

Annual Parish Meeting

Among the matters raised at this meeting were a Recreation Ground, the Bus Service, Street Lighting, Car Parking, Speed and Weight Restrictions through the village, Planning applications and the state of the Green. The pity of it was that with so many affairs of general concern to Soulbury residents and so much time expended on village concerns by the Parish Councillors only seven members of the public were present. It must be most disheartening for those who give voluntarily and unpaid their leisure time to this local service to feel that their efforts are so little appreciated. Have they not deserved better of us than this, and do we deserve to live in such a pleasant corner of this country?

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Bus Service

By the time this Newsletter is delivered most people will have been visited in connection with the Bus Survey. The object is to ascertain what is the extent of the need for a bus service in the village before attempting to get an improvement from United Counties or seeking an alternative operator. One thing which has become apparent in the course of making door to door calls is the number of car owners who would be most happy to offer lifts to Leighton Buzzard to others wishing to go there. There must surely be a way of matching these offers to the people who said they would be most grateful for a lift but who don't like to ask.

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Playing Fields

As you may have read elsewhere there will be a meeting in the Clubroom at 8.00 pm on Thursday 21st May to discuss the matter of a recreation area for the younger children. We do urge all parents to attend this meeting so that they may have a say in the decisions which must be taken. It is your village and your children and up to you!

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Church Fete

This annual event will again be held in the garden of the Old Vicarage. Make a note in your diaries of this year's date which is Saturday, June 13th.

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County Council Elections

The County Council Elections will take place on Thursday 7th May. The polling Station is the Clubroom and will be open from 8.00 am to 9.00 pm. The candidates are Martin GROUCUTT (Labour), Reginald Joseph KEEN (Conservative) and John Oliver Howard NORMAN (Liberal).

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Methodist Chapel

The Members of Soulbury Chapel would like to thank all those who supported the Easter Gift Weekend. The Saturday Evening Concert was well attended and everyone enjoyed the singing of the young people from the Spurgeons Baptist Church. The amount given during the weekend was £250.

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Spring Sale and Books & Bric-a-Brac Stall

The P.C.C. would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to these two events which raised £50 and £24 respectively.

We offer a warm welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Amy, Marcus, Julian and Francis who have moved into the village.

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WANTED: Do you travel to City Centre Milton Keynes daily and would you be interested in a paying passenger for 3 days weekly? If so please contact Soulbury 348 (9 Dean Farm Lane).

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Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev. Alan Creber  
The Manse, Stewkley, tel: Stewkley 251

Sunday	3rd May	3.00 pm	Rev. A. Creber - Family Hour
Sunday	10th May	6.00 pm	Mrs. Heffer
Sunday	17th May	3.00 pm	Mr. M. Borkett
Sunday	24th May	6.00 pm	Mr. R. P. Edwards
Sunday	31st May	3.00 pm )	Mr. B. Dunning
		6.00 pm )	Sunday School Anniversary

Fellowship Meetings each Monday at 2.00 pm.

May 11th at 11, The Green  
May 18th at 25, The Green

May 25th at 27, The Green  
June 1st at 11, The Green

Sunday School each Sunday at 10.30 am with the exception of May 3rd & May 31st.

Young Searchers Group every Friday from 7-9 pm.

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All Saints Church

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

Sunday	3rd May	10.30 am )	Confirmation by the Bishop of Buckingham at Stewkley.
		11.30 am )	

Sunday 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st May at 11.30 am Sung Eucharist & Sermon.

Whitsunday June 7th Deanery Evensong at 6.00 pm at St. Barnabas Church, Linslade.  
Preacher:- The Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford.

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday	5th May	8.00 pm	<u>Parish Council Meeting</u>
Thursday	7th May	8.00 am-9.00 pm	<u>County Council Elections</u>
Sunday	10th May	12.15 pm	<u>P.C.C. Meeting</u> in the Church.
Tuesday	12th May	8.00 pm	<u>Women's Institute</u> : Discussions of Resolutions for A.G.M. Wine & Savouries 50p per head. Comp: Flower of the month.
Wednesday	20th May	8.00 pm	<u>Women's Fellowship</u> A talk by Miss D. Booth on the Richard III Society at the home of Mrs. P. Marshall, Stoke Road, Linslade, cars leave the Stone at 7.45 pm.
Thursday	21st May	8.00 pm	<u>Playing Field Meeting</u>
Wednesday	27th May	10.00 am	<u>Social Circle</u> Outing to Windsor.

All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.

Diary Date: Annual Church Fete Saturday June 13th at the Old Vicarage.