



SOULBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Chairman Mr Alf Peacock reported to the Parish Council meeting in April that Wing Parish Council had been pleased to agree to his request for co-operation on reducing the 17 tonne weight limits on our local roads. Stoke Hammond had yet to respond.

Following lengthy meetings with the District Planners and the County Footpaths Officer Liscombe Park had apparently agreed to some concessions on the re-instatement of the blocked and damaged footpaths Nos 5 and 6, which the tanks had so severely affected. However, the Council have now been presented with their plans for a golf course which again have not taken the present footpath No 14 across to Linslade into account and have arranged fairways and greens cutting right across it. The verbal explanation of relocating the footpath around the perimeter of their estate was not considered to be a reasonable or acceptable alternative. The plans were therefore recommended for refusal. The council welcomed Liscombe Park's suggestion that they establish a new bridle path on the perimeter route, but did not accept this as a reciprocal strategy.

The Council voted to fund more Green bags and agreed to continue with the scheme for village pensioners to receive these free of charge. Mrs Miller now has plenty in stock.

Councillor Mrs Rowe reported that the Gas Board had been extremely remiss in their repair and maintenance of the central heating boiler in the Clubroom. It was felt that the Clerk should not pay for new parts that had been installed as the original fault had not yet been satisfactorily eradicated or tested.

During public discussion Mr Stan Morris suggested that Minutes of the three most recent Parish Council Meetings, together with the previous year's accounts, might be made available to the local public. As this is a policy which the Parish Council is keen to endorse, it was agreed that a folder, or similar container, should be kept on display in three locations, the Clubroom, the Chapel and the Church. Details of this will follow when arrangements have been finalised.

The Chairman raised matters pertaining to The Green. He felt that the gravel driveways which cross The Green were encroaching onto the grass and should be restrained and the grass re-instated. The policy of keeping cars from using the grass was again being jeopardised by a number of residents.

The Council request all car owners to respect The Green, and not drive on to it at any time. It is not part of any person's property or garden, and should not be treated as such.

Horse riders are also starting to use the old footpath across in front of Andrews close, on The Green which has suffered so badly from the drought when it was turfed. The Clerk was asked to write to local stables again, reminding riders to use the area of the grass adjacent to the road. Chairman Alf Peacock felt a total horse riding ban might have to be put in action for The Green if there was no improvement.

The Parish Council has received a letter from the parishioners of All Saints thanking for the financial assistance with the installation of under-pew heating.

The meeting finished with a reminder that next month will be the Annual Parish Meeting. The Ordinary Council Meeting will take place at 7 pm, and this will be followed by the Annual Meeting at 8 pm on Monday, 18 May. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend and speak.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Councillor Mr Luther Brazier presented the proposed agreement which the steering group and its advisors had been working on so steadily since the public consultation. The village had shown considerable interest in the initial display although not quite so many visited the final exhibition on April 4. However those people who had raised issues of concern had been consulted and the final proposal had attempted to incorporate these ideas where possible. The Council recognised the enormous amount of work that had been done by Richard Onslow and Jonathan Sheppard in preparing the final proposal, and also thanked Luther Brazier for his total dedication to the conception and creation of the Millennium Green. Without his efforts it would not have happened. However the next stage with the Millennium Green Commissioners is vital, and their approval will be awaited with excitement around the beginning of June.

Meanwhile Trustees have been provisionally appointed, so that the Charitable Trust can be set up as soon as permission is granted. The trustees will be Mrs Maureen Payne - Chairman, Mrs Julie Day - Treasurer, Miss Jane Phillpot - Secretary, Mrs Christine Sheppard, Mr Richard Marks and Mrs Liz Miller.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH CLEANING Help would be appreciated from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturdays 2 May and 6 June.

QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER A reminder! A General Knowledge Quiz will be held in the Clubroom on Friday 8 May at 7.30 pm for 8 pm. Proceeds will be for the General Fund. Teams should consist of four people but do not be afraid to buy individual tickets as teams can be made up on the night. Tickets are £5 per head which includes supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Get your tickets from Stan Morris (270577) or Chris Bryant (270607).

CHURCH FETE Don't forget the date 27 June 2 pm at the Cottage. There is a need for more promises of home made produce - jam, marmalade, chutney, cakes etc. Anybody who can help is asked to contact Jane Luxton on 270493 as soon as possible.

Anybody who wants to help with the Fete and has not been approached by one of the Committee or a stall holder is asked to contact Stan on 270577.

The Committee has been greatly encouraged by the response of new ideas and help from Tony Saint and his staff at the Boot. These include a fancy dress parade for the children and also a childrens 'Bake a Cake' competition.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES The Vicar will shortly be arranging adult confirmation classes. Anybody interested in confirmation please contact Norman on 240287.

RESTORATION NEWS

BUILDING WORK/BELLS The promised newsletter has taken longer than anticipated to produce but should be available by the end of May.

The SAFARI SUPPER held on 18 April in aid of the Restoration Fund was a great success. Sheila Morgan and Richard Onslow, James and Catherine Fairbairn, Stephanie and Ben Adams and Jim and Greba Cochrane hosted the starters. Jackie and Julian Ridley, David and Margaret Owen, Jane and Michael Luxton and Bunty and John Pargeter hosted the main course, after which all gathered for sweets and coffee at the Cottage. Just over £300 was raised and thanks are due to all those who hosted courses, to Jackie and Jane in particular for putting the event together, to those who gave raffle prizes and to everybody who attended.

SALE OF PLANTS The orders have poured in and it looks as if the commission will amount to over £250. Thanks to James Fairbairn for his efforts.

CONCERT On Sunday 10 May in the Church at 6 pm there is to be a concert in aid of the Restoration Fund and Cedars School Concert Fund. John Wearmouth will be bringing along a choir from Cedars and Brass, String, Flute, Sax and Trad Jazz instrumentalists. Tickets are £4 each including light refreshments. It will be possible to pay at the door. Further details from Stan Morris on 270577.

SUPPORT AYLESBURY VALE'S ENVIRONMENT (SAVE) WEEK

National Environment week is 16 to 25 May and the District Council is organising and publicising a number of activities to celebrate this occasion. They are particularly keen to encourage household recycling and energy conservation and amongst other measures have instituted a SAVE Energy Home Service for the disabled and those aged 60 and over.

For schools there are educational shows, clowns, a nature trail, exhibitions, a foil collecting competition and possibly a circus, as well as a focus on wildlife and conservation. More information may be acquired from:

Robert Smart	SAVE week and recycling	01296 585147
Annette Deveson	Energy conservation	01296 585087
Leslie Davies	Countryside conservation	01296 427972
Andy Bateson	Tour de Vale	01296 585461

This is an annual and growing cycle ride over three different distances throughout the Vale. It will be held on 7 June 1998, all are welcome.

REFUSE COLLECTION

AVDC should deliver a wheeled bin and recycling baskets to each dwelling on May 11 next. If anyone currently using a rectangular wire mesh black-sack holder would like their's collected please contact J Sheppard 270377 or D Miller 270545.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOUSE

June is National Hospice Sunflower month so a Sunflower Coffee morning with a bring-and-buy and raffle will be held at Lovett House on Saturday 13 June from 10 am till 12 noon.

It has also been pointed out that Florence Nightingale House can send off used toner cartridges for recycling and raise money. If anyone would like to save these please pass them on to Liz Miller who will get them to F.N.H.

LIZ MILLER

We offer congratulations to Mrs Liz Miller on becoming the Bedfordshire over 50s 10 km champion in the race held at Flitwick recently.

PETER BIBBY

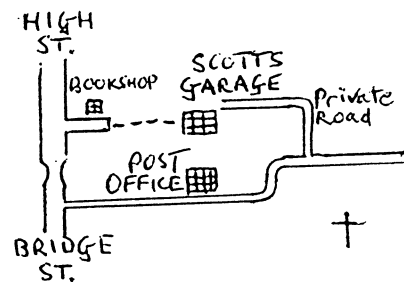
Those who knew Peter and Pauline Bibby will be interested to hear that Peter has recovered very well from the serious ear operation he underwent a couple of months ago.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Sat May 2	Open University	Away
Sun May 3	Ebury Strollers	Home
Sat May 9	Linslade	Away
Sun May 10	Stoke Hammond	Home
Sat May 16	Drayton Parslow	Home
Sun May 17	Bletchley Printers	Home
Sat May 23	Stoke Hammond	Home
Sun May 24	Stewkley	Home
Mon May 25	Six a Side	Aspley Guise
Sat May 30	Simpson and Walton	Away
Sun May 31	Leighton Rovers	Home

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel. 240287

Sun May 3	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Village Family Service in Chapel
Sun May 10/17	11.30 am	Sung Communion
Thu May 21	7.30 pm	Ascension Day - Holy Communion
Sun May 24/31	11.30 am	Sung Communion
Sun June 7	10 am	Benefice Service at Drayton Parslow Church

Children's Sunday Club in Chapel on all above dates except May 3.

METHODIST CHURCH Minister: Rev Ian Banks. The Manse, Stewkley. Tel 240251.

Sun May 3	10 am	Dr R Owers	Family Service
Sun May 10	6 pm	Mr M Corby	
Sun May 17	6 pm	Mr C Fountain	
Sun May 24	6 pm	Rev I Banks	Sacrament of Lords Supper
Sun May 31	6 pm	Rev M Ryan of Hitchin	
Mother and Toddlers	: 10.30 am - 12 noon every Tuesday		
Sunday Club	: 11.25 am 10, 17, 24, 31		

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Thurs May 7 ,14,21,28	7.30 pm	Bowls Evening
Fri May 8	8 pm (prompt)	Quiz Night
Sun May 10	6 pm	Concert in Church
Tue May 12	8 pm	WI Resolutions followed by champagne tasting
Wed May 13	2.30 pm	Social Circle
Wed May 20	7 pm	W.F. outing and competition
Mon May 11	10.15 - 10.30 am	Mobile Library (High Road)
	2.35 - 2.50 pm	Mobile Library (Stewkley Road)
Wed May 13 & 27		Woodland Waste Paper Collection
Thurs May 7 & 21		A.V.D.C Waste Paper Collection
Mon May 18	8 pm	Annual Parish Meeting

DIARY DATES

Sat June 13	Sunflower Coffee Morning 10 am at Lovett House
Mon June 15	Parish Council Meeting 8 pm
Sat June 27	Annual Church Fete

Items for next issue by 20 May to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483 or Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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