



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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AS FROM THIS MONTH THE VICAR WILL NO LONGER BE PUBLISHING A CHURCH NEWSLETTER. WE HAVE COMBINED THIS WITH THE USUAL MONTHLY SOULBURY NEWSLETTER AND HOPE READERS WILL BEAR WITH US OVER A TRIAL PERIOD.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT

The Annual Meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 15th May. Mr Alf Peacock, as Chairman, made a brief report about the Council's activities in the past year including the successful Centenary celebrations; maintaining satisfactory street lighting; opposing planning applications which would change the character of the village and its surroundings. It was also noted that there was very little change in the Parish Council's financial position or in progress on the by-pass. The Chairman referred to the formation of the Friends of Soulbury Church and its fundraising efforts including now undertaking the village grass cutting. Further reports by the councillors were then given as follows:

The Village Hall committee is now proposing to replace windows in the kitchen and the toilets. The Environment Group urgently need new members. The work on the bottom half of the Church wall could be completed within the next 6 weeks. Volunteers will be needed again to help with the demolition work. There are still problems with dogs fouling the playground and the Parish Council is at great pains to ensure that there is no dangerous equipment there.

There followed a public discussion which covered the efforts of the Council to achieve an additional footpath in Andrews Close; the attempt to limit horse riding on the Green to a strip on each side of the road; a report for a further speeding check in the village and monitoring of heavy lorries. Further details of the matters discussed may be obtained from John Spires (L.B. 370094)

STOP PRESS: A builder has now been found to do the work on the wall and volunteers are asked to help with the demolition on SAT. 3RD JUNE and SUN. 4TH JUNE from 10.am.

A VILLAGER WRITES

On the 15th May the Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Clubroom, preceded by one of the Parish Council Meetings which are held regularly throughout the year. This Annual Meeting is the occasion on which the Councillors report to the general public on their stewardship during the year just past, of all aspects of the manifold tasks they undertake on our behalf. It is perhaps not generally appreciated that all the members of the council not only attend Council Meetings, but each individually undertakes responsibility for some area or areas of village concerns: - planning applications, playground, footpaths,

lighting, the clubroom, the environment, site meetings, grass cutting, liaison with other parishes, etc.etc. All this entails considerable outlay of their time and effort - all without any payment whatsoever.

In view of this it seems to be a great pity that only TWO members of the general public attended the Annual Parish Meeting to take an interest in all this work and to show the Council that their efforts on our behalf are appreciated.

It is said that a people gets the government it deserves. It seems to the writer that in Soulbury we get far more and better than we deserve!.

VILLAGE POLICING

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting a report was read from WPC Furber. This gave statistics of crime in the village during the past year and stressed the importance of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in making the village as secure as possible.

During the past year a total of 35 crimes were reported. Of this total there were: 6 thefts of motor vehicles; 2 attempted thefts; 11 thefts from motor vehicles; 4 dwelling burglaries; 4 non-dwelling burglaries and 5 thefts.

Generally, car related crimes and the non dwelling burglaries occurred overnight in locations which were not overlooked or well lit. Car alarms are a worthwhile investment in such locations.

During WPC Furber's absence from patrol work there will still be a Police presence. Sergeant Tim Davis is responsible for day to day policing of the Rural Section, along with area beat officers PC's Ellis, Hawkins and Brigginsshaw. It is hoped that as many parishioners' as possible will attend the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting on Wednesday May 31st.

FRIENDS OF SOULBURY CHURCH

A SUMMER CONCERT will be held on Sunday June 11th, 6pm - 8pm as part of the Soulbury Year of Music. It will be held in the church and will feature the popular soprano, Cheryl Hawkins, with supporting musicians. The music will include Schubert's "Shepherd on the Rock", some duets for harp as well as music by Vaughan Williams and Dvorak. Cream teas will be served as refreshments and tickets are £5. available from Stan Morris, Rev. Norman Cotton and any committee member.

CHURCH FETE This will take place on the Cricket field from 2pm onwards on Saturday 1st July. There will be many stalls with competitions, local produce, games, tests of skill and many more including Lionel the Engine, vintage and old cars, Morris Dancers and a choir. If you have any additional ideas please contact Christine Bryant on 270607.

A BARN DANCE will follow the fete in the evening, 8pm to midnight. It will be held in the marquee on the cricket field and the Caller will be John Kemp. There will also be a licensed bar. Ticket numbers will be limited, they are available from Ian Parrott, Stan Morris or Norman Cotton at a cost of £5.

Future events include a Jazz night and Barbecue, a late Summer Concert in the church, a Car Treasure Hunt and a Golf Tournament. In relation to this last event, golfers are wanted, of any handicap, to play in this fund-raising match against Great Brickhill at the Three Locks Golf Course on Wednesday 6th September. It will be all day and will include a dinner. At the end of the day there will be a Challenge "Pull across the river" for the cup which Soulbury still holds. Full details and names to David Kempster, 270190 or Jan Birdsall 270204.

A great many thanks are expressed to all who have supported the fund-raising for the Church to date. The organisers hope to keep you entertained throughout the year.

VILLAGE LINK

Many people in the village may have read Soulbury's Village Link article in the local press. This has been valiantly taken on by JAN BIRDSALL of 20 Chapel Hill (tel. 270204). She would be pleased to hear from villagers with any information regarding events etc. which she could incorporate in her column.

W.I.

Tuesday 13th June: Evening outing to Bletchley Park, including a tour of the war-time communications & intelligence centre. To be followed by refreshments (optional at £5 a head). Leaving Soulbury at 6.30pm. Open to members and partners only. For further information telephone Val Hammond on 270604.

Future Events

Pig Roast - Saturday 22 July at Stapleford Mill Farm. This popular event will include live music from the Fenny Stompers Jazz Band and will raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund. Open to non-members. Tickets £7. now available from Val Hammond on 270604. Please get your tickets early.

GOD'S SMUGGLER

Brother Andrew ("God's Smuggler") started taking Bibles into Communist Countries 40 years ago. "Open Doors with Brother Andrew" still takes Bibles to countries where to be a Christian is to risk one's life. We have the chance to learn more about this exciting work on Sunday 18th June at 6.00pm. when a representative from Open Doors will take the evening service at the Methodist Chapel. Everybody is welcome.

MOTHER & TODDLER'S GROUP

The timing of this has changed slightly and is now from 10.30 to 11.45 on Tuesday mornings. For more details please contact Susie Whittaker (tel. 270448).

VILLAGE SKIP

The village skip will be available on the following dates:

Monday 19th June to Thursday 22nd June

Monday 21st August to Thursday 24th August

Monday 23rd October to Thursday 26th October

Monday 29th January 1996 to Thursday 1st February 1996

AN EXHIBITION OF STUDENTS UPHOLSTERY PROJECTS is being held on Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th June between 9.30 am - 4.00pm, at the workshops of "Barbara Bone Upholstery" at Rislip Farm, Soulbury. Admission Free. All proceeds from the sale of refreshments and a raffle will be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Care Appeal.

BRIDGE PLAYERS - I have been asked if there are any players who want an occasional game - ring if you do - Norman Cotton 240287.

VAL UNDERWOOD We are sorry to report the death of Mrs Val Underwood of Hollingdon. We send our sympathy to her husband Michael and sons Richard and Andrew and their families.

FROM THE REGISTER IN THE LAST MONTH.

Christenings:	Hannah Louise White	April 23rd
	Toby George Jungius	May 14th

CRICKET FIXTURES

Sat June 3rd	Leighton Foresters	Home	Sat June 17th	Linslade	Away
Sun June 4th	Leighton Rovers	Home	Sun June 18th	Ivinghoe Aston	Away
Sat June 10th	Aston Clinton	Away	Sat June 24th	Aspley Guise	Home
Sun June 11th	Leighton Town 3rds	Home	Sun June 25th	Leighton Rovers	Away

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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

Sunday Services.

June 4th 11.30am Sung Communion Service

June 11th No service here but a joint service at 10am at Holy Trinity, Drayton Parslow

June 18th & 25th 11.30am Sung Communion Service

July 2nd Special Service for Fete Weekend:

11.00am Open Air Songs of Praise Service on the Green with Salvation Army Band.

6.00pm Evensong sung by the Aston Clinton Church Choir.

During the next few weeks the church is sending out a questionnaire. It is hoped members of the village will find time to fill this in. This will help the church in what it can offer to the village and will enable the village to tell the church what it expects from the church.

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. J Hustler. Tel 240251, The Manse, Stewkley.

June 4th 10.30am Mrs J. Dimmock Family Service

June 11th 6.00pm Rev. J. Hustler Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

June 18th 6.00pm Mr D. Jones "Open Doors"

June 25th 6.00pm Mr S. Gibbons

Youth Group every Sunday after 6pm service, except 1st Sunday in the month.

Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday, 10.30am - 11.45am.

AROMATHERAPY & MASSAGE THERAPY - Help yourself to better health. Fully trained and qualified therapist Annette Gesoff S.P.Cert A., MISPA, ITEC, AIPTI. Please phone for further details Stewkley 01525 240135.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS - Meetings in the clubroom unless otherwise stated.

Thurs June 1/8/15/22/29 Bowls evening 7.30pm

Sat June 3/4 Wall demolition 10.am

Sun June 11th Summer Concert 6pm in the church

Tues June 13th W.I. Outing to Bletchley Park

Wed June 7/14/21/28 Keep Fit. 8.15 - 9.15pm

Wed June 14th Social Circle. Cars leave the Mead 1.55pm.

Wed June 14/28 Mobile Library

Mon June 19th Parish Council Meeting 8pm

June 19th -22nd - Village skip

Wed June 21st Womens Fellowship Picnic - Cars leave the Mead 6.55pm.

DIARY DATES

July 1st Church Fete

July 17th Parish Council Meeting


July 22nd Pig Roast

 Items for next issue by 19th June to: Mrs Miller. 270545. Mrs Bunyan 270461.

Mrs Norman 270483. Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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