



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



SOULBURYS' RESIDENTS

Can you remember the 'Welcome to Soulbury' leaflet? This pamphlet was delivered through the doors of all newcomers to the village. It was a valuable source of information that detailed all the clubs that ran in the village, the Church and Chapel services, and social groups, as well as the bus time-tables and refuse collection dates. The information for the leaflet was last updated in May 1993. Since then a lot has changed and it's now time for a re-vamp! Your input, if you would like to help, would gratefully be received - give any of the names listed at the bottom of this newsletter a call.

*would look wonderful, and the village centrepiece if it was up-lighted at night. I am always given a good feeling when I drive from Aylesbury towards Wing after dark and see the welcome of the Wing Church lighting. The cost of up-lighting Soulbury Church would not be significant, and I would be willing to donate to a specific fund for this purpose. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the people involved in the church restoration, the Millennium Green and other environmental work in the village. Great strides have been made in recent years. Very best regards,
Mr K Camp.'*



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Church Cleaning

Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays 4th March and 1st April.

Grass Cutting

A number of volunteers earn cash for the Church General Fund by keeping the Village Green, the playground and the verges in order. If you are able to help on an occasional basis with mowing or strimming, please register your willingness with Stan Morris. Correspondence in another part of this newsletter suggests that the work done is appreciated. Stan Morris and John Rowe will not be able to carry on forever and it would be nice to know there are others willing to help.



LETTERS PAGE

In Jan/Feb Newsletter we suggested a Letters Page to you. The response has been good. We would like to remind you that in order for your letters to be published they need to be signed and must include your address. We have received the following letter:

'Although I am not a regular "church goer" I was incensed by the suggestion that our village church faced redundancy and possible demolition. Consequently I am a regular subscriber to the Restoration Fund, albeit on a relatively small scale. I have a suggestion for you and the group responsible for the restoration work. When restoration is complete I believe that the church

Church Services

Over the last few months we have experimented with an early morning Communion and Evensong on the first Sunday. We intend to continue with this but there are problems in March and April. On 5th March we revert to the usual Sung Eucharist at 11.30am when the preacher will be Rev. Roger James, Director of the Cottesloe Christian Training Scheme (successor to the Rev. Judy Rees). Roger will also be leading a discussion about Cottesloe at Stewkley Chapel on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm.

On 26th March there will be Communion at 9am and Evensong at 6pm. On 2nd April, Mothering Sunday, there will be a Family Service at 11.30am.

A Coffee Morning

...will take place in the Clubroom on Saturday 25th March from 10.30am to 12 noon, in support of the Church General Fund. There will be a raffle, cake stall, bring and buy etc. Admission will be 50p, which includes light refreshment. More details are available from Stan Morris, who would also be pleased to receive offers of help to staff the stalls. Goods for sale can be delivered to 3 Stewkley Rd on Friday 24th March or to the Clubroom from 10 to 10.30am on the Saturday.

Coming Up

A Quiz Night and Supper at Liscombe Park on the 19th May, put the date in your diaries. More details in April's Newsletter.

Church Illumination

Mr Camp's letter (page one) raises the interesting suggestion of permanent illumination of the Church. The PCC will be discussing this with the Friends of Soulbury Church and would also welcome the comments and views of the village at large.

RESTORATION NEWS

We still await a definite date for the re-hanging of the bells.

Burns Night

On 22nd January The Friends of Soulbury Church organised an excellent evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by 40 participants and £165 was raised for the Restoration Fund. Stan Morris was in the Chair; Leo Doherty addressed the haggis brought in by John Rowe with a suitable bagpipe accompaniment from Richard Cebula. Richard (now 13 years old) playing for the third year running, is really talented and comes from Northampton. Thanks to his Dad who is a Director of Bray Imaging, Leighton Buzzard for making the journey from Northampton.

After the Immortal Memory proposed by Norma Doherty, we had some traditional music from Richard. John Rowe provided some lurid childhood memories and Lorna Stephen entertained on the violin. A Toast to the Lassies was proposed by Chris Bryant with a response from Joyce Kellner. Margaret Rowe proposed a Toast to the village

Hollington Safari Supper

This was held on the same night as the Burns Evening. This, also now an annual event, was organised by Geeba Cochrane and Heather Parrott. Thirty-nine people attended, almost a 100% turnout. Kim and Darren, Barry and Lesley, Jim and Doreen and also Jim and Geeba hosted starters. Angela and Giacomo, Charlie and Natalie, and Barrie and Nessie hosted the main courses, and then it was the turn of Ian and Heather for desserts. The stalwarts were up until 3am and £345 was raised for the Restoration Fund. Thanks and well done to Hollington!

Auction of Promises

This is the next event in the fund raising calendar and is due to take place in the Clubroom at 7.30pm on Saturday 1st April. For those who have not been to one of these events before, the organisers endeavour to procure promises covering things such as babysitting, gardening, holidays, outings and a host of other attractive

opportunities which are auctioned on the night to the highest bidder. John Bercow, our MP has offered the opportunity for two people to visit the House of Commons for tea and to listen to a debate. If you wish to donate an item/promise please contact Jane (270493), Sheila (270485) or Jackie (270619).



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At January's Council meeting the road junction at Hollington Lane / Stewkley Road was discussed. The County Council are still considering the Parrish Council's request for a sign indicating children, but it is unlikely that this will be agreed as there is no school or school crossing in the vicinity. The Council have had a sign warning of horses erected by the junction.

A proposal by London Luton Airport to land planes on runway 8 by means of a flight path across Wing at about 4000ft was reported on, and that a campaign was being mounted to oppose this proposal.



MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The tree planting went well, the orchard trees, the walnuts, hazels and birches have all now been planted. Thank you to everyone that helped with the planting, and to all that donated trees and plants. The benches too are now in position. You will probably have noticed that the hedge at the front of the Green has had a face-lift! The hedge has been laid and currently looks a little 'sore'; this is a traditional art and will soon look the part for our Millennium Green.

Help on the Millennium Green is always required, just contact Liz (270545) or Christine (270377). Another reminder, don't forget to collect Target Stamps from 'LB Observer' newspaper.

In the last newsletter the date for the Millennium Green Fayre was reported as being the 17th June. However, this date would have coincided with Wing's school fete therefore the new date for the Millennium Green Fayre is 18th June – one for your diaries.



A Preview - The Soulbury Millennium Green Fayre

A sub-committee of the Millennium Green Trustees has now been established in order to organise the Millennium Green Fayre. It consists of Christine Shepperd; who has kindly 'offered' to be the Head Co-ordinator, Stephen Kittoe, Maureen Payne, Diane Lowes, Kate Cobb and Debbie Hulston. There are also a lot of volunteers that have already offered their services and help for this years fayre, so we are already heading towards a very successful fun day.

This years Fayre is to be held in June and is in keeping with the idea behind the Millennium Green, traditional and 'rustic'. Events already planned include a Pet Show, organised by Kate and Malcom who as Veterinary Practitioners are the very people for the job! There will be judging and prizes for the winners.

A Treasure Hunt around the Green will also take place on the day, and as well as all the usual stalls, this year there will be Arts and Crafts stalls, a Cake stall and also the Bric-a-Brac and Jar stall. There will be fairground ride and pony rides too, along with face-painting and a lucky dip for the children. There will be a tea tent and also an ice-cream stand. Dancing by Morris Dancers at the amphitheatre, and the musicians of last years Fayre – Calamity's Fling, will be there to entertain us all. All in all it will be a fun-packed day!!!

Along with all of this, on the day, tickets will be sold for the Millennium Green Raffle.

There are lots of prizes that are already being organised that will be of interest and appeal to everyone.

We would be very interested to hear from any of you that are arty/crafty, would you be interested in showing your work, or maybe donating one or two items to the Craft stall? Also donations of cakes and bakes etc and 'Jars', raffle prizes would all be very gratefully received. Contact one of the committee members if you can be of any help at all. Behind the scene activities do go unnoticed unless of course they go wrong, so help with the organising and set up would be valued too! Thank you.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD LIONS CLUB

The Club held a Race Night in the Clubroom the 4th February and £521 was raised for their local charity work. In recent months they have been able to buy a hotel size dishwasher for Willen Hospice and a Vital Signs Monitor for Stoke Mandeville Hospital. As well as its charity work the Club also has a very active social side. It meets twice a month, once for business and once for dinner. Anybody in the village who would like to know more or who would like to attend a meeting as a guest should contact Stan Morris on 270577 or Chris Bryant on 270607.

St PATRICKS NIGHT

The W.I. have organised a St Patrick's Night, which is to be held in the Clubroom on Friday 17th March. Tickets are priced at £7 and are available from M Rowe on 270355. Price includes admission, supper and entertainment and as always this evening promises to be a very good night. All are most welcome.

A REQUEST

We have been asked to include the following in the newsletter:

"Mrs Josie Hudson and family would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all who sent letters, cards and those who called to the house,

during our recent sad bereavement. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Fisher for the flowers. A very big thank you to Fay and Freddie, Norma and Margaret who attended the funeral. You will all be remembered in our prayers."



LADIES NIGHT

The first get-together at The Boot in January wasn't as well attended as hoped, however it was still a really enjoyable evening.

It was thought that the ladies evening could be on the last Thursday of every month, either at The Boot, or at someone's house. February's get-together was held at Jackie Riddleys' house and the theme was a starter, pudding and chat evening.

These are very informal evenings and all (ladies!!!!) are welcome. The March get-together is on Thursday 30th March at The Boot at 8pm. Contact Jackie Ridley (270619) or Catherine Fairbairn (270674) for further details.



STEWKLEY PLAYERS

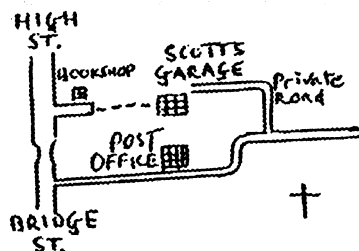
The Stewkley Players present 'Mr Quigleys' Revenge', a play by Simon Bett, in the Village Hall, Stewkley. It will run nightly from Wednesday 5th April until Saturday 8th April, at 8pm. Tickets are on sale from 6th March priced £3.50. Box Office telephone 01525-240236.

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

Repairs and Sales by RGC Machinery, Station Road, Mursley, MK 17 0SA. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection and delivery. Reconditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of ATV's & Farm Machinery. Tel. 01296 720066.

**VEHICLE REPAIRS,
SERVICING AND MOT
TESTING**

High quality workmanship from a friendly establishment. Convenient to Leighton Buzzard High Street. David J Scott. Tel. 01525 373628.



Next newsletter editorial meeting will be held at 11 The Green on Thursday 16th March at 8.00pm. Anyone who is interested in joining please come along.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH 2000

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Saturday	1 st		Church Cleaning
Thursday	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
Saturday	4 th	10.00 – 12 noon	Church Cleaning
Wednesday	8 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Thursday	9 th & 23 rd		A.V.D.C. Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Monday	13 ^h & 27 th	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-By
Tuesday	14 th	8.00pm	W.I – Speaker: Mr Harry Edwards, “Milton Keynes Past & Present”
Wednesday	15 th	7.45pm	Women’s Fellowship
Friday	17 th		St Patrick’s Night
Monday	20 th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	25 th	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning – (in aid of the church General Fund)



DIARY DATES

APRIL	Saturday 1 st		Auction of Promises
MAY	Friday 19 th		Quiz & Supper Night (Liscombe Park)
JUNE	Sunday 18 th	2.00pm	Millennium Green Fayre

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley – Tel: 240287

Curate: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard – Tel: 371235

All Sundays in March except 26th		11.30am	Sung Communion in Church
Sunday	26 th	9.00am	Said Communion in Church
		6.00pm	Evensong in Church
Sunday	2 nd April	11.30am	Mothering Sunday – Family Service

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Brian Trudgian, The Manse, Stewkley – Tel: 240251

Sunday	5 th	10.00am	Mr R Harris – Family Service
Sunday	12 th	6.00pm	Rev. K Satler – Holy Communion
Sunday	19 th	6.00pm	Rev. B Trudgian
Sunday	26 th	6.00pm	Circuit Service at Trinity, Leighton Buzzard
All Sundays except first in the month		10.00am	Sunday Club

Items for next issue by 16th March 2000 to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Mr Friswell 270918, Mrs Hulston 270349, Miss Wegener 270284 or Mrs Stevens 270514.