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SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

METHODIST CHAPEL IN SOULBURY

It is with great sadness that we learn that the chapel is to close for good. What will happen to it? I don't think anyone knows yet. But to mark the end of worship at Soulbury Chapel there will be a thanksgiving service held at the chapel on Sunday 10th March at 3pm. The Rev Keith Salter from Leighton Buzzard and the Rev Arthur Cowburn from Stewkley will conduct the service. The Guest Preacher will be Tony Wales from Oxford and Shirley and Anthony Noble will be the worship leaders. The service will be followed by tea and refreshments. Although it seems a sad historic occasion to me, the Chapel wishes to emphasise the positive and give thanks that 164 years of Christian worship has taken place here and this is something to be celebrated.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Clerk had received notification from the government of the code of conduct for parish councils. The model code of conduct has to be adopted by the Council and by individual councillors, and as this is a new and serious decision to be made the details were passed to councillors and the matter deferred for discussion and decision to the next meeting. The matter of car-parking on the High Road and Chapel Hill was raised by a

parishioner as the road side is available to anyone to park on so long as it is safe to do so, the council could only ask that cars were parked sympathetically and sensibly - using the limited space in the best possible way - so as not to inconvenience the local house holders.

CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME

From 1st April AVDC are introducing a number of changes to the Concessionary Travel Scheme. A Lifetime Photocard will now be issued. Bus passes will be free for elderly and disabled people and will entitle you to 1/2 price travel for journeys starting and finishing in any district in Bucks except Milton Keynes. When applying you will need 2 recent passport sized photos, a completed application form and proof of eligibility. Travel Tokens and Rail Cards are also available. For a fuller explanation of the arrangements please ring Lesley Yates, The Customer Services Manager on (01296) 585655 or any of the banking hall staff on (01296) 585661. Issuing offices are 66 High Street, and area offices at Buckingham and Winslow. Town and Village issue locations will be advertised in the local press.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There will be a neighbourhood watch meeting for all the village in the Club room on Thursday 14th March at 8:00pm. The speakers will be Ms Helen Thomas and PC Briginshaw. It is hoped that there will be a good audience from all the parish.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

Church Coffee Morning: the date has been brought forward to Saturday March 9th in the Club room. It will start at 10:00am and finish around 12 noon. Any offers of help will be much appreciated. Raffle prizes, donations, gifts and cakes for sale will also be gratefully received either on the morning of March 9th before 10 o'clock or at Stan Morris' on Friday March 8th at 3 Stewkley Road.

The AGM on Wednesday 6th March will start at 7:30pm and all parishioners present will be able to appoint Churchwardens.

On Mothering Sunday March 10th we would love to see as many families as possible - children, parents and grandparents. It is a lovely friendly service where small posies of flowers are given to the children to take home for their mothers. Palm Sundays is another special service. It would be nice to have a good congregation to make a big procession, so do please come along.

If anyone, young or old, would like to act as a server at any service, please contact Peter on 371235. It is especially nice to see servers at the important festivals.

We hope to have a special service on Sunday June 2nd over the Jubilee celebration holidays and plant the All Saints Millennium Yew Tree.

The service was originally planned for Sunday morning but this clashes with a World Cup football match when England are playing Sweden, so it was decided to change the time to 3 p.m. in the churchyard.

There would be preparations going on and disturbance on the Millennium Green because of the evening Pig Roast and Barn Dance, so it was decided the Churchyard/Church would be more suitable.

THE STEWKLEY LENT CONVERSATIONS

Four speakers are coming to the Methodist Church hall in Stewkley over four weeks in Lent on Thursdays.

Anyone in Soulbury is very welcome to attend. Anyone wanting a lift, please contact Christine on 270377

The theme is: Where do We go from here? The time is: 8.00 pm with coffee at 7.45 p.m.

The details are:

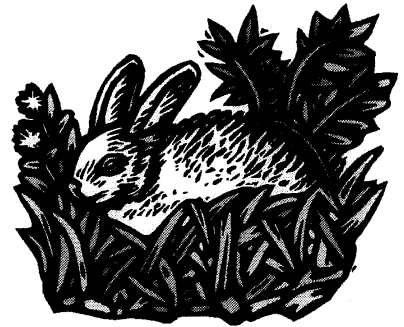
Thursday 28th February Professor Mike Sanderson of Cranfield University will talk on "How to relate theology to us in a Post-modern world"

Thursday March 7th Rev Ann Faulkner will talk on "The survival and growth of village churches";

Thursday 14th March Rev Alan Horner will talk on "How the Methodist Church and the Church of England can draw together";

Thursday 21st March Dr Alan Kybird, responsible for young adults will talk on "The missing generation in churches"

For more information ring Norman on 240287 or Arthur on 240251.



MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The trustees of the Millennium Green held a quiz and games evening in the Club room on Saturday February 9th. It was a very successful evening, in spite of a few little hitches. There were about 60 people there and was a little bit crowded and not too easy to move around but people enjoyed themselves and had fun, without getting too serious about winning.

Thanks are due to Margaret Rowe for providing the buffet supper and desserts which included chicken quiches, sausage rolls, various delicious sandwiches and other tasty titbits.

Many thanks to Jane Phillpot who did some jokes, riddles and anagrams and to all those who helped organise the event - Mary and Alan Giles, Nan Chadwick and Maureen Payne. The quizmaster was Christine Sheppard who promises to learn how to operate a tape-recorder before she does a music round again!

The sum of £297 was made and will help towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Millennium Green. Many thanks to everyone who came and supported us and all those who donated raffle prizes.

Maintenance work and improvements are being made on the Green.

A millennium yew and a pine tree have been planted at the back of the stage area to replace the cedar and the blue spruce which unfortunately died.

The geo-textile is being removed in the free plantation on the right hand side, because it has served its purpose in helping the establishment of the young trees.

The soil conditions will now be allowed to naturalise and become woodland habitat.

The next Millennium Green trustees meeting will be held in the Club room on Monday March 25th at 8.00 p.m. The general public are welcome to attend.

JUBILEE NEWS

June 2nd and 3rd.
As we mentioned last month everyone can expect to be called on by a volunteer who will talk about the celebrations.

They will also be distributing raffle tickets. It would be appreciated if most households could take two or three books; the stubs and money should be returned to your caller by 19th April or sooner if possible

The theme for the fancy dress competition on Monday afternoon will be 'Kings and Queens' which should give everyone plenty of scope for their imaginations and ingenuity. There will be two age groups, and adults will be encouraged to join in the dressing up festivities as well! Maybe someone can help with this;- we still need another tea urn - any offers? The next meeting of the Jubilee committee has been arranged for Tuesday 19th March at Jackie Ridley's house. This is a new date so please make a note - committee members and any others interested in the Jubilee celebrations are very welcome to attend-starting at 8.00 pm.

Reminder:-the Auction of Promises is on Saturday 13th April at 7:30pm in the Club room. We need items for auction and offers of services, if anyone can offer babysitting, dinner-party preparations, car cleaning, cooking, baking, sewing etc please tell Jackie 270619, or Maureen 270418, or the person who calls at your house, that would be very helpful.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Lexia and Don Collins of Chapel Hill on the birth of their son Ryan

BABYSITTING

You may remember that I placed an ad in December's Newsletter regarding babysitters. I received a few calls in response to that ad, and I wondered whether anyone else in the village had problems getting a good sitter for their children?

Would there be any interest towards a 'central file', that would hold information of the local babysitters available and anyone in need of a sitter could obtain one from this file. You may have just moved into the village, have problems getting hold of a sitter, need a one off sit or you have been let down at short notice. If you think that this would be worthwhile and have any ideas or comments then let me know.

The type of information held on the babysitters would be their name and age, contact numbers, address, experience, availability and any other useful information. The future babysitters that I have met and spoken to are willing to have their information held in the file if there are any other people interested in being included whether it is for the occasional evening or even just as an 'emergency' sitter, evenings or during the daytime then please give me a call.

My contact details are Debbie on 270720 (daytime) & 270349 (after 6pm); also you can email me on debbie@dbegroup.co.uk.

BOWLS EVENINGS

Since October 2001 the Bowls Evening has been dramatically depleted, not enough players to justify opening the Club room - unless more people come for an evening of challenge and fun on a Thursday we shall have to call it a day. To make it viable at least 6 - 8 people need to be bowling. It will only cost you £1. This includes use of the hall and a "Cuppa". Please give it a thought. The village needs cooperation from you all. Come along and have a go. Thank-you. Margaret White 10 High Road

JD ROOFING & GENERAL BUILDING

All types of building work undertaken. For a free estimate, call 270878 or 07958 584655.

STEWKLEY PLAYERS

Present their 87th production ' A | | o ' A | | o A Comedy by Jeremy Lloyd & David Croft in the Village Hall, Stewkley at 8 pm nightly from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd March. Doors open 7.30pm Licensed Bar. Tickets £4 on sale from Box Office. Telephone: 2 4 0 2 3 6 (C h r i s and Jean Carter)

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FREELANCE HAIRSTYLIST

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH 2002



(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday	March 4 th & 18th	2.00pm - 2.15pm 2.20pm - 2.35pm	Mobile Library - Bungalows Lay-by Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Wednesday	March 6th	7.30pm	All Saints Church AGM
Thursday	March 7 th , 21 st , 28th	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
Thursday	March 7 th & 21st		A.V.D.C. Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Saturday	March 9th	10.00am - 12 noon	Church Coffee Morning N.B. Change of Date
Sunday	March 10th	3pm	Thanksgiving Service at Soulbury Chapel
Tuesday	March 12th	8.00pm	W.I. Masquerade - A History of Masks by Mrs Christine Farmer
Wednesday	March 13th	2.00pm	Social Circle
Wednesday	March 13th	8.00pm	Parish Council N.B. Change of Date
Thursday	March 14th	8.00pm	Neighbourhood Watch
Tuesday	March 19th	8.00pm	Jubilee Meeting at the home of Jackie Ridley
Wednesday	March 20th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Monday	March 25th	8.00pm	Millennium Green trustees Meeting

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES



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

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

Sunday	March 3 rd , 17 th , 31st	11.30am	Sung Communion
Sunday	March 3rd	6.00pm	Confirmation Ceremony at St. Barnabas Church, Linslade. Service conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham, Mike Hill
Sunday	March 10th	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service - Family Service & Communion
Sunday	March 24th	11.30am	Palm Sunday - Distribution & Procession of Palms - Sung Communion
Friday	March 29th	11.00am	Good Friday Service

Items for next issue by 19th March 2002 to : Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, or Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk