

Soulbury Newsletter

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Parish Council News

A new bench on village green has been placed near village sign. This bench is in recognition of service to the village by Alf Peacock. A dedication ceremony is to be arranged. Thanks were expressed to Councillors Maurice Cross and Alan Stevens for installing the bench.

The bus shelter has been repainted, unfortunately this has already be daubed with graffiti;(now rectified) A watchful eye for culprits would be appreciated.

Adjustments of boundary between Soulbury and Great Brickhill Parishes.

There is a proposal by Great Brickhill P.C. to alter the boundary between the two villages. If approved this would mean Stockgrove, Braganham and outlying areas would be no longer part of Soulbury Village. The Parish Council strongly oppose this proposal and are determined to maintain the present boundaries.

The Soulbury Parish Council are looking for your support. If you have strong feelings about this proposal please write and express your views to either Cllr. Victor Wright 14 Chapel Hill Soulbury or Parish Clerk John Spiers 17 Eriboll Close. Leighton Buzzard LU7 2XW. Or you can sign the petition which any Parish Councillor or Head of Administration. A.V.D.C. Exchange St; Aylesbury HP20 1UB

Comments must reach A.V.D.C. by Friday 13th May.

Millennium Green

Over the Easter break the trustees along with several volunteers installed a drainage system in the playpen; there was an excess of water not draining

away and so creating a mini pond! The trustees are grateful to S.R.B.E. who are always helpful and very generously loaned a mini digger which Mr. David Black very kindly drove and generally helped which made the task a little easier to do. Thank you too to Don and Jean Haines who stored the digger over night. We are very sorry about the bump to your car Jean.

Thank you to S.R.B.E. David Black, David and Kate Miller and to all the Trustees who gave up their Easter Sunday to do this work. The Trustees propose to restock the playpen with fresh floor covering once the dryer weather is here, probably June.

The Trust is looking into the possibility of building a substantial storage shed, possibly in the style of a log cabin, which will house the tools, tents and house a loo. We are hoping if funds will allow incorporating an information area to highlight the growing species of wildlife being found on the Millennium Green. If any builders or architects would like to volunteer their skills and services with this project it would appreciated.

Preparations for the Sunday musical afternoon on July 3rd are underway with a few volunteers from the village offering to play on the afternoon, any musicians at all levels are welcome to participate, this is not a competition but a fun afternoon for all to enjoy, so if you can knock out a tune please join the growing numbers of volunteers who have said they will play and help make the afternoon fun.

The Trust would also like to let you know that we are in possession of 3 Tents which we are happy to loan to any members of the community,. Many have borrowed these tents

and for a contribution have been very pleased to do so. There is no charge to the community groups i.e. Cricket Club, the Church or W.I that are within the Soulbury Parish.

Aprils winning 100 Club winner was No: 21 prize money £38.00. We have 76 members; so thank you to who joined.

All Saints Church News

We have a new Vicar! Except one mustn't call her a vicar, according to Church rules. The Rev Michelle Morton is officially called a priest in charge for the benefice of Stewkley with Soulbury and Drayton Parslow. Michelle is at present curate in Buckingham. There is no news yet as to when she and her family will decide to move and come and settle in the vicarage at Stewkley, but whenever it is we will be delighted to welcome them to our villages. It will probably not be until the School summer holidays at the earliest or even perhaps the autumn.

There have been five candidates, two women and three men, for the post and the churchwardens of the three parishes had gone to a great deal of trouble to organize events surrounding the selection process.

The programme included evening meals for the candidates with different parishioners in the three villages; lifts backwards and forwards to visit three churches; a lunch after the interviews in Soulbury Clubroom and a evening in Stewkley school for all the candidates to meet people from all three parishes including, of course the Rev Peter Lymbery and John Hibbard. Many thanks to the Churchwardens in particular for all their hard work in organizing everything and everyone who

helped make the two days so successful. It was very interesting to meet many new people in such pleasant circumstances so that the candidates seemed at ease.

The Parish Church Council held its annual General Meeting in the church on Monday April 11th at 7.30pm.

The Rev. Peter Lymbery took the chair and, after opening the meeting with a prayer, informed us that the new Priest-in-charge would attend an Induction Ceremony, organised by the Archdeacon, probably in July. The Rev Peter Lymbery and John Hibbard are to meet the Rev Michelle Morton informally soon.

Mr. Harry Ayris, the Churchwarden reported that the organ had been tuned twice; the heating had been finished to everyone's satisfaction, the bill paid and paper work completed. The Friends of Soulbury Church had kindly paid for the new Church gates, which have been installed and look very nice.

Mr. Ayris was duly re-elected as churchwarden but Mr. Chris Bryant had decided not to stand again. The PCC were deeply sorry to hear of his decision but hoped he might come back soon. There is now a vacancy for churchwarden.

Mrs. Christine Bryant gave the Treasurers report. The parish share, the amount of money the church pays the Oxford diocese, had gone up again and would be over £8000 for the coming year. Mrs. Bryant had written to the Deanery Treasurer to inform him that we would be unable to pay such a large amount of money. A meeting had been convened to discuss the matter.

The Councilors were re-elected with the exception of Mr. Chris Bryant and the officers and

sidepersons were re-elected as for last year. It was suggested that other members of the congregation be asked to serve occasionally as sidepersons.

The date of the next ordinary meeting of the PCC would be June 1st in the church.

The Friends Soulbury Church were due to hold a meeting on Wednesday May 4th but this has now been cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday July 6th in the Clubroom at 7.30pm.

The children of Soulbury Parish have been invited by Stewkley Methodist church to attend some summer holiday activities entitled "The Miracle Maker" This is planned to take place from Monday July 25th till Friday 29th in the Methodist Church Hall in Stewkley and is for children aged 5yrs-11yrs. If parents would like to register their children or require further information please phone Jenny Webb on 01525-374327 or the Rev. Arthur Cowburn on.

Book Club

Members met last on Wednesday April 6th at the home of Mrs. Rita Marks when we discussed Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin and the latest book by Stephen King "The Bachman Books". The books could not be more different, proving perhaps that all tastes are catered for in this group. The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday May 4th at Rita's at 2.30pm when we shall be talking about this months book "Fingersmith" by Sarah Waters, a cracking good read and a book that has been recently serialized on television. If you would like to join the Book Club, please contact Rita Marks on 270687.

W.I. News

Soulbury WI spent a lovely evening with Joan & Rodney Newth when they gave a talk on Llamas at Home and in Peru.

We were taken on journeys though the Andes by way of slides and they brought some very interesting items. Members were amused to find that they had named their llamas after puddings i.e. Rice Pudding, Apricot Sundae and Tiramisu but all enjoyed their enthusiasm of this unusual animal.

Next month's Resolution Meeting is entitled Cider with Rosie and will be held on Tuesday 10 May at 8 pm. There will be a bring and buy stall at this meeting.

The W.I is arranging an outing to Hatfield House on Monday 18th July, leaving Soulbury bus stop at 9.15am. The cost, which includes a tour of the house and private tour of gardens, plus coach, is £22.00. If interested contact Val Hammond 270604 or Margaret Rowe 270355. Our thanks to Dave Hammond and Martin Thomas for organising another enjoyable ramble this month.

Stewkley Open Gardens

The Parish Church of St. Michael & All Angels Restoration Fund. An Open Gardens Weekend will be held in the picturesque village of Stewkley on Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th June, when eleven delightful gardens will be open to the public between 2pm and 6pm. Come and explore a wide variety of local gardens featuring both mature and recent landscaping projects. See a newly installed water garden and speak with local owner about their gardening experiences. Enjoy delicious teas in three gardens, an exhibition of paintings by local artists, a demonstration of

honey extraction, a sale of plants, beautiful floral decorations in a wonderful church setting and much more. There will be something for all the family including a special area where children can let off steam whilst their parents relax. A charge of £4 per adult (children free) will be made for the full garden tour with a proceeds going to St Michael and All Angels Restoration Fund. For any further information please contact Geoff Ring on 01525 240012.

Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds

Charity Fund Raising Walk Sunday 3rd July Walk through some of the most beautiful countryside in Buckinghamshire and raise money for your favorite charity. All the sponsorship money that you raise goes to the charity of your choice. Main walk is 10miles wheelchair/pushchair route 2miles. Short walk 4miles. Entry fee adult £3. Child £1.50 Family £5. Starting at Oving Village Recreation Ground, where there will be a Bouncy Castle, Charity Stalls, Refreshments. Car parking is free. To get your entry form contact Stuart Nichols on 01296641209 email stuartnicholls@oving.entadsl.com

Art-Craft & Gift Fair

Saturday 4th June in Winslow Public Hall Elmfield Gate. From 9.30am –3.30pm. In aid of Breast Cancer Care. Handmade Cards, Wheat bags, Cushions, Jewelry, Floral Crafts, Natural Art, Beads, hand painted ceramics and handmade soaps. For more information contact 01525270230.

Garden Machinery Service

Repairs and sales by RGC Machinery, Station Road, Mursley, MK17 0SA. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection and delivery. Reconditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of ATV's & Farm Machinery. Tel. 01296 720066 web: www.rgcengineers.co.uk

Life Coaching

Jim Brown is a personal life coach who lives and works in Soulbury. He will help you set goals for a better life and help you achieve them. He offers free trial sessions with no obligation and can be contacted on 01525 270648 or email on goals@tiscali.co.uk

Freelance Hairstylist

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Babysitter Available

Lives in village. Contact Emily 01525 270674

Babysitter Available

Contact Alastair Brown 01525 270648

Aimee Rigby Music

Beautiful music for any occasion. Violin and flute player for weddings, balls, funerals and any other function. Also a violin teacher for 4-14 year olds. Contact Aimee on 01525 279529 or 07743 304757 to discuss your requirements.

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Sunshine Nursery

Wing for children 2-5yrs with indoor play area and outdoor secure garden. Ofsted inspected nursery with friendly qualified staff. Spaces now available. Grants for children aged 3yrs and upwards. £6.50 per session under 3yrs old. No need for your child to be potty trained. For days and times please contact Sam Mock 07931 66177739. Sessions held at the Scout Hut, The Lands, Wing.

Handyman/Builder

Kitchens, Bathrooms, Floors, Doors, Shelves, Tiling, Fitted wardrobes, Plumbing, Maintenance, Small Building Work-Anything Considered. Just Ask. Free Estimates. Call Chris Dowell on 01525 270701

The Editorial Team apologizes for the absence of a picture and the late delivery of this month's Newsletter

Bus Times To Leighton Buzzard Monday – Friday

Soulbury to L.B. (Bus shelter) 9-12am and 12.03pm - Return from L.B. 11.30am and 2.40pm

CRICKET FIXTURE DATES

Sunday	May 1st	Ebury Strollers	Away
Saturday	May 7th	Mentmore	Away
Sunday	May 8th	Stoke Hammond	Away
Saturday	May 14th	Edlesborough	Home
Sunday	May 15th	Shenley Church End	Away
Saturday	May 21st	Eggington Foresters	Away
Sunday	May.22nd	Gt.Horwood	Away
Saturday	May 28th	Olney Town	Away
Sunday	May 29th	F.M.Arthers	Home

FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES. All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated

Friday	May 6 th – 20th	1.00pm	Mobile Library- Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Friday	May 6 th		Refuse Collection (not Thursday)
Tuesday	May 10th	8pm	WI
Wednesday	May 11th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Thursday	May 12th		AVDC Glass Collection
Thursday	May 12 th –26th		AVDC waste paper and recycling collection
Monday	May 16th	8.00pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	May 18th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Saturday	June 25th	<i>See details</i>	Church Fete at the Vicarage
Wednesday	June 29th	<i>See details</i>	School Competition on the Millennium Green
Sunday	July 3rd	<i>See details</i>	Musical Afternoon on the Millennium Green
Wednesday	July 6th		Friends of Soulbury Church. 7.30pm
Monday	July 18th		WI outing to Hatfield House

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Curate: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard Tel 371235

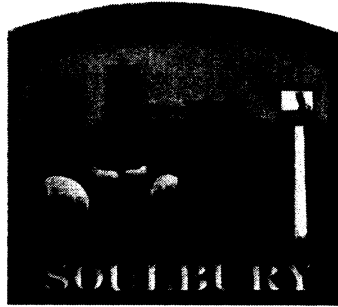
Sunday	May 1st	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	May 8th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	May 15th	11.30am	Whit Sunday Sung Eucharist
Sunday	May.22nd	11.30am	Trinity Sunday Sung Eucharist
Sunday	May 29th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	June 5 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist

A Village Family Have Sponsored This Month's Newsletter.

Many Thanks

If you would like to sponsor one month's Newsletter or submit items for the next issue by 20th May 2005, please contact:

Mrs. Miller 270545, Mrs. Bunyan 270461, Mrs. Norman 270483, Emily Fairbairn 270674, or email articles to newsletter@soulbury.org



PARISH OF SOULBURY
NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting for the above
Parish will be held at
THE CLUB ROOM, SOULBURY
MONDAY, 16th MAY 2005 at 08.00pm

Please come and have your say - it is your money we are
spending

The Parish Council looks after

- The Club Room
- Grass cutting on the village green and around the village
- Street lights
- Emptying the dog litter bins
- Emptying local rubbish bins (around the village and at bus stop)
- Children's playground
- Looking at planning applications
- Tree pruning
- Running the allotments

The Parish Council's recent achievements are

- Installing a new children's playground
- Installing new dog litter bins
- New notice board
- New bench on the village green
- Decorating the bus shelter
- Organising a Parish Council Open Meeting
- Running the Speed Indicator Device

The Parish Council informs Buckingham County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council of issues with

- Footpaths
- Road conditions
- Road signs

The Parish Council attends meetings on your behalf about

- Luton Airport expansion
- Soulbury By-pass
- Stockgrove Park
- Millennium Green
- Shanks incinerator plans
- Matters arising with regard to Highways planning
- Matters arising with regard to local Policing

The Parish Council has made donations on your behalf to

- Reverend Norman Cotton retirement collection
- The British Legion
- The Open Space Society
- Buckingham Playing Fields Association