

**Annual Parish Meeting**

The Parish Council cordially invite all members of the village to the annual Parish Meeting at 8:00 pm on Monday 16th May in the Clubroom. This provides an opportunity to discuss with your councillors any matters of concern or interest which affect the village, and perhaps to appreciate what has been achieved !

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'On Fire' Celebration - A message from Soulbury Methodist Chapel

On the weekend of 21st/22nd May, we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. At the Methodist Chapel we are planning parties on the afternoon of Sat 21st for children 5 yrs and under and for 6-8 year olds, and invite any village children of that age to join us. The parties will run from 2 pm to 4:45 pm when parents will collect the children and take them to The Green, where at 5 pm we will release balloons in a Nationwide Balloon Race. A donation of £1 will put your name on a balloon in the race, and all moneys raised will go to the 'Fired Up Streets Apart' appeal, for the work amongst street children worldwide.

Balloons will be available from the Chapel from the beginning of May and on The Green from 3:30pm on the day of the race. Our party will continue on the Sunday morning at 10:30 am, with a short celebration for all age groups, including music and drama, followed by the cutting of the birthday cake. For more information please contact Margaret Harris on 376492.

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Centenary Celebrations

Arrangements for Soulbury's Parish Centenary Celebrations on 25th and 26th June are now well under way. Do keep the dates free, come yourself and bring family and friends from outside the village.

- Fete Saturday 25th June 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm at the Cricket Club
- Disco, Dance Saturday 25th June 7:30 pm until late at the Cricket Club, £6 per head including Barn & BBQ food.
- Church Service Sunday, 26th June 10:30 am on The Green

There will be an exhibition of Parish Memorabilia in the Clubroom, a Flower Festival in the Church and agricultural displays on The Green.

A raffle is being held to help finance the weekend. Ticket sellers will be calling on you during May. Please support the event by buying tickets and in other ways which they will suggest to you.

Julie Day has made a request for furnishing type fabric to make items for the craft stall, Tel 270036.

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Local Walks

Join the Stewkley Rights of Way Association at 11:00 am on Monday May 2nd at the Carpenters Arms to walk via Blackend Spinney and Liscombe Park to the Boot at Soulbury for lunch. After lunch the return to Stewkley will be via the Cross Bucks Way, the walk is two sections each of about three miles.

Springtime Splendour - Wednesday 25th May - 2hours/4 miles. Enjoy a springtime exploration of Bragenham Woods, a fascinating site with the largest population of Lily-in-the-valley in Southern England. County Ecologists Emma Lansdell and Jeremy Halls will be guiding you around the woods and also Rammamere Heath and Stockgrove pastures. Meet at Stockgrove Country Park at 2:00 pm.

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WI Outing

WI Outing to Cambridge. The coach will leave Soulbury at approximately 9:15 am. The cost is £10, which includes a guided (walking) tour of Cambridge in the morning. The afternoon will be left free for shopping, sightseeing etc. and the coach will leave Cambridge at about 4:30 pm. We have some spare seats available, so if you would like to come please telephone Val Hammond (270604) or Margaret Rowe (270355).

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Neighbourhood Watch

Local co-ordinators will be keeping in touch with participants over the next few weeks. The first of a series of leaflets will accompany this newsletter.

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London Marathon

Congratulations to Mrs Jane Luxton for completing the London Marathon in a new personal best time.

Church Quiz Evening

The recent quiz evening raised £156 for Church funds, the organisers would like to thank those who came to support the event.

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May Cricket Fixtures

			Sun 1st	Ivinghoe Aston	Home
Sat 7th	Stoke Hammond	Away	Sun 8th	Ebury Strollers	Home
Sat 14th	Whitchurch	Away			
Sat 21st	Wing	Away	Sun 22nd	Bletchley Printers	Home
Sat 28th	Stewkley	Away	Sun 29th	Methodist	Home

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Vicar Rev Norman Cotton, The Vicarage Stewkley, 240287

All Sundays during May Sung Eucharist 11:30 am except May 29th, the only service will be at Drayton Parslow 10:00 am Benefice Service.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Minister : The Rev J Hustler. The Manse, Stewkley. Tel 240251.

May 1st 10:30 am Mr D Morton
6:00 pm Youth service led by Aylesbury Youth For Christ
May 8th 6:00 pm Mr R Austin
May 15th 6:00 pm Rev J Hustler
May 22nd 6:00 pm Mr T Wales
May 29th 6:00 pm Mr D Packman

Youth Group Every Sunday after 6:00 pm service except first Sunday in Month

Mothers & Toddlers Every Tuesday 10:45 am

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Held in Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday May 9/16/23 Youth Club 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday May 4/11/18/25 Keep Fit 10:30 am and 8 pm
Thursday May 5/12/19/26 Bowls Evening 7:30 pm
Tuesday May 10th W.I. Resolutions Evening with wine and savouries 8 pm, all welcome.
Wednesday May 11th Social Circle 2 pm
Monday May 16th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm Annual Parish Meeting 8:00 pm
Wednesday May 18th Women's Fellowship car rally cars leave The Mead 6:55 pm
Saturday May 21st Book Sale 10 am - 4 pm

Diary Dates

June 9th European Elections 7 am - 10 pm
June 6th and July 11th Parish Council meetings.
Saturday 23rd July, Pig Roast, More details later!

Items for next issue by May 22nd please to :-

Mrs. Miller (270545) Mrs. Bunyan (270461) Mrs. Norman (270483) Mrs. Fairbairn (270674)

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