



IS THERE ANYONE THERE ?

The Editorial Committee would be pleased to get some response or feedback from readers of the newsletter. There are times during the year when there is little news to report or activities going on, so we would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any comments to make, interesting thoughts to pass on, or recollections of local events from the past. Newer inhabitants of the village are always interested to hear stories of local people, especially involving the village as it used to be. If you have anything to pass on and would like some help in compiling it, do not hesitate to contact one of the editorial team. Telephone numbers are at the end of this newsletter. So let's be hearing from you !

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LOVETT MEMORIALS

There are several memorials to the Lovett family in Soulbury's All Saints Church. The one to Robert Lovett, Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, who died in 1690, is the work of Grinling Gibbons (1648-1720). Grinling Gibbons is generally acknowledged as the greatest wood carver of all time. He also worked in marble and gained great distinction as a sculptor. He became Master Carver in Wood to the Crown during the reign of Charles II and George I. He worked for Wren carving the choir stalls in St. Pauls Cathedral and some of his other carvings can be seen in Canterbury Cathedral, Windsor Castle, Whitehall and Chatsworth. His designs were chiefly of foliage, flowers, fruits and birds. In Soulbury, the memorial in marble depicts an urn and cherubs, and high on the top is a wood carving - the black wolf of the Lovetts. This animal is part of the family crest as a reminder of the member of the family who was Master of Wolf Hounds to William the Conquerer.

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LITTERBLITZ

It would be lovely to have a really good number of helpers for this month's County Council sponsored "Litterblitz." The roadside particularly has become covered in rubbish, probably wind assisted, and the improvement will be very obvious. Do come along and give a small amount of your time to this worthwhile activity. Meet at The Stone at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 24th March.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The first Annual Meeting of the Bucks Public Transport Parish Representatives will be on 25th April at the Civic Centre, Aylesbury, 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. (coffee and sandwiches first). Stan Morris, our representative, will be away. Would anyone like to deputise, or just be present. Speakers from the bus operating side will be giving a broad picture of the bus industry, and others will be encouraging the starting of your own bus service with their help and guidance. The Area Passenger Transport Officer will be available for any specific queries or problems which can be discussed before or after the meeting. If you can attend please ring Stan Morris on Soulbury 577 by 8th March.

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CLUBROOM REPORT

The fund raising committee would like to thank Sheila Morgan and Richard Onslow for the use of the Old School for the successful Quiz Evening last month. £160 was raised; the winning team was the Cricket Club 'B' team; and the questions were posed by Ted and Maureen Payne. Many thanks to all those who helped.

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CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL

Bus passes and some rail cards are now due for renewal. Unfortunately there is an increase in cost; a Bus Pass will now cost £4.00 and a Rail Card £1.00. This applies to women over 60 and men over 65. Social Circle members may sign at the March Meeting. Other people eligible who would like their pass or card collected please contact Mrs. Jones, 'Oaklands', Brickhill Road, before March 27th.

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SOCIAL CIRCLE SPRING SALE

There will be a sale of various items in the Clubroom on Saturday March 31st at 2.30 p.m. Stalls will include Cakes, Produce, Books, Bric a Brac, Nearly New Clothing (no jumble please). There will also be a Raffle. Any donations for this event will be most gratefully received by members of the Social Circle before March 31st or on the morning of the sale from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

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RED LION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Detty and Robbie from the Red Lion would like to thank all those who supported their Christmas Raffle. Special thanks to Mrs. June Linney who helped with the raffle tickets around the village. £230 was raised for the Childrens Ward at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

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We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Frances Richens recently. She was a very loyal member of the Parish Church, and a keen supporter of the Bicester and Whaddon Hunt. With her late husband she farmed in the village for many years. We extend our sympathy to her son John and her family.

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We are pleased to welcome to the village Felicity King, who has come to live on the Green.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. M. Appleby, The Manse, Stewkley.  
Tele: Leighton Buzzard 240251

Sunday	4th March	10.30 a.m.	Mr. Bob Harris - Family Service
"	"	6.00 p.m.	Circuit Youth Service by Miss Goddard
Sunday	11th March	6.00 p.m.	Mrs. Joan Gregory
Sunday	18th March	6.00 p.m.	Mr. E. Barnett
Sunday	25th March	6.00 p.m.	Rev. Mervyn Appleby

Sunday Club : 10.30 a.m. every Sunday except first Sunday in Month.

Youth Group : Every Sunday after 6.00 p.m. Service except first Sunday in Month.

Mother and Toddler Group : Every Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Minister: Rev. P. Dallaway, The Vicarage, Stewkley  
Tele: Leighton Buzzard 240287

Please refer to Church Newsletter.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday	5th March	7.30 p.m.	Youth Club Night
Wednesday	7th March	8.00 p.m.	Keep Fit
Monday	12th March	7.30 p.m.	Youth Club Outing - to be arranged
Tuesday	13th March	8.00 p.m.	Women's Institute - Flower Arranging
Wednesday	14th March	2.30 p.m.	Social Circle
"	"	8.00 p.m.	Keep Fit
Monday	19th March	7.30 p.m.	Youth Club Night
Wednesday	21st March	7.45 p.m.	Women's Fellowship at 11 The Green. Angela Yaffey giving illustrated talk with slides, on the Galapagos Islands.
Saturday	24th March	10.00 a.m.	Litterblitz
Monday	26th March	7.30 p.m.	Youth Club Outing - to be arranged
Wednesday	28th March	8.00 p.m.	Keep Fit
Saturday	31st March	2.30 p.m.	Social Circle Spring Sale

If anyone would like any items to be included in the next issue of the Village Newsletter would they please contact one of the following people on or before Monday 19th March :-

- Mrs. Miller - Soulbury 545 : Mrs. Bunyan - Soulbury 461 :
- Mrs. Norman - Soulbury 483 : Mrs. Maher - Soulbury 316