

Following recent visits to the County Records Offices at Bedford and Aylesbury Mrs. Pam Norman and Mrs. Shirley Noble have pieced together some of the history of Soulbury Chapel. They found that prior to the building of the Chapel in 1838 meetings were held in different homes in the village. The following people's houses were registered for worship at the times shown: John Church - Nov. 1806, William Winfield - May 1813, Thomas Hyde (shop-keeper in Soulbury) - April 1814, Samuel Rogers - Jan. 1821 and Rebekah Mead - Dec. 1837. The Lord's Day Preaching Plan for the Leighton Buzzard Circuit for the year 1817 - 1818 showed one service planned for Soulbury each Sunday at 6 p.m.; by 1837 the Plan showed Sunday Services at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and a weekday service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Following the building of the Chapel at a cost of £200, a letter was sent on the 12th of June, 1838 to the Lord Bishop of Lincoln by the first minister at Soulbury Chapel, the Reverend William Frockelhurst, asking that "under the provision of the Act passed in the 52nd year of the reign of His Majesty King George III a building, situated in Soulbury, should forthwith be used as a place of religious worship by an assembly of protestants." The building was duly registered on 18th June, 1838.  
(We hope to continue this article in a future edition.)

Elections. Soulbury, like most other villages, will be going to the polls twice this month, the General Election having caused the postponement to the 24th May of the Parish Council Election of which we wrote last month.

On the 3rd May we shall be voting in the General Election for one of four candidates to represent us in the next Parliament. It is worth noting that due to the great enlargement of the population of Milton Keynes in the last five years the constituency of North Bucks. has an electorate which has increased from approximately 74,000 in 1974 to a current 104,000, making us almost the largest constituency in England. The candidates are: William Benyon - Conservative, Samuel Crooks - Liberal, John Fryer - Labour, Michael Smith - National Front.

The election of our representative to the Aylesbury Vale District Council will take place on the same day and for this there are two candidates; Sir Philip Duncombe - Conservative and Mr. Ronald Sewell - Labour.

Nominations and Consent papers for candidates for the Parish Council Election must now reach the Chief Executive of Aylesbury Vale District Council by noon on the 28th April. We are thus unable to list those standing for election.

For both election days the Polling Station will be in the Clubroom. Polling on the 3rd May will be between 7.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. and on the 24th May between 8.00 a.m. and 9.00 p.m.

Wing Centre. May we again draw the attention of our readers to some of the interesting courses being run by Wing Centre. These include Map Reading, Weather Forecasting, Approach to Local History, English Country Houses (3 one-day Saturday courses). If anyone did not receive a prospectus and would like to know more about available courses please ring Soulbury 315 or 322.

Concerts. On Saturday 19th May there will be a Recital in Soulbury Church by the Aylesbury Consortium, conducted by Charles Pope, in aid of the Roof Appeal. The Leighton Buzzard Salvation Army Band and Songsters Brigade are giving a concert at the High Street Methodist Chapel in Stewkley on Tuesday, May 22nd in aid of Soulbury Chapel Building Fund.

Social Circle Outing. The coach to Weston Underwood Flamingo Gardens on Wednesday the 30th May will leave the Stone at 2 p.m. There are still a few seats available. Contact Mrs. Norman on Soulbury 483 or Mrs. Jones on Soulbury 349.

The Spring Sale resulted in the sum of £89 being added to the Chapel Building Fund. The Church Council would like to thank all who supported this event.

The stall at the Ladies Football Match on Easter Monday raised £57 and the total amount raised at the Sale of Work on 21st April for the Church Roof Appeal was £58.48. The P.C.C. would like to thank helpers and all who gave so generously and supported these events so splendidly.



We wish Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and their family every happiness as they move to their new home in Somerset.

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FOR SALE - Photography: new Pan and Tilt elevating platform tripod - £15. Telephone Soulbury 296.

WANTED Someone to rough-dig a small area of garden. Normal rates. Please ring Soulbury 322 or call at 7 Chapel Hill (evenings.)

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Methodist Chapel

Minister: The Rev. N. Burrows,  
The Parsonage, Stewkley. Tel: 251.

Sunday 6th May 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Green - Family Service.  
Sunday 13th May 2.30 p.m. } Mr. S. Gibbons. SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY with  
6.00 p.m. } special singing and items by the children.  
Sunday 20th May 6.00 p.m. Rev. N. Burrows.  
Sunday 27th May 10.30 a.m. Mr. P. Venn

Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. May 20th and May 27th.

Bible Study on Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

May 7th - 11 The Green  
May 14th - 25 The Green

May 21st - "Little Oak"  
May 28th - 27 The Green

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All Saints Church

Vicar: The Rev. Paul Drake,  
The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel: 287.

Sung Eucharist and Sermon every Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

Sunday 20th May 6.00 p.m. At Ivinghoe Parish Church, Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Buckingham. Two Soulbury young people are being confirmed.

Christian Aid Week commences on Monday 14th May.

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 1st May 7.20 p.m. W.I. Outing to Northampton. Meet at Stewkley Road bus stop. Coach leaves at 7.30 sharp.  
Thursday 3rd May 7 a.m. -  
10 p.m. General and District Council Elections  
Tuesday 8th May 8.00 p.m. W.I. Resolutions. Wine and Savouries (30p.)  
Wednesday 9th May 2.30 p.m. Social Circle. Mrs. E. Smith, "Village Life and Bucks. personalities of 50 years ago."  
Wednesday 16th May 7.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship - Car Rally. Meet at the Stone. Please note change of plan.  
Saturday 19th May 8.00 p.m. Recital in All Saints Church  
Tuesday 22nd May 7.30 p.m. Salvation Army Concert at High St. Chapel, Stewkley  
Thursday 24th May 8 a.m. -  
9 p.m. Parish Council Elections  
Wednesday 30th May 2.00 p.m. Social Circle Outing - see overleaf

Meetings in the Clubroom where not otherwise stated

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Diary Date

Saturday 9th June Church Fete in the grounds of The Old Vicarage, by invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Owen.