

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Bye law prohibiting dogs from the Childrens Playground has been approved by the Home Office, and will shortly be advertised in the local press for one month. \* \* \* The County Council's Social Services Department has the intention of extending the Meals on Wheels service. To do this they have appealed to the Parish Council to find some public spirited people who would like to become volunteers for the W.R.V.S. If anyone would like further details regarding the duties and the way in which volunteers could help, please contact the W.R.V.S. County Organiser, Mrs. Pat Pearson at 2 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, tele: 0296-82813. \* \* \* It was noticed that there have been some Taylors lorries from Rislip Farm turning left and passing through the village. It was stressed that this was in contravention of the planning permission, and everyone was asked to record the number, date and time of any offending lorry and advise the Clerk.

AGES OF ADMISSION AND TRANSFER IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOLS

Last year the County Council carried out the first stage of a major consultation on the ages of admission and transfer in its schools. The second stage of consultation has now begun and is looking in detail at possible changes and their impact on individual schools. However, if it is decided that changes should be made all community charge payers in the County will be affected by the costs of such changes. The Council is therefore keen to encourage comment from those who are neither parents nor work in schools, but nonetheless pay the community charge. The closing date for comments (which would be very welcome) is 23rd November. Copies of the consultation document can be obtained from Mr. A. Flack, Bucks County Council Education Department, County Hall, Aylesbury HP20 1UZ.

VILLAGE ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN

We would like to thank those stalwart members of the community who once again gave up their time to pick up the litter in the village. This is a job that no-one enjoys, but the resulting absence of eye-sores, even if short-lived, makes it a worthwhile chore. Perhaps a few more people might feel that they could spare an hour next time. Litter clear-ups usually take place each spring and autumn.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

"My first memories as a child in Soulbury are of very simple things - looking in the hedges for birds nests, picking blackberries and wild flowers from the fields and ditches - violets, primroses, lady's smocks, purple orchids, daisies and buttercups. I loved them, and still do. We could stand in the road and throw a ball up on the end of the School House (now Lovett House), and only had to stand aside to let a horse and cart pass - no motorised traffic to scare us then! The bread was baked in the big oven attached to the Post Office and delivered by horse and cart - a lovely smell! The butcher also used a horse and cart to deliver the meat (I can remember hearing the squeals of the pigs as they were killed in an open yard quite close to the school). The milk came round in big pails - morning and evening, and was scooped by one pint or half pint measures into the housewife's jug - creamy milk straight from the cow! In the winter, my mother would bring a mug of warm milk and pass it through the school railings at playtime for my sister and me. Twice a year a man would call at the houses with hats for sale - straw for summer and felt or velour for winter, it was lovely to see the flowers, ribbons, feathers and even fruits they were decked with - and every new hat was duly noted in the congregations the next Sunday! The one shop in the village catered for almost everything necessary for a family's needs, and there were three people who regularly canvassed ladies and mens and childrens clothes, household linens, etc. This was almost the only shopping we knew, as we had to walk to Leighton Buzzard and back! I must mention the elderly ladies, dressed in their Sunday best they would wear long, full, black skirts, silk blouses, big lace collars, and bonnets! What bonnets! Black trimmed with lace, ribbons, sequins, etc! and ties under the chin - they had to be a bit more stately than we are today.

All villages held an annual "Feast" when a travelling fair would put up roundabouts and swings, coconut shies, etc. Soulbury Feast was always in October. A bonfire in the garden - well away from the chickens - and some "sparklers" was the November 5th treat. Now, as I leave Soulbury for another home, I take with me memories of lovely folk who through the years have loved, shared and served this community, and I trust this same spirit will continue to bless all who live in the village at this time."

. . . . . Doris Scott

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SOCIAL CIRCLE The Social Circle will be visiting Frosts Garden Centre, Woburn Sands, on Wednesday November 14th for lunch in 'The Garden Room'. Cars will leave at 11.30 a.m. for lunch which is booked for 12 noon. Will any member unable to come please let Mrs. M. Jones know before Tuesday November 13th, tele: Soulbury 349.

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COFFEE MORNING - ALL SAINTS CHURCH There will be a coffee morning at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Walpole, Home Farm, Liscombe Park, on Saturday November 10th - 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle. Please come along and give your support.

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Congratulations to Samantha Gurney for graduating from Manchester Polytechnic with a 2:1 Honours Degree in Accounting and Finance. We wish her great success in her new job as trainee Chartered Accountant. \* \* \* We would also like to congratulate Daniel Maher on passing his B.T.E.C. Diploma in Graphic Design at Dunstable College.

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MRS. DORIS SCOTT We are sure that all the readers of the newsletter and members of the Women's Fellowship would like to take this opportunity of wishing Doris all the best of health and happiness in her new home at Cranwell, Lincolnshire. She will be missed for her friendliness, concern for others and help and support that she willingly gave to many people and organisations in the village.

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METHODIST CHURCH Minister: Rev. M. Appleby, The Manse, Stewkley. Tele: L.B. 240251  
 4th Nov 10.30 a.m. : Mr. R. Harris Family Service 11th Nov 6.00 p.m. : Mr. B. Masterson  
 18th Nov 6.00 p.m. : Mrs. Gregory 25th Nov 6.00 p.m. : Mrs. Dimmock  
Sunday Club: 10.30 a.m. every Sunday except first Sunday in month. Youth Fellowship:  
 every Sunday after 6.00 p.m. service except first Sunday in month. Mother & Toddler  
Group: 10.30 a.m. Every Tuesday.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH Minister: Rev. P. Dallaway, The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tele: L.B. 240287  
 Please refer to the Church Newsletter

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)  
 Monday 5th Nov 8.00 p.m. Parish Council  
 " " " Youth Club Ten Pin Bowling at Jardines, Aylesbury.  
 Wednesday 7th Nov 8.00 p.m. Keep Fit  
 Saturday 10th Nov 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon Coffee Morning at Home Farm, Liscombe Park.  
 Monday 12th Nov 7.00 p.m. Youth Club  
 Tuesday 13th Nov 8.00 p.m. Women's Institute. Annual General Meeting with wine and savouries.  
 Wednesday 14th Nov 11.30 a.m. Social Circle Outing  
 " " " 8.00 p.m. Keep Fit  
 Monday 19th Nov 7.00 p.m. Youth Club  
 Wednesday 21st Nov 7.45 p.m. Women's Fellowship at 11 The Green, home of Mrs. P. Norman.  
 A talk on the work of the 'Council for Voluntary Service'  
 Monday 26th Nov 7.00 p.m. Youth Club  
 Wednesday 28th Nov 8.00 p.m. Keep Fit

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DIARY DATES Monday 3rd December : 8.00p.m. : Parish Council Meeting  
 Saturday 8th December : 8.00p.m. : Christmas Bingo for Clubroom Funds

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Items for December Newsletter by 19th November please to : Mrs. L. Miller - 545 :  
 Mrs. M. Bunyan - 461 : Mrs. P. Norman - 483 : Mrs. R. Maher - 316.