles from their old parish, so Norman and Maureen have purchased a small house in Steeple Claydon. With the furniture they have, both are worried that it will not all fit in the new house, so plan to build a conservatory as soon as possible. Both Stewkley and Soulbury Parochial Church Councils have voted to give Norman and Maureen a leaving present of money towards the building of their conservatory. If you wish to contribute towards their retirement plans then please send your donation before mid August to:

Mrs C Bryant, Treasurer Soulbury PCC. 33 The Green, Soulbury, Nr. Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 0DD - with a note if you do not wish your name to go on a card from those in Soulbury. Cheques should be made payable to Soulbury PCC. There is also a farewell gathering in Stewkley Village Hall on the 22nd August from 6pm. If you wish to attend please let me know so I can co-ordinate the numbers with Stewkley.

Thank you - Mr Chris Bryant - Churchwarden All Saints Church Soulbury

