

**Vandalism**

It will be sure to disappoint readers to hear that local folk have again shown disregard for property and wasted Parish Council money. The playground gate has a padlock and chain put there to stop cars, bicycles and dogs going into the children's area which would make it unsafe. The padlock has been filled with superglue and recently the chain has been cut. At least £30 will be needed to replace these, money which could have been better used.

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Parish Council

Unfortunately Mrs Walpole has had to resign from the Parish Council, so the notice for nominations will be displayed shortly on the clubroom notice board.

A reminder to everyone is given for the 31st March which is the last date for returning the Local Government Review forms. The Parish Council, after careful consideration, has made its decision and Councillors will be happy to discuss this with anyone who is interested or who needs more information. They would like parishioners to include a comment on the form, that we do not wish to be engulfed in Milton Keynes Borough, and that boundary remains as at present.

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Concessionary Travel

Bus passes and some rail cards are now due for renewal. The cost remains the same as last year, bus pass £6, rail card £2. Social Circle members can sign at the March meeting. Other people who are eligible (women over 60 and men over 65) who would like their cards collected, please contact Mrs M Jones, Oaklands, Gt Brickhill Rd before March 21st. For a first application a Pension book number will be required, for women over 60 but not yet eligible for a pension, a birth certificate will have to be produced.

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Soulbury W.I.

The speaker for Tuesday 8th March is to be Sgt John Wood of the Thames Valley Police Underwater Search Unit. There will be a "Bring & Buy" stall for unwanted items and any home produce. Please ring Val Hammond (270604) or Margaret Rowe (270355) for further information. Eva & Steve Timmins were congratulated on the recent celebrations of their Golden Wedding. WI evening outing to Frosts Garden Centre (including supper). Numbers & menu choice required at March meeting please.

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London Marathon

Mrs Jane Luxton will be taking part in the London Marathon on Sunday April 17th (for the last time), to raise money for All Saints Church & the Motor Neurone Disease Society. Anyone willing to sponsor her please ring 270493.

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Quiz Night

Everyone is invited to come along to the clubroom on Saturday March 26th at 7:30 pm to enjoy an evening of fun and to raise money for Childline. Teams of up to four people are required, each person paying £4.50 which will include a fish and chip supper. A special children's price for sausage and chips will be £1.50. Tickets are available in advance from 270322 or 270373 to help plan the catering.

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Race Night

Soulbury Cricket Club will be holding a race night on Friday 11th March, first race 8:00 pm the proceeds from the night will go to support the Soulbury Village cricket Club. Admission £2.50 by programme only, please bring your own drinks and glasses. Horses can be bought in advance £3 each, please order your programmes and horses from Brian Mead, 29 The Green, 270444

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Toddler Group

Mums, toddlers and babies are welcome to come along to the Methodist chapel at 10:45 on Tuesdays, any books and toys for babies and toddlers would be gratefully received.

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We would like to welcome Mark Godsell and Melanie Chappell who have come to live in the High Road.

Congratulations to Reverend Jonathan Hustler and Lesley on the birth of their daughter Abigail Ruth.

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Congratulations to Samantha Gurney on qualifying as a chartered accountant

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We have been asked to point out that all clubroom bookings should be made to Mrs P Norman Tel 270483

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- Offers over £20 invited for deluxe limited commemorative edition of Fantasia, comprising video cassettes of 'Fantasia' ; 'The Making of a Masterpiece', both unopened; the original soundtrack digitally remastered on two compact discs; an original lithograph; a 32 page full colour brochure; a certificate of authenticity signed by Roy Disney, proceeds to Childline. Phone 270322.
- Painter and decorator, any internal or external work undertaken. Free advice and estimates, all work guaranteed (special effect paint finishes available) Tel Jon 270042.
- Hayley, fully qualified and insured beauty therapist, waxing, lash tinting, facials, reflexology and aromatherapy - please phone for free advice and appointment. Tel 270042.
- Need a locksmith ? Phone Steve on 0525 851936 or 0831 210455 Specialist in security.
- Registered child minder, ex nurse has cot. Vacancies for two children 0-5 years. Phone 0525 270130.
- Sewing Services : All types of Home Sewing undertaken. Especially alterations, repairs and make-overs of clothes and soft furnishings. No job too small. Phone Julie 270036 (Answerphone)

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Vicar Rev Norman Cotton, The Vicarage Stewkley, 240287

All Sundays during March Sung Eucharist 11:30 am

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METHODIST CHURCH

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

March 6th 10:30 am Mr K Gregory Family Service

March 13th 6:00 pm Rev J Hustler Holy Communion

March 20th 6:00 pm Circuit service at Trinity Leighton Buzzard

March 27th 6:00 pm Mr P Thomas

Sunday Club 10:30 am every Sunday except first Sunday in Month

Youth Group Every Sunday after 6:00 pm service except first Sunday in Month

Mothers & Toddlers Every Tuesday 10:45 am

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Held in Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday March 7/14/21/28 Youth Club 7pm - 9pm

Wednesday March 22/9/16/23/30 Keep Fit 10:30 am and 8 pm

Thursday March 3/10/17/24 Bowls Evening 7:30 pm

Tuesday March 8th WI Bring & Buy & talk from Thames Valley Police underwater search unit 8:00 pm

Wednesday March 9th Social Circle 2:30 pm

Friday March 11th Cricket Club Race Night 8:00 pm

Wednesday March 16th Women's Fellowship 7:45 pm Miss Rena Stewart talk at the home of Mrs M Jones, Oaklands

Saturday March 19th Book Sale 10am - 4pm

Saturday March 26th Quiz Night at 7:30 in aid of Childline

Monday March 28th Parish Council Meeting 8 pm

The Mobile Library will call on Wednesdays March 9th and March 23rd

The dustmen will come on Thursday the 31st March and Friday 8th April

Diary Dates

Friday April 15th Quiz night for All Saints Church

Items for next issue by March 22nd please to :-

Mrs. Miller (270545) Mrs. Bunyan (270461) Mrs. Norman (270483) Mrs. Fairbairn (270674)

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SOULBURY PARISH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

A well attended meeting on 15th February was updated on plans for the centenary celebrations to be held on 25th and 26th June and which will have a Victorian theme.

Activities on the Saturday will include an exhibition of Parish memorabilia in the clubroom and static displays on the Green. Mr. Ian Parrott has kindly agreed to the use of the cricket field for the main activities, stalls etc. These will include sideshows, a craft stall, produce stalls, children's races and a pet show. The opening event will be a children's Fancy Dress Competition. The day will end with a Dance, with bar, tombola and raffle.

On Sunday 26th June there will be an Open Air Church Service on the Green (in church if wet) and an Open Gardens event and a Flower Festival are planned for both days.

HELP Needed!

- * Volunteers to help erect the marquee on Friday 24th June
- * People to look after stalls and sideshows
- * Prizes for the tombola and raffle would be warmly appreciated
- * Food - please see enclosed form
- * Open Gardens - please contact Brian Mead if you are able to open your garden

- * SOULBURY History

We are hoping to put on a display of Parish history covering:

a. Photographs and Postcards of the village and parish - in particular of special events, places that no longer exist or that have changed their function.

b. SOULBURY At War - covering the people who went to war, those who stayed at home, and particularly those mentioned on the War Memorial. Do you have photographs or items that will bring back memories?

c. The Third London Airport Fight - a major success story for the parish. We are looking for contemporary documents, newspapers, photographs, maps, etc.

If you have items on the above, please contact Peter Bibby (270373) at 4 Laburnham Cottages, High Road.

Calling all Stall-holders

Jean Housley would like to thank the sub-committee for the ideas put forward at the recent meeting and for the help offered. We now have a list of stalls and attractions but would like to call a meeting for all stall-holders, including the regular Church Fête stall-holders, on Tuesday, 12th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Clubroom.

Blanket

Anyone interested in knitting squares for a blanket, to be auctioned for the Fête, should contact Daphne Booth on 270322, so that we get a standard size and thickness of squares.

* Grand Poster Competition (this wording may change)

Children aged 16 and under are invited to design posters (A3 size - 30 cms x 42 cms/11.5" x 16.5") to publicise the celebrations. A small panel will choose the winning entry for which there will be a prize and which will be reproduced as the official poster. Age will be taken into consideration when judging the entries.

Designs may be in poster paint and/or felt-tip in black on white only and should include the words 'Soulbury Centenary Fête'. Entries by 18th April to:

Poster Competition
4 Laburnham Cottages
High Road
Soulbury LU7 ODA (Tel: 270373)

Please help to make the centenary celebrations a resounding success. All those listed below will be delighted to have offers of help:

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| Alf Peacock | 270541 | Chairman |
| John Spires | 370094 | Clerk |
| Stan Morris | 270577 | Finance Sub-Committee |
| Harry Ayris | 0296 688759 | |
| Tony Kimble | 377804 | Control/Security Sub-Committee |
| Brian Mead | 270444 | Events Sub-Committee |
| Pauline Bibby | 270373 | Advertising/Publicity |
| Margaret Rowe | 270355 | Food |
| Peter Critchley | 270470 | Layout Sub-Committee |
| Mrs. Chris Bryant | 270607 | Finance Sub-Committee |
| Jean Housley | 237654 | Side Shows/Stalls Sub- |
| Committee | | |