

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



"Bygone Days"
of Soulbury
Saturday 8th March



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At January's meeting the Chairman, Mr. Alf Peacock proposed particular thanks to Mr. Chris Bryant for his help in keeping down the number of rail replacement buses which were such a nuisance over the winter weekends during the main-line repair work.

District Councillor, Mrs. Maureen Payne was very keen to make local people aware of the help she could give to those who might wish to make an application for planning permission. She can give advice and assistance with any problems.

John Spires, Clerk to the Parish Council would like it to be known that at the Annual Assemble in May, one of the items that will be on the agenda for everyone to discuss is the loan of £15,000 which was made to the Millennium Green Trust for the purchase of the land. If you have any views on this subject which you wish to air, then please look out for the date of the meeting which is to be confirmed shortly.

The Council noted that there would be Parish Council elections this May. If you are interested in serving the community by becoming a Parish Councillor, and would like to know more about this role, please telephone John Spires on 01525 370094.

The next meeting will be 17th March.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

On Saturday March 1st at 3pm, the wedding of Philippa Jane Onslow,

daughter of Richard Onslow, will take place in the Church. She is to be married by the Rev. Peter Lymbery to Mr. Thomas Smith. It will be a lovely occasion, no doubt, especially as the organ will be played by Richard's brother and a choir will fill the church with lovely music.

On Ash Wednesday March 5th, the day after Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday, there will be a special Said Communion at 7.30 pm in the evening. This is a new service, so do please come along and swell the numbers.

The Church is holding its traditional Spring Coffee Morning in the Club Room on Saturday March 22nd from 10.30am till 12 noon. If you can offer help by manning a stall, donating gifts of produce, cakes, bric-a-brac or raffle prizes, please phone Stan Morris on 270577. All offers of help will be very gratefully received.

It is Mothering Sunday on March 30th, there will be a Family Service with Communion at 11am (N.B. Note different time) followed by refreshments. It is hoped that there will be lots of families with their children, who will be presented with little posies of flowers to give to their mothers, and some of the older children will read poems.

The Rev. Peter Lymbery wishes it to be known that he has been granted a new licence by the Bishop of Buckingham, Mike Hill, and will be Assistant Curate (non

stipendiary) in the parishes of Soulbury, Stewkley and Drayton Parslow for a further five years. It is with great pleasure that the Parish County Council and the local congregation have learnt this news and wish to thank him for all his hard work.

MILLENIUM GREEN

The gate into the arable weed area will now be locked for four months or so to ensure there is as little disturbance as possible to wildlife during the breeding season. Dog walkers are asked not to go into this area at this time. Notices will soon go up asking people to comply with this request.

The problem of dog excrement was again discussed at the last meeting of the Trustees in January. It was decided, eventually, **not** to close the Millennium Green to dog walkers for a trial period of three months, as had previously been suggested. This was decided mainly because of the situation has become a little less problematic, though still far from ideal. There are, frustratingly, still dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the footpaths and grass areas and who refuse to pick up the excrement. However, it is better than it was. The Trustees are very concerned that all dog owners should do what they are legally obliged to do, which is to pick up what their dogs leave behind and they will continue to monitor the situation very carefully. They would ask anyone who witnesses a dog owner who does not pick up their

dog's excrement, to inform one of the Trustees or phone the Chairman on 270377 with any information they have. The names of people concerned will of course be kept confidential but the Trustees cannot resolve the problem unless they know the names of the offenders. It will be easier to resolve the difficulty by talking to an individual about the problem, rather than by closing the Green unfairly to every dog owner, most of whom are responsible and respect other users of the Green.

Here are some dates for your diaries: On Saturday April 12th, the week before Easter, we are organising an Easter Bonnet Parade for children at 2pm on the Green and an Easter Egg Hunt at 2.30pm also for children. Do please start designing your hats and bonnets, thinking what your children might wear and do bring them along on the afternoon of April 12th to hunt for eggs. Mrs. Sam Stevens on 270514, who is very kindly organising the event, would be grateful for donations of hard-boiled eggs, 6 in a carton say. So if you could help her, either phone on the number above or deliver them near the due date to 67, High Road.

In the evening of Saturday 12th, there will be a Quiz and Buffet in the Club Room at 7.30pm. Tickets £6.00 each. Teams of four at each table. Mr. Len Albon of Laburnum Cottages has very kindly agreed to organise the quiz. More details to follow next month but don't forget to put the date in your diary. Please bring your own drink.

The next meeting of the Millennium Trust will be held on Thursday 20th March at 8pm.



**CHARITY SUMMER BALL
FRIDAY JULY 4th at
THE COTTAGE
opposite The Boot
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Mr. and Mrs. J Pargeter)**

**Three Course Dinner
Live Band Bar and Disco
All profits will go to Charity
(including a donation to Friends
of Soulbury Church)**

To reserve tickets at £45 each or to reserve a table or for any other information, please phone Paul or Sam Mardlin on 270292 or Mandy on 270540.

To avoid disappointment, please book as soon as possible, because places are being reserved quickly and half the available tickets have already gone.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

During the month of March, one or other of the co-ordinators will call at each house in the central part of the village to establish whether or not its occupants want to continue in our Neighbourhood Watch.

There is evidence that suggests that NHW schemes do help in containing and solving crime.

It is hoped to develop the Soulbury scheme so that there will be 10 watches of 12/16 houses in the centre of the village with a co-ordinator for each to be a point of reference in addition to the police when a crime occurs or is suspected.

In such cases local notices will be issued so that residents may think whether they have seen anything which may help to solve a crime or prevent one occurring.

In the course of the visits, you will be given a copy of the quarterly "Aylesbury Vale Watch Update", compiled by the police, and advised about future distribution of this publication.

It is recognised that in some parts

of the village, people may feel that they already do enough to look after one another but even the local notices and the "Update" may prove to be useful.

The latter paragraph may well apply to Hollingdon, Stockgrove, Liscombe and other outlying parts but the notices and "Update" could be useful and the possibilities will be pursued later in the year. If, however, anybody from these areas would like to be a local co-ordinator in the immediate future, please contact the village co-ordinator, Stan Morris on 270577.

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
HOUSE FUND-RAISER**

Saturday March 8th is the date in the Clubroom for an enjoyable evening which will help raise money for the Hospice at Aylesbury. 'Soulbury's Bygone Days' is the theme and during the evening, there will be a raffle, a static exhibition of Soulbury memorabilia and some live anecdotes and reminiscences. The evening will finish with a quiz. Book your ticket, only £6, bring your own drink, 7.30pm is the start. Phone Liz Miller on 270545 ASAP or Daphne Booth or 270322.

**HEATHROW ON OUR
DOORSTEP?**

Just one day after the close of the public consultation period for Luton Airport's proposed new flightpath over Aylesbury Vale, the Airport announced it was looking to expand its runway facilities to accommodate 500,000 air traffic movements and 80 million passengers per annum. That is bigger than Heathrow with a 3rd runway! Luton currently handles 7 million passengers or 100,000 air traffic movements per annum.

Local politicians and community groups, including PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against

Noise) are furious – and not only at the projected increase in traffic, but in the way the Airport announced their plans. For more information, please contact PAVAN at Rachel@pavan.me.uk or call 01525240950.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday March 11th at 8pm – “Virtual Leighton Buzzard” with Donna Hughes – new members welcome.

Tuesday March 25th at 7.30pm at Soulbury Clubroom - Brickhills Group Meeting – “Meet Emmeline Pankhurst” with Louise Reed in costume. £2 including refreshments. Please let Andrea or Margaret know if you wish to come on 270474 and 270355 respectively.

Saturday 26th April – St George's Night Supper – a four course meal and entertainment for £10/£12 (ticket price not finalised at time of going to press). Please call Andrea on 270474, Margaret on 270355 or Mary on 270568 if you wish to come to this fantastic patriotic evening.

TOTTENHOE QUARRY APPEAL

The local Wildlife trust for Bedfordshire has joined local people around Totterhoe to raise money to buy the abandoned quarry. The quarry is of special value because it is chalk grassland, and has 7 kinds of orchid and 30 different kinds of butterfly. They are hoping to raise £22,000 from the public to transform the area into a new nature reserve for wildlife and people to enjoy. You are asked to make a pledge by March 15th, no money at present, just a promise which could be called on when the Trust knows it can raise enough funds. So if you would like to help buy this local site, please contact Shana Turner on 384719 or Liz Miller on 270545.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Alan and Jean Sullivan who have come to live in The Mead.

WINE/BEER MAKING EQUIPMENT FREE TO COLLECTOR

Includes plastic buckets, bottles, demi-johns etc. plus miscellaneous equipment. Call Mary or Alan on 270568 for more details.

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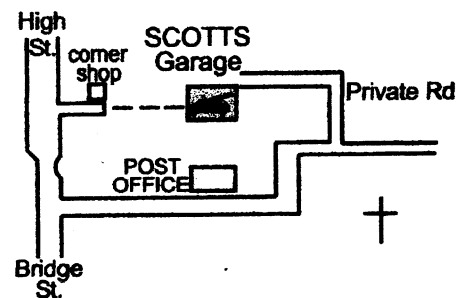
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LIFE COACHING

Jim Brown is a personal life coach who lives and works in Soulbury. He will help you set goals for a better life and help you achieve them.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated



Monday	March 3 rd , 17 th & 31 st	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library Bungalows Lay by High Road Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Thursday	March 6 th & 20 th		A.V.D.C Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Saturday	March 8 th	7.30pm	Florence Nightingale House Fund Raiser
Tuesday	March 11 th	8pm	W.I. Virtual Leighton Buzzard – Donna Hughes
Monday	December 16 th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	March 12 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Monday	March 17 th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	March 19 th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Saturday	March 22 nd	10.30am – Noon	Spring Coffee Morning - Clubroom
Friday	April 4 th		Lions Club Race Night
Saturday	April 12 th		Easter Bonnet Parade, Egg Hunt & Quiz Night
Saturday	April 26 th		W.I. St George's Night
Friday	July 4 th		Charity Ball

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

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



Wednesday	March 5 th	7.30pm	Said Communion
Sunday	March 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th & 23 rd	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	March 30 th	11am	Family Service

Items for next issue by

20th March 2003 to: Mrs. Miller 270545, Mrs. Bunyan 270461, Mrs. Norman 270483, Mrs. Fairbairn 270674, or
Debbie@dbegroup.co