

At the recent Parish Council Meeting our new Soulbury Police Officer, P.C.Trendell was introduced. He pointed out the shortage of policemen in Aylesbury Vale and the difficulties he and his colleagues were experiencing covering the area. He agreed to maintain links with the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. As in the last two months, a motor cycle, two cars and various car accessories have been stolen, it would seem that it is even more necessary than ever to be extra vigilant. It is recommended that any strangers, odd noises, or unusual happenings and strange vehicles should be reported at once to the Police at Aylesbury (Tel:0296-39600) or your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. P.C.Trendell has also taken note of the increase in cars speeding through Soulbury. The Parish Clerk announced that there was one allotment now available. Please contact L.B.371126.

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LITTER REMINDER

Following the recent litter blitz we have been asked to point out that garden refuse does constitute 'Litter' and that it is offensive to drop it over your garden boundary into the fields or along the sides of the roads. Grass and hedge clippings can be dangerous to cattle or sheep and should be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

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CHILDHOOD MEMORIES : SCHOOL MEMORIES FROM OVER 60 YEARS AGO

The School was enclosed with railings, and the big iron gate, along the roadside was kept shut when school was over. The bell was rung from the little steeple twice a day. There were two teachers, Miss Cochrane who with a housekeeper lived in the School House, and Miss Andrews. There were coal fires in each room and a big iron stove with side gratings in the large room at the front of the class. In winter the children took turns then to sit in the front row of desks (double ones with iron frames and a seat and desk all in-one) so that everyone had a fair share of the heat.

Once a year Lady Bonsor held a party for the children in the School, but more often plays were put on or displays of dancing. Like the Fan Dance or the Tarantella were performed. Then there was great upheaval as all the heavy desks had to be carried outside into the 'arcade', and a makeshift platform of trestles erected. The older ones then would spend hours in the evenings sewing costumes in the School House with Miss Cochrane. It was good to have a change from the daily routine of exercises in the playground, a hymn and a prayer, and then arithmetic, grammar or composition, painting or drawing, history, nature study or geography. The older girls were able to choose to do cooking. But this meant they had to cycle over to Stewkley School (The Old School opposite the Church) for the day, and there they learnt housewifery and cooking; recipes for rice pudding, Irish Stew or roly poly pudding, were copied out, and methods learned for making a hay box, or how to make liquid polish.

School holidays then were much fewer and shorter, two days for Easter, one at Whitsun, and only three weeks for the summer - How would our youngsters like that I wonder?

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CALLING ALL CRAFTY LADIES (OR GENTS)

Could you spare some of your valuable time (and/or money) to help brighten up our beautiful Church on the hill and "ease the Knees" of people attending. I have obtained details of fully inclusive kits for making very decorative kneelers using simple cross stitch tapestry on open weave canvas. Prices for most designs are around £13 but if you cannot afford this but have some spare time or vice versa I will try and match sponsors with workers. Please ring or call round for details. Chris Bryant: 33 The Green (Tel 607) after 6 pm or week-ends.

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ART EXHIBITION There will be an exhibition of original paintings by Richard Onslow and Richard Graham, at the Old School: High Road, on Saturday 19th May 1990 from 10 am to 6 pm. Everyone welcome.

CHURCH FETE If anyone has any cuttings or plants, or would like to put in a few extra seeds that they could spare for the Church Fete (July 14th 1990) Plant Stall, they would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Pamela Bonnick, Tel: Soulbury 383, or bring to the Vicarage on the day.

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SOCIAL CIRCLE SPRING SALE The members of the Social Circle would like to thank all those who in any way supported their Spring Sale. The total raised for funds was £95. The next Social Circle meeting will be an outing to Leamington Spa, on May 9th 1990. The coach leaves the bus shelter at 10 am, also picking up at the Stone.

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Congratulations to Tracy and Richard Underwood on the birth of their second son, Darren Richard, born on April 3rd 1990.
Congratulations also to Lyn and Jeff Marston on the birth of their second daughter, Laura Elizabeth, who was born on April 12th 1990.

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HAROLD AUSTIN It is with great sadness that we learned of the unexpected death of Mr Harold Austin, who was for many years Clerk to the Parish Council. Harold always took a keen interest in village life and concerns, and will be remembered for all the things he enjoyed in particular bird watching, gardening, haircutting and not least as a very popular caller for the Bingo. We extend our sincere condolences to Mrs Austin and her family.

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CRICKET FIXTURES Sat. May 5th : Stony Stratford H, Sun. May 6th : Milton Bryan A (L), Sun. May 13th Stoke Hammond H (L), Sat. May 19th Drayton Parslow A (L), Sun. May 20th Ebury Strollers H, Sun. May 27th Northchurch A.

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METHODIST CHURCH Minister : Rev M. Appleby, The Manse Stewkley
Tele: Leighton Buzzard 240251

Sunday	6th	May	10.30 a.m.	Mr P Harvey Family Service
Sunday	6th	May	6.00 p.m.	Mr P Harvey Youth Service
Sunday	13th	May	6.00 p.m.	Rev M Appleby
Sunday	20th	May	6.00 p.m.	Mrs F Fisher
Sunday	27th	May	6.00 p.m.	Mr W Smith

Sunday Club - Every Sunday except 1st Sunday in Month
Youth Club - Every Sunday after 6.00 pm service except 1st Sunday in month
Mother and Toddler Group - 10.30 a.m. Every Tuesday

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH Minister : Rev P Dallaway : The Vicarage : Stewkley
Tele: Leighton Buzzard 240287

Please refer to Church Newsletter.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Wednesday	2nd	May	8.00pm	Keep Fit
Tuesday	8th	May	8.00pm	Women's Institute
Wednesday	9th	May	10.00am	Social Circle outing to Leamington Spa
Wednesday	9th	May	8.00pm	Keep Fit
Monday	14th	May	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Monday	14th	May	8.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday	16th	May	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship : at the home of Mrs O Fountaine : 21 The Green
Saturday	19th	May	10am-6pm	Art Exhibition at The Old School
Wednesday	23rd	May	8.00pm	Keep Fit
Wednesday	30th	May	8.00pm	Keep Fit

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DIARY DATES : Saturday 9th June : Barn Dance for Clubroom Funds

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Items for the next issue to be in by Monday 21st May to Mrs. Miller Tel: 545, Mrs Bunyan 461, Mrs Norman 483, Mrs Maher 316.