

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

ELECTIONS: MAY 4th. There will be three candidates for our ward of the District Council. A member of the Natural Law Party from Mentmore, Mr Jennings, the husband of our County Councillor, and Mrs Maureen Payne who has been representing our interests for several years already on the District Council. Voting takes place between 8a.m. and 9p.m. in The Clubroom. There will be no Parish Council election as there were only six nominations which means that there is now a vacancy on the Council. Mr Stan Morris has decided not to stand again. The Chairman, Mr Alf Peacock, recorded our thanks to Stan for all the tasks he has so willingly fulfilled for the Council, and for his reliability and responsibility. We now have until the 11th June to find another person who is willing to serve on the Parish Council.

.E.DAY.

There will be a special service in All Saints Church to commemorate this event on Sunday 7th May at 11.30a.m. Also on May 8th there will be the Leighton Buzzard May Day Celebrations, and 10% of all the money raised on the main Charity stalls which will be along the High Street, will go to the Royal British Legion.

The Parish Council felt that V.J. day should be remembered in August, and would like to mark that occasion. At present the planned activities for the summer include as well as a Jazz concert and a Pig Roast, The Church Fete on July 1st., and an Open Air joint service on Sunday July 2nd. which will reflect upon V.E. and V.J. day. If anyone has an idea of how V.J. day might be celebrated, which would win the support of the village, Mr Alf Peacock (270541) or Mrs Liz Miller (270545) would like to hear them.

A discussion will take place at the next Parish Council meeting on May 15th. at 7.00p.m.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8.00p.m. on May 15th. This is an opportunity to reflect on the past years activities, and plan future ones. Everyone is very welcome to attend and pass on their comments to the Parish Council.

GARDEN RUBBISH.

The Dustmen will collect garden refuse along with the normal refuse on Thursdays, if it is in special green plastic sacks which are sold by A.V.D.C. for this purpose. The Parish Council propose to hold a store of these special garden refuse sacks, and for a trial period, to give these out free to Senior Citizens of the village. Other members of the village may purchase them for 40pence each, which is the cost to the Council. Mrs Liz Miller of Lovett House, Chapel Hill (270545) will keep the store and will be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to use the sacks. We hope in this way to encourage the regular use of sacks to get rid of garden rubbish, rather than storing it up and then filling the village skip with it as soon as the skip arrives.

LITTER CLEAR UP.

A very efficient, if small, group of volunteers cleaned up around the village over the week of the National Spring Clean. It is always disappointing to see new litter appearing again so soon, perhaps anyone who is out and about could be extra vigilant and collect up anything that has been recently dropped. This is particularly important as we get nearer to the judging for the Best Kept Village Competition.

PAM BONNICK AND RICHARD GRAHAM. We thought readers might like to hear that Pam and Richard have settled into their lovely old farm house in Cumbria, and now have two bedrooms available for guests. The house is in an idyllic spot right on the edge of the moors, but quite convenient to get from Carlisle

Pam and Richard. cont:

or Penrith. They would be pleased to hear from anyone from Soulbury looking for a bed & breakfast holiday. Their Telephone number is 01768 896493.

CHURCH RESTORATION NEWS. Work has now started to repair the stonework and leadwork. Permission has also now been granted to complete the Churchyard wall. The Parish Council is kindly applying for grants to cover the cost of this.

Results of recent fundraising events are as follows:

Auction of Promises =£2140. Racenight.= £395. Musical Evening = £213.

On Sunday 11th June there will be a concert featuring local soprano Cheryl Hawkins and supporting cast, who will sing popular classics. Further details will be circulated shortly.

W.I. Tuesday 9th May; Resolutions meeting, with wine and savouries. 8p.m. in the Clubroom. If members would like to join in to knit "knee blankets" please bring size 8 needles (4mm) and some double knitting wool. For further information, telephone Val Hammond on 270604.

"Ramble" Tuesday 30th May More details at the May W.I. meeting.

Pig Roast Saturday 22nd July at Stapleford Mill Farm. This popular event will include live music from the Fenny Stompers Jazz Band, and will raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund. Open to non-members. Tickets available soon from Val Hammond on 270604. Please get your tickets early.

WELCOME We would like to welcome Doreen & Jim Brown & Alastair who have come to live in Hollingdon. Susie and Jonathan Bullock, Susan & Martyn Stroud, and Mark & Alison, all of whom have come to live in Laburnam Cottages.

CHILD MINDER Experienced registered childminder, also qualified nurse, has vacancies for two children. Telephone 270130.

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CRICKET FIXTURES.

Sat. May 6th.	Stewkley.	AWAY.	Sat May 20th.	Whitchurch.	HOME
Sun. May 7th.	Ebury Strollers	HOME.	Sun May 21st.	Bletchley Printers.	HOME
Sat. May 13th.	Stoke Hammond.	HOME.	Sat May 27th.	Wing.	HOME
Sun. May 14th.	Brooklands.	HOME.	Sun May 28th.	Mentmore.	HOME

METHODIST CHURCH.

May 7th.	10.30am.	Mr R Harris.
May 14th.	6.00pm.	Rev J Hustler. Sacrament of the Lords Supper.
May 21st.	6.00pm.	Mr M Corby.
May 28th.	6.00pm.	Mrs H Hugo.

Youth Group every Sunday after 6pm. service except 1st Sunday in month.

Mother & toddlers. Every Tuesday. 10-45am.- 12noon.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

Sun. May 7th. 11.30am. Special service to commemorate V.E.Day.

Suns. May 14th/21st/28th. Service. 11.30am.

Thurs. May 25th. 7.30pm. Holy Communion to celebrate Ascension Day.

Forthcoming Events.

Tues. May 9th. W.I. Resolutions. 8pm. | Wed May 10th. Social circle 2.30pm.

Mon May 15th. Parish Council Meet.7pm. Annual Parish Meeting. 8pm.

Wed May 17th. W.F. Car Rally. Cars leave from The Mead 6.55pm.

Thurs. May 4th/11th/18th/25th. Bowls evening. 7.30pm.

Wed. May 3rd/17th/31st. Mobile library At the Stone. 11.35-- 11.55am.

June 16th. Village skip.

Sat July 1st. Church Fete. | ~~Sun July 9th. Hoothfield Singers at Tring.~~

Sat July 22nd. Pig Roast.

Items for next issue by 21st May to; Mrs Miller. 270545. Mrs Bunyan.270461
Mrs Norman. 270483. Mrs Fairbairn. 270674.

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