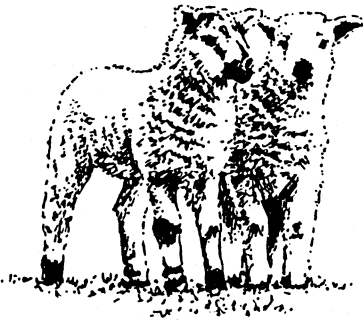


PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Recently the Bus Shelter has again been given a thorough cleaning and repainting. It is very worrying to note that this is the third time in four years that the Bus Shelter has had to be repainted because of vandalism.



Over the Christmas period the Footpaths Co-Ordinator inspected all the footpaths in Soulbury Parish and sent copies of the comments to Bucks County Council and Stewkley Rights of Way Association. Following this several landowners or farm managers have been contacted by the Clerk regarding obstructions or improvements to footpaths, and walkers are asked to be careful

over keeping to the footpaths, and keeping dogs on leads while animals, especially sheep with lambs, are in the fields. Sincere thanks are expressed to Dave Miller for doing such a thorough and useful survey.

The District Council have confirmed the usual four free skips in the Parish for the weekends of 21st/24th June 1991, 2nd/5th August 1991, 15th/18th November 1991 and 31st January/3rd February 1992.

Aylesbury Vale District Council have also confirmed that election day for Parish Councils will be on Thursday 2nd May 1991.

The Club Room Committee representative announced that Mrs. Kirk, who has been caretaker for the clubroom for about thirty years, will be retiring at the end of March. She has been extremely diligent and extraordinarily reliable throughout these many years, and will be very hard to replace. We are sure everyone would like to join in thanking her most heartily for her service to the village.

The caretakers work includes looking after the key, opening and preparing the clubroom for, and locking up after, its use, and some cleaning for which there is a small remuneration. The Clubroom Committee would be pleased to hear from anyone, especially someone living near the Clubroom, who would be willing to take on these duties. Please contact Mrs. Rowe on 270355.

Mr. Peacock has arranged with a representative from the Leisure Services Department to come and demonstrate Short-Mat Bowls and Skittles in the Clubroom on Tuesday 5th March at 7.00 p.m. Do feel free to come along and try this new activity which could become a popular pastime linking Soulbury with other villages who already have this equipment.

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ENVIRONMENT

The roadside verges have become very obviously scattered with rubbish again. A date has therefore been fixed for another LITTER CLEAR UP on SATURDAY 16TH MARCH at 10.00 a.m. meeting at the Stone, Chapel Hill. Please try and spare an hour to help improve your daily views of Soulbury. Maybe this year we will enter the Best Kept Village Competition? Don't forget rubber gloves and wellington boots.

Calling all tree planters. Anyone who would like to do their bit for the countryside and plant some of the trees that are waiting to go in to prepared sites, please contact the Environment Group or Liz Miller on 270545.

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W.A.R.A.

Over the years between 1969 and 1980 this area was twice suggested as a suitable spot for London's third airport. First it was Cublington, and then in 1979 it was Hoggeston. As soon as the threat was recognised a fierce resistance was set up under the name of W.A.R.A., Wing Airport Resistance Association, and funds were gathered from all sorts of activities. A lot of expertise was required to fight the legal battles and fund-raising was in full swing from many different groups in all the local villages. The best defenders who could be found were enlisted and their arguments won the day and Foulness was selected in 1971, and Stanstead in 1980, leaving this area free from the airport threat. However, substantial funds had been accrued and invested in case there was further possible need in the future. In May 1990 it was decided by representatives from all the villages involved that the threat no longer existed and that the Resistance Association should be wound up. After much discussion and votings the money was allocated to various local charities in the following manner:- £5,000 to Willen Hospice, £5,000 to Stoke Mandeville Plastic Surgery Unit Appeal for a Research Registrar, and £4,188.27 to Florence Nightingale Hospice Day Care Centre.

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SPRING SALE AND BINGO - 23rd MARCH

This sale is in aid of Helen House, the Hospice for sick children in Oxford. Women's Fellowship would be most grateful for any offers of help or items for the stalls or raffle. There will be a fifty/fifty stall, bric-a-brac, cakes and produce, and prizes for the raffle would be very welcome. Please bring any of these items to the Clubroom in the morning of the sale, which starts at 2.30 p.m. In the evening at 8.00 p.m. there will be Bingo for the same charity. Please come and support these activities which are to raise money for such a worthwhile cause.

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CHURCH REPAIRS APPEAL

The ravages of time and last years storms mean that £13,000 ought to be spent in the next few months on the roof and windows. Insurance payments will meet nearly £5,000 of this. Using all the reserve and a grant from the Parish Council will still leave a shortfall of £4,000. All Saints means a lot to many residents as well as the regular congregation. Can those who give, give a little more, those who don't, give something? Giving can be by means of weekly envelopes or by Covenant. Please help if you can. Talk to Stan Morris at 3 Stewkley Road - tele 270577 about envelopes, covenants, gifts, pay roll giving or any fund raising ideas.

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If you have seen a lonely figure jogging round Soulbury it's Jane Luxton who is training for the London Marathon, which takes place on April 21st. She is going through all this agony to raise money for the repairs fund for Soulbury Church. Please ring 270493 if you are willing to sponsor her.

CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL

Bus passes and some rail cards are now due for renewal. The cost remains the same as 1990. Bus passes £4 and Rail cards £1. Social Circle members will be able to sign at the March meeting. Other people eligible (women over 60 and men over 65) who would like their pass or card collected please contact Mrs. Jones, 'Oaklands', Great Brickhill Road, before March 23rd.

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SALVATION ARMY ANNUAL APPEAL

The Salvation Army wish to thank all who gave so generously to their annual appeal collection. The sum raised was £111.27.

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'EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LIVING' - REPORT BY LISA HOBDEN

In August I went to Brazil for two weeks, with the help from Soulbury Parish Council, on an Experiment in International Living. Six other Rangers and Young Leaders and one Guider also went. The flight out took 15 hours, from Heathrow via Amsterdam to Rio de Janeiro. We spent a day in Rio de Janeiro, where we saw all the sights, the Jesus Christ Statue, Sugar Loaf Mountain, Copacabana Beach, Maracana Stadium, and a Brazilian show. The next day we flew to Sao Paulo and were picked up by a coach load of Guides and Scouts from Rio Claro, a city about 3 hours drive away. We all stayed with different Guide families, meeting up every day to do various activities. We went on a weekend camp, visited schools, University, and many factories. A typical meal was some meat, steak, pork or chicken, rice, salad and a bean sauce. School starts at 7.00 a.m. and finishes at midday, whilst University is either in the morning, in the afternoon, or at night, depending on the course. For the camp we had to cut down bamboo and use it to make a shelter tent with tarpaulin and string.

The trip was brilliant, I can now get by in Portuguese and have learnt a lot about Brazil, a country I never really thought about before. The E.I.L. is spreading international awareness of ordinary life in distant lands, for the benefit of everyone, and I was very lucky to be able to take part. LISA HOBDEN

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We would like to welcome to the village Margaret and Malcolm White who have come to live in the High Road.

We are pleased to congratulate Catherine and James Fairbairn on the birth of their daughter Abigail on February 5th.

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FOUND

A very nice lined suede glove, right hand, on the pavement at the top of Chapel Hill. Contact Soulbury 270572.

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LOST

A soft toy "Snoopy" on the Church field in the snow. Would the person who is looking after it please return it as soon as possible to Rosie Kittoe, who is missing it very much. Soulbury 270534.

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GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

Repairs and sales. Most leading makes supplied. Free collection and delivery. Re-conditioned mowers usually available. RGC Machinery - agricultural and horticultural engineers. Telephone 0296 681286 Aston Abbotts (office), 0296 681007 Wing (workshop), 0836 244880 (mobile).

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: The Rev. M. Appleby, The Manse,  
Stewkley. Tele: L.B. 240251

Sunday 3rd March 10.30 a.m. Family Service. The Rev. M. Appleby  
Sunday 10th March 6.00 p.m. Mr. Colin Fountaine  
Sunday 17th March 6.00 p.m. Mr. R. Harris  
Sunday 24th March 6.00 p.m. Circuit Service at Trinity Church,  
Leighton Buzzard.

EASTER DAY

Sunday 31st March 8.30 a.m. Holy communion  
" " " 6.00 p.m. Mr. T. Wales

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 - 10.30 a.m. every Tuesday

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Minister: The Rev. P. Dallaway, The Vicarage,  
Stewkley. Tele: L.B. 240287

Please refer to Church Newsletter.

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

Monday 4th March Youth Club outing to 'The Point'  
Tuesday 5th March 7.00 p.m. Short-Mat Bowls - Come and try  
Wednesday 6th March 8.00 p.m. Keep Fit  
Monday 11th March 7.00 p.m. Youth Club  
Tuesday 12th March 8.00 p.m. Women's Institute. Visiting speaker  
Mr. Rodney Corner, Coroner for North  
Bucks  
Wednesday 13th March 2.30 p.m. Social Circle  
Saturday 16th March 10.00 a.m. Litter clear-up. Meet at the Stone  
Monday 18th March 7.00 p.m. Youth Club  
Wednesday 20th March 7.45 p.m. Women's Fellowship. Talk by Miss  
Rena Stewart at the home of Mrs.  
Olwen Fountaine, 21 The Green  
Saturday 23rd March 2.30 p.m. Spring Sale ) in aid of  
" " " 8.00 p.m. Bingo ) Helen House  
Monday 25th March 8.00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting  
" " " 7.00 p.m. Youth Club at Methodist Church  
School Room  
Wednesday 27th March 8.00 p.m. Keep Fit  
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DIARY DATES

Saturday 6th April 10.30 a.m. Jumble Sale in the Clubroom  
in aid of the Special Needs  
Department of Aylesbury College.

Monday 22nd April ( 7.00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting  
( 8.00 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting

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Items for the April edition of the Newsletter should be submitted by  
Monday 18th March to any of the following :-

Mrs. L. Miller - Soulbury 270545 : Mrs. M. Bunyan - Soulbury 270461  
Mrs. P. Norman - Soulbury 270483 : Mrs. R. Maher - Soulbury 270316

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