



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council would like to express many thanks to those who responded to the appeal in the Newsletter for capping stones for the last part of the churchyard wall. We think we should now be able to scrape together enough to finish off the task.

Mrs Maureen Payne, our District Councillor announced that Aylesbury Vale very much regretted that they had to stop issuing rail passes at the moment. Apparently these were being sold illegally and until the situation could be overcome, the rail pass will not be available.

The attention of the Parish Council was drawn to parking on the Green. The Council spends a lot of money keeping the Green looking nice and leaving cars or other vehicles on there, even for a short time is anti-social in this respect. Also it has to be emphasised that as the Green is common land it is also illegal to park on it.

The County Highways reported that they would include Hollingdon on the road sign at the Stewkley Road junction when the present sign needed to be replaced. Linslade Western By-Pass plans are still being discussed. At District Council level the decision was made to recommend the dual-carriageway, and our Parish Council had also agreed that this was best. The Six Councils (the joint local Parishes Committee) recently voted on a three lane two-way road, in an attempt to make the project cheaper and therefore more likely to be acceptable. These views have all been submitted to Bucks County Council. It was emphasised that the County Council is the prime-mover for this road and all comments should be directed to the Highways Division, including encouragement to get the road built.

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Monday 20th November and Monday 18th December.

QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a Quiz Night organised by the Women's Fellowship on Friday, 10th November at 7.30pm in aid of the Helen House Hospice for Children. The ticket price of £3.50 includes refreshments - please bring your own drinks. Tickets available at the door or from Mrs O. Fountaine (270427) or Miss D. Booth (270322). The Quiz is for teams of not more than four people.

CHRISTMAS EVENT IN AID OF THE LEUKEMIA TRUST

On Saturday November 25th there will be a Table Top Sale and Christmas Fair in the Clubroom from 2pm to 4pm. Proceeds will go to the Leukemia Trust. Anyone interested in booking a table please contact Isobel on 270684.

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

A Cabouchon Jewellery Party by Jan Birdsall in aid of the Fund raised £30 on the 3rd October despite a partial blackout of the village due to an electricity fault.

The Safari Supper organised by Jane Luxton and the Fund Raising Committee brought in £336 on the 7th October. The 34 participants split into 3 groups for starters at Jane Luxton's, Pat Catchlove's and Heather Parrott's, then it was onto Catherine Fairbairn's, Jacki Ridley's, Margaret Owen's and Sheila Morgan's for main courses with different groups of people, before all joining in the Pargeter's 'Upper Room' for sweets, coffee and other liquid refreshments until late. The evening was voted a great way of getting to know one's neighbours. The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who made the Safari Supper such a success. It was a most enjoyable evening and the food was lovely.

Adrienne & John Stevens held a highly successful Musical Evening at Milebush Farmhouse on the 14th October. £386 was raised from tickets, a raffle and Bring & Buy. Adrienne had spent many hours preparing a delicious buffet supper. Piano solos, both Jazz and Classical were provided by Ray Maple who also accompanied Lorna Steven, our local violinist. Elaine Huckle, wife of the vicar of Fenny Stratford sang some Kathleen Ferrier favourites as well as an Ivor Novello selection, plus music by Purcell and Greig. The audience ranged in age from 10 to 80+. Bobby Shafto and The Keel Row brought out the smiles on the faces of the senior citizens. Lorna rounded off the evening with some Scottish Reels. A big thank you to John & Adrienne, a wonderful evening was had by all.

Other Church News

Church Cleaning - We are trying out a different approach to Church cleaning. About every fourth Saturday on dates to be announced in this newsletter, in Church and on the new notice board due to appear outside the Church anytime now, the Church will be open from 9am to 12 noon. There will be a schedule of work to be completed on the font and volunteers are asked to work their way down the list. First dates are 28th October and 25th November.

Future Events

It appears there will be a small deficit this year on the ordinary income and expenditure account. To help make ends meet we shall be holding a Coffee Morning/Autumn Fayre/Bring & Buy sale in the Clubroom on Saturday 11th November at 10.30am - 12.30pm. Help would be much appreciated as well as any cakes or gifts to sell. Please contact Norman Cotton or Stan Morris. For Christmas presents please remember there are Soulbury Tea Towels, notelets and mugs. All available from Church or ring Norman (240282).

If anyone is interested in opening their garden to the public in 1996 in aid of the Church, would they ring Jane Luxton on 270493.

BINGO - The Village Hall Committee are organising a Christmas Bingo on Saturday 9th Dec. at 8pm. During this event the Christmas Raffle, once again being organised by Ian Parrott in aid of the Restoration Fund, will be drawn.

STAMPS - Please save your Christmas (or any other) stamps. Willen Hospice, Florence Nightingale House as well as other organisations can use them. There will be a collection point at the church, or you can hand your stamps to Liz Miller, Lovett House.

THE CHURCHYARD

The churchyard continues to be looked after very well by volunteers and by people from the Community Service Scheme. Many thanks to all concerned.

The Oxford Diocese have recently issued guidelines for Churchyards. The Church Council have adopted these. Full details can be seen if requested. However, there is very little change to established practice.

As you are probably aware the Church has to charge set fees for Weddings as well as burials and memorials. There are two elements to these fees - part goes to the Church and part to the Diocese of Oxford. Again copies of the scale of fees are available.

W.I. NEWS

Tuesday 14th November: Annual General Meeting for members to elect a new committee and president for 1996. The speaker is Jill Williams, a VCO for BFWI. Wine and savouries. Please arrive before 7.45pm so that we can start promptly.

Saturday 18th November: American/Western Theme Evening. Hot supper provided. Join us for good music and good company. Dress optional. 8pm in the Clubroom, cost £4. - please bring your own liquid refreshments! Tickets available at the meeting or from any committee member.

For further information on any WI matters, telephone Val Hammond on 270604.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We again thank all those who so generously supported this event. Although we had slightly fewer signatures than last year the total money raised by donations, the raffle and the sale of produce was £124. This is nearly 50% more than last year. We should once more like to thank Mrs Sheila Morgan for allowing us to hold the coffee morning in her home.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP

Buy your cards for good causes at Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre, Buckingham St, Aylesbury, open Nov. 1st to Dec. 20th, Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 3.30pm. Last year they returned a minimum of 82p in every £1 out of which the charities have to pay for the cards - direct operating costs were only 18p.

CONSIDERING RESIDENTIAL CARE?

Bucks County Council Social Services Department have issued an Inspectors Report to help you decide on a Residential Home for yourself, a friend or relative. For further details contact the Inspection Unit on 01296 387072.

There is also a leaflet on Community Care which aims to help people live in their own homes for as long as possible. This is entitled "Living at Home" and is available from Social Services, County Hall, Aylesbury. Tel. 01296 382935.

GRANTS FOR VILLAGE PROJECTS.

Bucks C.V.S. has sent information on Grants for rural training and employment opportunities, grants for assistance with improving the local environment and also on Grants for Village Projects. Further information can be supplied by Bucks Council for Voluntary Service, Walton House, Walton Street, Aylesbury. Tel. 01296 21036.

PARISH MAP

What's special about your area? Map it and see

Come and find out about parish and community maps at Lacey Green Village Hall on Saturday 18th Nov. 1995. 10am - 12.30pm - Exhibition open until 3pm.

Parish and community maps are all about what local people value in their own area, what makes their village, parish or community special to them. A parish map project brings together people of all ages and interests to do something positive and to identify the local features that they care about - and so at the same time to give those features some protection. This Parish Maps Event will provide ideas about how to start an initiative which could involve your whole community and bring local people together.

The timed programme of speakers (to be finalised) will run from approximately 10am - 12.30pm and will include speakers who can tell you about how they did their maps and others who can give advice on how to include rights of way, environmental and nature aspects. There will also be information about available grants.

This event is organised by Bucks CVS, the Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire. If you are interested and would like to attend please contact Catherine Hinton on 01296 21036, who will send out directions to the venue and a programme.

AYLESBURY VALE ADVOCATES (AVA)

AVA promotes and provides an advocacy service to people in Aylesbury Vale who have communication difficulties. Volunteers are sought to receive training to help people to fulfil their needs, stand up for their rights and, where necessary, become their voice. Advocates help, for example with day to day budgeting and accommodation, those people who might have a learning disability, or mental health problem, or be disadvantaged in some other way. Advocates do not need special skills or qualifications but must be good listeners with an open mind and be caring and supportive of disadvantaged people. Full training and support is given. If you could spare one or two hours a week please phone Peter Wenham on 01296 432313 for further details.

MISSING CAT

A ten year old large ginger cat called Sandy has been missing for two weeks from Hollingdon. If anyone has any information would they contact Mrs Underwood Tel. 270538

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Vicar. Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley, 240287

Sunday Services.

Nov. 5th	Sung Eucharist 11.30am
Nov. 12th	Remembrance Sunday Service at Memorial 10.50am followed by service in Church
Nov. 19th	Sung Eucharist 11.30am
Nov. 26th	“ “ “

METHODIST CHURCH

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

Nov. 5th	10.30am	Mr P. Male	Family Service
Nov. 12th	6.00pm	Rev. J. Hustler	Sacrament of Lords Supper
19th	6.00pm	Mr R. Havris	
26th	6.00pm	Mr T. Morris	

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

Mother & Toddler Group - every Tuesday 10.45am - 12 noon.

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE.

Repairs and sales by R.G.C. Machinery, Rock Lane Farm. Most Leading makes supplied. Free local collection & delivery. Re-conditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of A.T.Vs. & farm machinery. Tel 01296 681007 (daytime) 681286 (evenings).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - Meetings in the clubroom unless otherwise stated.

Wed Nov. 1/15/29	Mobile Library at the Stone	11.35 - 11.55am
Wed. Nov. 1/8/15/22/29	Keep Fit	8.15 - 9.15pm
Thur. Nov. 2/9/16/23/30	Bowls Evening	7.30pm
Wed. Nov. 8th	Social Circle -	2.30pm
Fri. Nov. 10th	Quiz Evening	7.30pm
Sat. Nov. 11th	Autumn Bazaar	10.30am - 12.30pm
Tues. Nov. 14th	W.I. AGM	8pm
Wed. Nov. 15th	Womens Fellowship at the home of Mrs O. Fountaine, 21 The Green. Talk by an Archivist from Marks & Spencer	7.45pm
Sat. Nov. 18th	American/Western Theme Evening - W.I.	8pm
Mon. Nov. 20th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
Sat. Nov. 25th	Christmas Table Top Sale & Fayre	2pm - 4pm

DIARY DATES

Sat. Dec. 9th	Bingo
Mon. Dec 18th	Parish Council Meeting

The next newsletter will cover the period December to mid - January.

Items for next issue by 20th November to: Mrs Miller. 270545. Mrs Bunyan 270461.

Mrs Norman 270483. Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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