



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning matters were the main interest of the recent Parish Council meeting especially the outcome of the retrospective application to demolish part of Brook Cottages. A.V.D.C. had given permission for this but on Councillor Mrs Maureen Payne's insistence had written in stringent conditions. These related to rebuilding with the utmost care to maintain the continuity with the existing cottages. For instance "the front, gable and rear elevations of the rebuilt property shall be constructed with reclaimed bricks with the original weathered faces forming the outer surface." "The roof shall be covered in natural Welsh slates of the same type, texture and colour as those used on the existing adjoining properties." "The windows to be sliding sash of the same type and proportions" etc. "The front, gable and rear elevations shall incorporate yellow brick string courses at first floor level ... matching yellow brick diamonds, cross stud patterns and arched window leads." There were also planting and landscaping conditions, driveway conditions and access conditions. The planning department has promised that all these will be thoroughly monitored.

The Chairman reported that the meeting with Mr Henstock had been very successful and that both the District Planners and the Parish Council now had a clearer idea of each others' priorities in the locality. It was recommended that such a meeting should be held on a regular basis about every eighteen months to two years.

The Clerk was instructed to write yet again to ask the County Council to clear the ivy and its roots which were obstructing the verge and the view line on the bend outside 'The Thatches'.

A letter had been received from Leighton Linslade and District Community Transport relating to the Buzzer Bus Service. It was felt that this was a valuable asset to our local parishioners and should be given both verbal and financial support.

Neighbourhood Watch was again the subject of discontent, especially as there seems to be more daytime burglary taking place in the locality. The Clerk was instructed to write to Police Headquarters again to press for more help and liaison.

There was an initial idea raised on the possible setting up of an Inter-Village family sporting competition, run along the lines of the South Beds organisation. It was agreed that this was worth pursuing.

A date for discussion of Millennium and Lottery applications was deferred to the next meeting, which will take place on 25th November.

RIDGEWAY RAMBLE Sunday 3rd November 2½ hrs / 5 miles

An exhilarating ramble on the Ridgeway Path, passing Incombe Hole and on to Ivinghoe Beacon, Gallows Hill, the Icknield Way and returning through the woods of Ashridge with fine views all round. Meet Clive Bostle of the Ramblers Association at Pitstone Hill (Ridgeway) Car Park at 11am. Please bring light snack and drink.

BIRD BOX BUILDING Saturday 2nd November 3 hrs

A chance to build a box for your feathered friend. Meet Ivan Dunn at Stockgrove Country Park at 12pm. Cost £1 to take bird box home. Please book in advance (01525 237760)

MRS JEAN BRYMER

It is with regret that we report the death of Mrs Brymer on 17th October. Jean came to Soulbury twenty-four years ago and within twelve months the deaths of her husband and parents left her almost without any kin. She involved herself in the life of the village, belonging to the Women's Fellowship, the W.I. and the Social Circle. Until a year or so ago she was a regular Poppy seller for Earl Haig's Appeal and she helped with one of the largest newsletter delivery rounds until the rapid onset of her last illness. Her lively sense of humour and calm good sense will be greatly missed in Soulbury and by a wide circle of friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jackie and Julian Ridley on the birth of their son James four weeks ago. James will be a brother for Charlotte.

PIANO FOR SALE

The piano in the clubroom is never used and is deteriorating. Mrs Kellner who donated it has agreed it should be sold and the proceeds donated to the Church General Funds. It will go to the person submitting the highest written bid to Stan Morris, 3 Stewkley Road (270577) by 12 noon on 16th November.

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

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

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

GENERAL NEWS

- a) **HARVEST SUPPER** on October 7th raised £517, a record for this event. Thanks to all those who helped to prepare and serve the food, to those who gave food for the meal, items for the auction and raffle and to everybody who attended.
- b) **SUNDAY CLUB** continues to meet at 11:30am in the Chapel, the exceptions being (i) 3rd November when they will meet at 11am and later be bussed across to the Church for the latter part of the Patronal Festival and (ii) 1st December when there will be a Family Service in the Chapel at 10:30am.
- c) **CLEANING ALL SAINTS** Help would be appreciated from 9am to 11am on Fridays, November 1st and 29th.
- d) **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** This will take place on Saturday 16th November from 10am to 12 noon. Admission will be 50p, including coffee. There will be bring & buy, fancy goods and bric-a-brac stalls and the Friends will be selling Christmas Cards and pictures of the Church. Anybody with ideas for other fund-raising activities at this function please contact Stan Morris on 270577. Stan will also be pleased to have offers of help to staff the stalls etc. Goods for sale can be delivered to 3 Stewkley Road on Friday 15th November or to the hall from 9am to 10am on the Saturday.

RESTORATION NEWS

- a) **SAFARI SUPPER** This event raised £314 and was voted a great success in helping people to get to know each other. Thanks to all those who hosted the courses, to Mr & Mrs Pargeter for providing the venue for desserts and coffee, to all who participated and to Jane Luxton for organising the event.
- b) **BARN DANCE** On 9th November from 7:30 pm to midnight there will be a Barn Dance at Stewkley Village Hall. The band are "Contraflow" with caller John Kemp. The tickets cost £8.00 each and this includes a Fish & Chip supper. Tickets from Jane Luxton on 270493 or Jan Birdsall on 270204. (Bring your own drinks)
- c) **CHRISTMAS CARDS** of Soulbury Church are available from Stan Morris at the bargain price of 10p each. Stan also has pictures of the Church framed £24 each, un-framed £12.50 each.
- d) **CHRISTMAS DRAW** Lorna Stephen (270444) and Stan Morris (270577) will be organising this year's draw. They would appreciate offers of help with prizes and ticket selling.

DOGS FOULING THE GREEN

We have been asked to request all dog owners not to allow their dogs to foul the Green, or if they do to clear up afterwards. Many people walk across the Green and children play there and it is in everyone's interest to keep the Green as clean as possible.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This year's Macmillan coffee morning, although collecting no more signatures than last year, almost doubled the amount of money collected. The total was £232.50, plus the sale of £65 worth of Christmas cards for Florence Nightingale House. This success was due to most generous support from those who gave cakes, preserves, fruit, vegetables and fancy goods, those who bought, the very generous money donations and especially to Mrs Sheila Morgan whose home formed such a pleasant venue for the occasion. People may like to know that any unsold non-perishables will be given to the Florence Nightingale House Christmas sale on Friday 22nd November.

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

Nov 3rd 11:00am All Saints Day - Patronal Festival
Special Communion Service. PLEASE NOTE TIME
Preacher Rev Anthony Hulbert, vicar of All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard and a Lovett descendant. The children meet at the Chapel at 11:00am and come across (in a bus!) to take part in the service. This service will include a celebration of the work of the Friends over the past year.

Nov 10th 10:50am Remembrance Sunday
Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
11:10am Remembrance Service in Church take by John Hibbard
Nov 17th 11:30am Sung Eucharist
Nov 24th 11:30am Sung Eucharist
Dec 1st 8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Family Service IN THE CHAPEL .
(No Sunday Club this Sunday)

METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Ian Banks. The Manse, Stewkley. 240251

Nov 3rd 11:00am United Service - Parish Church
Nov 10th 6:00pm Rev. I Banks. Sacrament of Lords Supper
Nov 17th 6:00pm Mr. P Thomas
Nov 24th 6:00pm Mr. C Fountain

Mother & Toddler Group Every Tuesday 10:30am - 11:45am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Sat	Nov 9th	Barn Dance (at Stewkley)	7:30pm
Mon & Thur			
Nov 4,7,11,14,18,21,25,28		Keep Fit	10:00am
Tues	Nov 12th	W.I.	8:00pm
Wed	Nov 13th	Social Circle	2:30pm
Sat	Nov 16th	Christmas Fayre & Coffee morning	10:00am - 12noon
Wed	Nov 20th	Women's Fellowship	
		11 The Green	7:45pm
Wed	Nov 13th, 27th	Mobile Library at the Stone	11:35am - 11:55am
Thurs			
Nov 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th		Bowls Evening	7:30pm
Mon	Nov 25th	Parish Council Meeting	
Wed	Nov 13th, 20th	Woodland Waste Paper Collection	
Thurs	Nov 7th, 21st	A.V.D.C. Waste Paper Collection	

DIARY DATES

Dec 7th Christmas Bingo

Items for the next issue by 20th November to: Mrs Miller 270545. Mrs Bunyan 270461
Mrs Norman 270483. Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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