

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Next meeting is on Tuesday 28th March

**Bus Travel** Aylesbury Vale's older residents and people with disabilities are set to benefit from a new scheme to provide free bus travel. Under the new concessionary bus pass scheme all senior citizens aged 60 or over and those with disabilities will be able to travel free on local buses from April this year. The council's current scheme of half price travel has been expanded in line with Government policy. Holders will be able to travel the whole of Bucks for free after 9.00am on weekdays and all day at the weekends.

Residents who hold bus passes will be issued new passes for countrywide travel.

For further info: contact Lesley Yates 01296 585665

**Bus Shelter** The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to the anonymous resident who repainted the bus shelter after it had been daubed with graffiti. Please let any councillor know if

you see any vandalism taking place.

**Bypass news** Various research projects have held up progress on the bypass, but work is now continuing again and it is hoped that the long term proposed date will be achieved.

**Allotments** There are currently 8 vacant plots- first years rent is free- contact Clerk John Spiers 01525 370094 if you are interested.

**Village clean-up** Volunteers to help councillors with cleaning refuse from verges etc. This will take place on Saturday 11th March at 10.00am from the clubroom, (please wear gloves and wellies.) A hot snack will be provided at around 1 o'clock in the clubroom.

**Queens 80th Birthday-Friday 21st April** Tickets are now on sale, please reserve yours as they are going quite quickly. Tel: M Rowe 01525 270355 or Vic Wright 01525 270537

**Cheese and Wine Evening** The Parish Council is holding a cheese and wine evening on Friday March 31st from 7pm- 9pm. Come and meet your parish councillors.

**District Wildlife** AVDC's Green Spaces team is looking for more sites for nest boxes for barn owls. Ideally these should be away from busy roads and somewhere where the birds will not be disturbed by humans. Call the biodiversity team on 01296 427972.

The team is also looking for volunteers to help protect great crested newts in the Vale. If you know of any ponds with Great

crested newts in, or are interested in the project please call the above number.

**Parish Review** The Parish boundary question is not as clear-cut as implied in the February newsletter. AVDC decided not to recommend the proposal but that is not necessarily the end of the matter.

Consider these facts: The natural physical boundary between Soulbury and Great Brickhill is the river Ouzel. Bragenham and Stockgrove are on the Great Brickhill side of the river.

Great Brickhill is the community to which residents of the Bragenham/Stockgrove area are naturally focused. The majority of residents of the area go through Great Brickhill if they travel to Soulbury, for example to their polling station for an election. The boundary between the two ecclesiastical parishes is the River Ouzel (this may have little relevance to many, but it adds emphasis to the first point). Forty-one residents of the Bragenham/Stockgrove area have signed to say they wish the boundary to be changed. Soulbury Parish Council found fifteen residents of the same area to sign up to remain in Soulbury Parish. I hope that having read this the people in Soulbury Parish west of the Ouzel will appreciate the case for change, and the strength of feeling which exists east of the Ouzel.

My motives for writing this, let it

be quite clear, are solely as a resident of Stockgrove.

*Martin Thomas*

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS**

**Ash Wednesday** On Ash Wednesday at St. Michael's in Stewkley there will be a quiet morning conducted by Sue Ambrose from 10am-12noon. This is open to anyone in the benefice of Stewkley with Soulbury and Drayton Parslow. If anyone would like a lift to Stewkley, please phone Christine on 270377. In the evening at 8pm the Rev. Peter Lymbery will conduct Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes here in ~~Stewkley~~ *Stewkley*.

**Family Service** The third family service will take place on Sunday March 19th. So far the congregations have been good with about 30 people attending the services. If any children would like to be involved in helping to conduct the family service by reading or in any other ways, please phone the Rev. Michelle Morton on 240287 and let her know. She would welcome some help. Michelle is telling us about Jesus' miracles over the next few months.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** Friday March 3rd is Women's World Day of Prayer and services will take place at 2.30pm in St. Michael's Stewkley and at 7.30 pm in Drayton Parslow.

**Lent Study Group** There will be a few weeks during Lent beginning on Tuesday March 7th when you are invited to the vicarage at Stewkley to take part in a time of reflection and discussion entitled "Work, Rest and Play" The study group evenings will start at 8pm. If you would like a lift, please phone Christine on 270377. Instead of giving up something for Lent, why not take up something new!

**Mothering Sunday** It is Mothering Sunday on Sunday March 26th. We would love to see lots of children and families at our service. There will be little posies of flowers for the children to give to their mothers. Do come along if you can.

### **MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS**

The February 100 Club winning number was 25. In total we have 62 100 Club members for 2006. Thank you to all who have joined so far.

The quiz night held on February 3rd was a lot of fun with Nan's table team winning four bottles of good wine! The losers, which were my table, won a bag of Brazil nuts. We would like to thank Brenda and her daughter for being excellent quiz masters and also thank the trustees for putting on such a good supper- there was so much variety and ample portions. The raffle prizes were kindly donated and there were generous contributions from some who could not attend. The grand total in takings for the evening was £534. This is magic as it has gone a long way towards our annual maintenance and insurance expenses.

The annex has been turned over in readiness for planting and we thank John Binne and Andrew Mead for doing such a splendid job. This month we will see the planting of hazels in the annex by the trustees and the Aylesbury Vale volunteers who will also help with the bramble maintenance, which will involve a lot of cutting it back to a more reasonable width. Very soon the front hedge to the left of the gate is going to be tidied up and the ditch cleared out.

Don Haines is to repair the picnic bench that the vandals almost destroyed and the playground fencing is also going to be repaired by volunteers.

Please remember if you would like to help in any way you are most welcome, just give us a ring and we will find you something to do. We are on the look out for more Trustees so if you feel you would like to be involved in the running of the Millennium Green, please contact me. I would like to remind everyone that the Millennium Green is for all to use and if you hear or know of anyone who is looking for a venue to hold an outdoor event, please point them

our way. There is parking, water and electricity, plus the use of three tents /gazebo. There is no official fee but a contribution would be nice.

The Trustees are holding a Coffee morning 1st April 10.30 onwards at the clubroom. On sale will be cakes, loads of jigsaws, toys and more.

*Jane Phillpot*

### **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club meets again on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs Rita Marks, Hillcroft at 2.30pm. We shall be discussing Pat Barker's Another World.

### **WI NEWS**

Soulbury WI's speaker for February was Tony Franklin of the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust. He gave an informative talk on the excellent work provided for the people of the Thames Valley. The members found it hard to believe that this was a registered charity relying on donations and in fact had registered their concern about this at a previous resolution meeting. We were pleased to help this very worthwhile cause.

Discussion took place regarding the increase in subscriptions for 2007 which included the new magazine, WI Life, and decided to write to the National Federation requesting further consultation on what was felt to be a very important issue.

**Macmillan Cancer Relief** We were pleased to be able to send £545 to Macmillan last year and the WI have decided to hold a further pudding club sometime in November. This will replace the normal coffee morning and is open to everyone in the village.

### **SOULBURY VILLAGE**

#### **CRICKET CLUB**

**Race Night** Soulbury Village Cricket Club are holding a Race Night to raise funds for the club, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the clubroom. Entrance (includes hot

supper) is £6. Please contact Chris Bryant 270607 for further info.

**Public Notice** Under the new Licensing Laws, Soulbury Village Cricket Club have to apply to AVDC for a Club Premises Certificate to provide the following qualifying club activities: sale of alcohol from March 2006 through September 2006 in the pavilion after home cricket matches. Interested parties or responsible authorities wishing to oppose the application must give notice in writing to: Licensing Services Manager, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1SD or

[licensing@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk) by 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006. IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE [£5,000], UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENCING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. The record of the application may be inspected Monday to Friday 9except Bank Holidays) at 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1SD or on the worldwide web at [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk).

#### STEWKLEY PLAYERS

Stewkley Players will be putting on a farce 'Not Now Darling' in the Village Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> march and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Doors open 7.30pm. Liscenced bar. Tickets £4 on sale from 6<sup>th</sup> march 01525 240236.

#### ORGANIC VEGETABLES

River Nene Organic Vegetables now deliver to this area. Veggie boxes come in large, medium or small sizes and there is a fruit box as well. If you would like more information about this service visit the website [www.rivernene.co.uk](http://www.rivernene.co.uk) email [bob@rivernene.co.uk](mailto:bob@rivernene.co.uk) or call 01462 421605.

#### KEYS FOUND

About 2 weeks ago a set of keys was found on the pathway on the Green near Dean Farm Lane. They are 1 yale type brass key 'Timpson', 1 small jewellery box type key and 1 small padlock key. Contact Jane 270532.

#### LOST CAT

Mr Ralph Gauntlett would like any news of his lost black cat "Jag" who has gone missing in the Dean Farm Lane area. Please call him on 270391 with any information

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01525 270674

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#### SUNSHINE NURSERY

Wing for children 2-5yrs with indoor play area and outdoor secure garden. Ofsted inspected nursery with frindly qualified staff. Spaces now available. Grants for children aged 3yrs and upwards. £6.50 per session under 3yrs old. No need for your child to be potty trained. For days and times contact Sam Mock 07931661739. Sessions held at the Scout Hut, The Lands, Wing.

#### BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

Contact Alistair Brown

01525 270648

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES**

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated



Thursday ✓	March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> ✓ March 16 <sup>th</sup> ✓		AVDC waste paper and recycling collection AVDC glass collection
Friday ✓	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.00pm-1.15pm	Mobile Library- Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Wednesday ✓	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Book Club- at Hillcroft, Stewkley Road
Saturday	March 11 <sup>th</sup> ✓	10am	Litter Clearance
Tuesday	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	WI- Mrs Dawking's talk on 'Black and White Revival' (photos)
Wednesday ✓	March 15 <sup>th</sup> ✓	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Tuesday ✓	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday ✓	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	7pm	Cheese and Wine Evening with Parish Council
Saturday ✓	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Millennium Green coffee morning
Saturday ✓	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Soulbury Cricket Club Race Night
Friday	April 21 <sup>st</sup>		Queens 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday entertainment
Saturday	July 8 <sup>th</sup>		All Saints Church Fete

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES**

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



Wednesday	March 1 <sup>st</sup> ✓	8pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes, <i>Stewkley</i>
Sunday	March 5 <sup>th</sup> ✓	11:30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	March 12 <sup>th</sup> ✓	11.30pm	Holy Communion
Sunday	March 19 <sup>th</sup> ✓	11:30am	Family Service
Sunday	March 26 <sup>th</sup> ✓	11.30am	Sung Eucharist- Mothering Sunday

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