



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the recent Council Meeting we were pleased to welcome our new Area Beat Officer P.C. Graham Briginshaw who is now policing Soulbury and five other villages. As from 1st April P.C. Briginshaw will be operating from Wing, and can be contacted there on 01296 396136 or 396164. Up to April 1st the police contact number is still Bletchley 01908 686000. In a letter the new Aylesbury Rural Inspector, R.E. Maskell, explained that the reorganisation of Milton Keynes as a Unitary Authority had divided the present sectors, and that Soulbury and Stoke Hammond would fall into the Aylesbury Rural Section. The Parish Council felt that this was likely to be a more effective system, and looked forward to forming a bond of co-operation with the new officers.

DIAL-A-RIDE

Aylesbury Vale Dial-A-Ride has written to Soulbury to offer a door-to-door transport service for local residents with mobility problems for travel within the Aylesbury Vale area. The bus will service this area on a Friday only. The fares are similar to bus fares and in addition there is an annual registration fee. Travel tokens can be used, issued by A.V.D.C. Bookings can be made 9.30am - 12.30pm, Monday-Friday and can be up to seven days in advance. For bookings or further information please contact the Dial-A-Ride co-ordinator on 01296 330088.

CYCLING AWARENESS

Buckinghamshire's County Council's Environmental Services Department has contacted the Parish Council asking for help in recruiting tutors to run children's cycling awareness courses in our area. If anyone feels they would like their child to attend a cycling course then maybe they might volunteer as a tutor. The North Bucks. Area Road Safety Officer has organised sessions for tutors in March and April in Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Bletchley and Buckingham. For more information contact 01908 649122. Increasing the number of volunteer tutors will increase the number of children who may be trained. Liz Miller, phone 270545, has a detailed leaflet if anyone is interested, but don't delay; the training sessions are early in March.

BY-PASS NEWS

County Councillor Mrs. Brenda Jennings reported that the Buckinghamshire Director of Environment, Mr. Chris Williams, had started to liaise with Bedfordshire concerning weight restrictions and their impact on Bucks. villages. At the Policy and Finance Committee Meeting the Soulbury and Stoke Hammond by-passes were set as top priority in the next 5 year programme, but public funding would be needed so they must be kept in high profile.

During the adjournment for public discussion David Kempster introduced Darren Curle from Red Lion Cottages who is interested in setting up an inter-village Sports Challenge. The long term aim might be to attract sufficient enthusiasm and funds that improvements could be made to facilities for a variety of sports. The Parish Council endorsed the idea of this challenge and looked forward to seeing it established.

The next Parish Council Meetings were arranged for 17th March and 21st April.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

CONFIRMATION. Norman is gathering together a group of people to think about being confirmed at Wing on 22nd June. If you would like more details please give him a ring on 240287.

CLEANING ALL SAINTS. Help would be appreciated from 9am to 11am on Wednesday, 26th March.

THE COFFEE MORNING AND BRING AND BUY on 22nd February raised £210. Again thanks to all who helped and attended.

THE CHURCH FETE will be held at the Old Vicarage (thanks to Margaret and David Owen) on 28th June. Offers of help and new ideas welcome. (Contact Stan on 270577).

FRIENDS OF SOULBURY CHURCH - RESTORATION NEWS

BELLS. A meeting in the Clubroom on 12th February heard a presentation on the bell project and how it might fit in to the other projected work. Restoring the bells was likely to cost up to £30,000 but there was a one-off opportunity of a 50% grant from the Millenium Fund and at least another £5,000 from other sources. The remaining restoration work would cost about £64,000 up to the year 2000 and £36,000 in the 2/3 years thereafter with grants of £26,000 and £14,000 respectively. A scheme for toilets, improved heating and a kitchen with room above might cost £30,000 (grants up to £15,000 possible). The chances of our application to the Millenium fund being approved were about 3 to 1.

The sum of £43,000 had been raised locally in the last 27 months and £92,500 in grants. £113,300 had been spent. Raising £53,000 in the next 6 or 7 years did not appear to be beyond our reach. With one exception those present were in favour of pursuing the bell project and there appeared to be a good number of potential ringers (anybody else interested should contact Jim Cochrane on 270271).

THE BURNS SUPPER on 25th January raised £288.50 for the Fund. Thanks to all who helped, particularly Ian Parrott who chaired the proceedings, to the W.I. for preparing the food and to all other helpers and the entertainers.

MENINGITIS TRUST COFFEE MORNING

The W.I. are holding a coffee morning in aid of the Meningitis Trust on Saturday 15th March from 10am-12pm. in the Clubroom. There will also be a cake stall. Please do come and support this worthwhile charity.

HOSPICES BEETLE DRIVE

No, you don't need to own a V.W. - you don't even need a driving licence to join in the great nation-wide attempt by 72 Hospices to hold the biggest ever Beetle Drive on Tuesday 1st April (no fooling!). Soulbury's share in this event will be at 7pm in the Clubroom.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle as well as prizes. This will be a light-hearted evening with the serious intent of raising money for the wonderful work of Florence Nightingale House, so do help us make it a success. Tickets at the door or in advance from Liz Miller (270545) or Daphne Booth (270322), price £2 for adults or £1 for children under 16 years.

BUS PASSES

These will be issued to Senior Citizens on Wednesday, 26th March from 2pm to 3pm in the Clubroom.

SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club have sent the following notice:

"The Cricket Club are now looking forward to the 1997 season with a new Chairman at the helm, Brian Mead.

Whilst working hard constantly to improve both ground and pavillion facilities, Brian's main priority is to attract more players to the club. If there is anyone in Soulbury parish who can or wants to play cricket, please contact Brian Mead on 270444 or Roger Rolls on 270599.

We are hoping to acquire a 'fridge for the pavillion. Can anyone help?

We are also on the lookout for a concrete garage to house grass cutting equipment. Anyone with any contacts please 'phone Brian.

Give us your support Soulbury, we look forward to seeing you all when the sun starts shining."

W.I.

Tuesday 11th March: An inside look a Life in 16th & 17th Country Houses is the subject for our speaker in March, to be given by Miss Rees. The meeting starts at 8.00pm in the Clubroom. Visitors and new members welcome. For further information, telephone Margaret Rowe on 270355.

EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT

Do you or your firm need a willing worker during the Easter vacation (23rd March to 27th April)? Anything not too illegal considered. Please contact via Liz Miller on 270545. Thank you.

TED PAYNE

It is with regret that we report the sudden death of Ted Payne who lived on The Green with his wife Maureen. Ted was a man of many parts who lived much of his life in Soulbury and Wing. He represented Newton Longville on the District Council and had a keen interest in village life and in setting quizzes. He was very lively minded and will be greatly missed by the very many people whose lives he touched. We extend our sympathy to Maureen and the family.

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

Repairs and sales by R.G.C. Machinery, Rock Lane Farm. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection & delivery. Re-conditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of A.T.V.'s & farm machinery. Te. 01296 681007 (daytime), 681286 (evenings).

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Vicar Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley 240287

March 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Service in the Chapel
March 9th	11.30am	MOTHERING SUNDAY Family Service
March 16th	11.30am	Sung Communion Service
March 23rd	11.30am	PALM SUNDAY. Children meet at Church for blessing of Palms and procession before going to Sunday Club in Chapel. Service taken by John Hammersley and sermon by Peter Lymbery.
March 27th	7.30pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY. Joint Communion Service in Stewkley Methodist Church.
March 28th	11.00am	GOOD FRIDAY. Morning service in Stewkley Church.
March 30th	11.30am	EASTER DAY. Sung Communion.
April 6th	8.00am	Holy Communion.
	11.30am	Family Service.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Ian Banks, The Manse, Stewkley 240251

March 2nd	10.30am	United Family Service. Mr. M. Owens.
March 9th	6.00pm	Sacrament of the Supper of Lords. Rev. Ian Banks.
March 16th	6.00pm	United Service at Trinity, Leighton Buzzard.
March 23rd	6.00pm	Mrs. H. Hugo.
March 30th	9.15am	Rev. Ian Banks.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP:

Every Tuesday 10.30am - 12noon.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated).

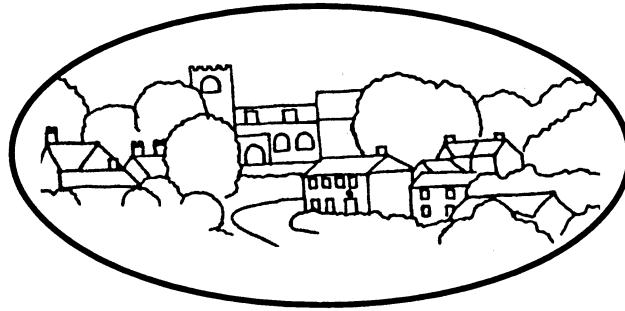
March 5th, 19th	Weds.	Woodland Waste Paper Collection.
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6, 13, 20, 27th	Thurs. 7.30pm	Bowls Evening.
March 11th	Tues. 8pm	W.I.-Life in 16th & 17th Country Houses. A talk by Miss Rees.
March 12th	Weds. 2.30pm	Social Circle.
March 13th	Thurs.	A.V.D.C. Waste Paper Collection
27th	Thurs.	“ “ “ “
March 15th	Sat. 10am-12pm	W.I. Coffee Morning for Meningitis Trust
March 17th	Mon. 8pm	Parish Council Meeting
March 5th, 19th	Weds. 11.35-11.55am	Mobile Library at The Stone
March 19th	Weds. 7.45pm	W.F. Trivial Pursuit Evening at 11 The Green, Soulbury.
March 26th	Weds. 2pm-3pm	Issue of Bus Passes

DIARY DATES

April 1st	Tues. 7pm	Beetle Drive
April 21st	Mon. 8pm	Parish Council Meeting
June 28th	Sat.	Church Fete

Items for the next issue by 18th March 1997 to: Mrs. Miller 270545, Mrs. Bunyan 270461, Mrs. Norman 270483, Mrs. Fairbairn 270674.

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Inter Village Games



Dear Friends,

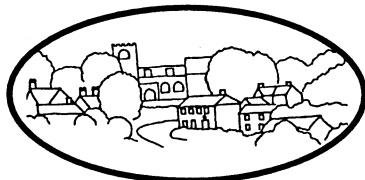
I would like to introduce myself to you, my name is Darren Curle and I live in Hollingdon. As you probably know, a regular programme of inter village games take place in South beds each September and is extremely successful and enjoyed by young and old. What I'd like to do with your help is find out if this is something YOU would be interested in; and if so which activities would be of most interest.

All I need is a little of your time to fill out the small questionnaire below and send it back to one of the local co-ordinators listed here or simply call me on 01525 270801 and tell me what you'd like to see.

Thank-you
Darren Curle
Inter Village Co-ordinator Soulbury

Co-ordinators

Stan Morris - 3 Stewkley Road
Liz Miller - Old School House
David Kempster - 59 High Road
Darren Curle - 3 Red Lion Cottages



Inter Village Games



What would YOU like to see?

- Soccer
- Volley Ball
- Netball
- Carpet Bowls
- Tug - of - war
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Other _____

Please tick the activities of interest in the box.

