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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish councillors were joined by District Councillor Barbara Jennings at the meeting held on 16th February.

Mobile Library Service: The clerk reported that he had no additional information. However, Councillor Jennings reported that the library service will organise a delivery service for anyone who is house bound.

Allotments: Anyone planning to rent an allotment will have to act quickly. All but two of the allotments have tenants. (reminder: to rent an allotment, contact John Spires on 370094).

PLANNING: The following planning applications were discussed:

- The Orangery, Stockgrove Park – work to trees
- Valley Farm – change of use of agricultural buildings to commercial storage

Decisions:

- 10-12 Chapel Hill – single story front extension, erection of open porch to No. 10 and enclosed porch to No. 12 – permission granted subject to conditions
- Land off Great Brickhill Road – power supply point building, to serve signalling on West Coast main line – permission granted subject to conditions
- Stewkley Road – siting of mobile home for equestrian use (retrospective) – permission refused

A councillor reported that a revised plan for the 24 bay driving range at the Three Locks

Golf Club had been submitted and enquired if the Clerk had received the associated paperwork. At the time of the meeting, the paperwork was not available, however, they have now been delivered to the Clerk.

Where salt bins have been emptied during the snow, the highway officers should be informed.

Councillor Jennings reported that the County Council will try to maintain services on an increased budget of 5.7% during the coming financial year.

School Bus: The changes to the school bus service from the village have been made after a review of the services, which resulted in reducing the number of buses required overall (the changes made saved one bus – saving up to £20,000 per year).

Village Hall: The Possessory Title has now been registered.

Stockgrove Country Park: It was reported that the car park is being closed overnight to deter joyriders. The café at the Park is now closed, however it is hoped that a service will be provided shortly.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th March at 8pm.

BYPASS

I am pleased to report that the official opening of the first stage of the Bypass, The Northern Link, went ahead on the afternoon of Monday, 9th February.

This first stage includes the important bridge over the West

Coast Main line. It has taken about 15 months to complete. The first link has been carried out as an advance contract. The new bridge was built in the Easter period of 2003. The 26 pre-cast concrete beams were successfully placed in position on a single day.

The main Bypass will follow as a Design and Build contract – probably starting on site in 2006.

The results of the public enquiry are expected in February/March this year.

I will report any further progress details through the Parish Council and the village newsletter.

Barbara Jennings,
your County Councillor

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

There will be a special service on Mothering Sunday (please note the time 11am not the usual 11.30am) and we invite all families to come along with their children. Little bouquets of spring flowers are given out to the children to present to their mothers and the service will be specially aimed at the children.

At the last meeting of the Parochial Church Council, the question of the heating for the church was discussed once again. It is hoped that work will start in March but there are still some outstanding decisions to make and final details to organise – a faculty has to be applied for, the approval of the archaeologist sought and the availability of radiators might be a problem.

The Lovett monument was also on the agenda. Outside the church porch is a stone cross over the vault of the Lovett-Campbell family, who were patrons of All Saints for centuries (ever since the 13th century). At the recent christening of Max Campbell-Harris, who is a descendent of the Lovett-Campbells, the family expressed a wish that the vault be tidied up and restored and then closed. This is likely to be a very costly undertaking and permission from diocesan authorities and the archaeological services would be required. The matter is being dealt with and will be raised in the Quinquennial report after the inspection which is due this year.



Mr. Chris Bryant has had some lovely postcards of Soulbury village in a by-gone age published for sale to the public. He has a great private collection of reproductions of original photographs and original postcards, and has finally been persuaded to get them published. They will be sold in aid of church funds. Very kindly he has given some of the cards to the Millennium Green Trust to sell too. The P.C.C. were delighted as were the Trustees of the Millennium Green.

A thank you from the P.C.C. that should have been included in last month's newsletter but was inadvertently left out, to all those people in the village who donated to the church to cover the costs of floodlighting the church at Christmas time. It looked really lovely, perched on the hill, and without the generosity of residents, it perhaps could not have been done. Many thanks to Mr. Chris Bryant for setting it all up and for all the time and work he put into this project Our new bishop, the Right.

Rev. Alan Wilson is giving 3 talks during Lent entitle "The Church in the 1st and 21st centuries." They will take place in Stewkley School on Wednesday 3rd, 10th and 17th March at 7.45pm till 9.45pm. Tickets cost £4.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Trust wishes to announce that they will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt again this year on Saturday 3rd April. The Easter Bonnets will be on parade at 2pm and then the Egg Hunt will take place at about 2.30pm. It was a great success last year so we are hoping that it will be as good or even better this year. Do please bring your children along and help them make their hats a few days before and make yourself a hat too!

In the evening there will be a Quiz and Buffet Supper in the Clubroom at 7.30pm. The tickets will cost £7 and will be on sale shortly. Please call Christine on 270377 for tickets and any further information or Jane on 270532. Brenda and Nick Jennings have very kindly offered to organise a quiz, so get your thinking caps on in plenty of time for 3rd April.

The winner of the 100 Club for February was no. 79, Mr. Kirk from 13, The Green.

RACE NIGHT

A Leighton Buzzard Lions Race Night will be held at the Clubroom on Saturday 20th March, starting at 8pm. Admission £5, includes hot supper, but please bring your own drink, glasses and snacks. Contact Malcom Alberry on 375622.

WARNING

We have been told that a car thief is operating in the area - one theft from Hollingdon and one from the Green. The target is cars where keys have been left in the lock, even if the owner is with the car. Neighbourhood Watch have not been informed of these incidents.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Police Sgt Gregory, from Wing Police Station is looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to work alongside regular police officers, as Specials. He is particularly keen to hear from people from the rural community around Wing. If anyone is interested in finding out more, contact Wing Police Station on 01296 396163.

STORM DAMAGE 2002

Our electricity supplier, EDF, have agreed that I am owed £100 compensation following the 78 hour-long disconnection after the storms of 2002. This means that each household in Soulbury and Hollingdon is so entitled. If you've received £25 from them, or even if you haven't, you're entitled to more. The lady to contact is Ms Lyndsey Guy, EDF Energy Networks Branch, Atlantic House, Henson Road, Three Bridges, Crawley, RH10 1QA. And don't let them tell you there was time limit for claims!!! And don't let them procrastinate - just mention my name - Alan Friswell.

W.I. NEWS

Soulbury WI had a most enjoyable ramble around Caldecotte Lake this month - thanks to Martin Thomas and Dave Hammond for organising this event.

The speaker for the February meeting was Helen Ross of Milton Keynes theatre. Although most members are avid theatregoers, they were given an insight into the aspects of backstage production and were also informed of how the theatre had been built with the help of the Lottery and various sponsors. The architecture and planning had been carried out to fit in with the surrounding buildings of Central Milton Keynes and we are lucky to have the most advanced theatre in the country, catering for everyone. Thanks to the ladies who provided

super refreshments and to the members who kindly brought gifts for the Bring & Buy sale.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th March at 8pm and the speaker is Mr. Chubb (Below Stairs - Stately Homes from the servant's point of view).

STEWKLEY PLAYERS

Present Fatal Encounter, a thriller by Francis Durbridge, in the Village Hall, Stewkley on 24th, 25th, 26 and 27th March. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale for £4 from 1st March from Chris and Jean Carter on 240236.

GARDENS OPEN DAY IN AID OF FRIENDS OF SOULBURY

This will take place on the weekend of 3rd and 4th July if we find enough gardens to take place.

Gardens do not need to be large, as we need a variety of gardens to make the day interesting, nor do they need to be weed free - the odd weed make the visitors feel a lot better about their own gardens.

Please ring Jane Luxton on 270493 or Margaret Owen on 270305 if you want to know more.

SAFARI SUPPER

The Friends of Soulbury Church would like to thank the people of Hollingdon who raised £482 on 17th January, when they held a Safari Supper, attended by 43 people.

Many thanks to Heather Parrott and friends for all their hardwork in raising such an excellent sum of money.

STANLEY WOODWARD

We are sorry to hear of the death of Stan on 17th February 2004, aged 100. Stan celebrated his 100th birthday on 5th January. Many friends attended his birthday party at the Buckingham Red Cross Centre. We extend our condolences to Stanley, Robert, Christine and their families.

GARDENER WANTED

We are looking for help with a large garden in Soulbury. Half a day per week (4-5 hours) on garden maintenance. Phone Daniel on 270630,

DOMESTIC CLEANER WANTED

In Soulbury village, 6 hours a week, hours to suit. For further details call 270268.

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FRIENDS OF SOULBURY CHURCH - SUMMER PLANTS

The Friends are again selling summer bedding plants. Please return the attached order form to James Fairbairn at Charity Farm, The Green by 19th April. All profits will go to the restoration fund.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated



Monday	March 1 st , 15 th and 29 th	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library Bungalows Lay by High Road Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Thursday	March 4 th and 18 th		A.V.D.C Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Tuesday	March 9 th	8pm	W.I. "Below Stairs – Stately Homes" – speaker Mr. Chubb
Wednesday	March 10 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Monday	March 15 th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	March 17 th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Saturday	March 20 th	8pm	Leighton Lions Race Night
Saturday	April 3 rd	2pm 2.30pm	Easter Bonnet Easter Egg Hunt At the Millennium Green
Saturday	April 3 rd	8pm	Quiz night in the Clubroom

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 7 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	March 14 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	March 21 st	11am	Mothering Sunday
Sunday	March 28 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	April 4 th	11.30am	Palm Sunday – Procession and distribution of palms
Friday	April 9 th	11-12noon	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross
Sunday	April 11 th	11.30am	Easter Day

This month's Newsletter has been kindly sponsored by The Millennium Green Trust. Thank you.

If you would like to sponsor one month's Newsletter or submit items for the next issue by 20th March 2004,
please contact:

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