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### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

At the meeting held on 15 October, the chairman Alf Peacock reported back from the Traffic & Road Safety meeting he had recently attended. The County had put our request for a 7.5 tonne weight limit as "Low Priority". The reasons given for this were:- difficulties of policing, difficulties of finding other routes for the heavy vehicles, and lack of danger and accidents involved. Although this was felt to be unsatisfactory the meeting agreed that traffic calming measures might have more impact on the general through traffic than the removal of the large lorries that come through along the Great Brickhill Road. It was agreed that this aspect should now become our priority. Mr Peacock also commented on our dismay at the lack of warning of the closure of the Wing Road. The County Highways department had not notified the Parish Council of the resurfacing of the the Fountain Bends in July and although the Wing Road closure was an emergency (a broken culvert) there had been no such excuse for the earlier occasion.

A member of the public reported that he had suffered some vandalism to his garden, particularly his frontage, over the weekend. P.C. Mick Griggs had been informed and was taking action. A letter had been received referring to the Linslade/Leighton By-Pass in which it was stated that given the Private Business Initiative Funding it was due to start in January 1999.

The Council was disappointed that the Bus Shelter had been so badly covered in graffiti. Unfortunately, the culprits had not been identified, otherwise it was suggested that they should repaint the inside of the shelter. Councillor Maurice Cross said he would do it, unless any of those responsible went to see Mr Alf Peacock beforehand.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Monday 17 November.

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS**

PCC The next meeting will be held in the Chapel Schoolroom at 8 pm on Wednesday 5 November.

AN AUTUMN FAIR will take place in the Clubroom on Saturday 8 November from 10 am to 12 noon in support of Church General Funds. There will be a raffle, stalls including Christmas gifts, Bring and Buy, Cakes etc. We are still on the look out for new ideas. Admission will be 50p including coffee and biscuits. Contact Stan Morris. 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 7 November or to the hall from 9 am to 10 am on the Saturday.

COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday 2 December

Dr and Mrs Owen have kindly offered to hold a coffee morning, Bring and Buy and raffle in aid of the Church General Fund on Tuesday 2 December 10.30 am onwards at The Old Vicarage. Admission is 50p which includes coffee and biscuits.

CHRISTMAS BINGO in support of General Funds will be held in the Clubroom on Saturday 6 December at 7.30 pm. Please put the date in your diary.

CHURCH CLEANING Help would be appreciated from 9 am to 11 am on Friday 28 November.

CHURCH LECTURES There are two special lectures to which we have been invited. The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese is speaking on Social Justice on November 6 at Buckingham. Professor Keith Ward of Oxford is speaking on "World Faiths and their relationship to Christianity in a Scientific Age" at Amersham on November 13. Full details and transport arrangements are available from Norman Cotton.

MILLENNIUM : SON ET LUMIERE

Professor Richard Marks in his recent lecture on the church talked about the story of Robert Hobbs, Abbot of Woburn, in the 1500s and patron of Soulbury Church. He was be-headed by Henry VIII. Professor Marks suggested a play could be built around the story. It might be possible to expand the idea into a larger production but it would need skills from the village like researching, writing, producing, lighting, music, drama etc. Is it worth a try to see if we could do something for the Autumn of 1999 or the spring of 2000? If you would like to explore the idea could you please come to a preliminary meeting in the Clubroom on Sunday November 9 at 4 pm. If this is not convenient, but you are interested please ring Norman on 240287.

RESTORATION NEWS

Building Work/Bells. No further news yet.

THE BARN DANCE on 27 September at Stewkley Village Hall raised £274 for the Restoration Fund. Music was performed by Contraflow and John Kemp was the caller. A capacity crowd enjoyed dancing, watching and the FISH AND CHIPS. Thanks to Jackie Ridley and her team of helpers.

CEDARS JAZZ BAND gave an excellent concert in the Church on 28 September. £164 was raised for the Restoration Fund and with a raffle plus donation £104 for Cancer Research, in memory of Helen Prendergast, a member of the band who died of cancer during the summer. During the interval Richard Marks, a resident of the village and Professor of the History of Art at the University of York gave an entertaining presentation on Soulbury Church in the Middle Ages.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE It was decided to "rest" this event this year.

CHRISTMAS CARDS We have not been able to get a new card this year, but we can offer the previous and very attractive card with a picture of the Church at the bargain price of 5p each from Stan Morris on 270577.

VILLAGE LINK L.B.O.

Jan Birdsall used to keep the L.B.O. up to date with village events. Stan Morris is attempting to take on this task, and will be pleased to have newsworthy items, in particular, details from village organisations of forthcoming events, reports of meetings and results of events. In addition it would be helpful if somebody else would volunteer to help with this task on an occasional basis. Stan can be contacted at 3 Stewkley Road (270577).

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

The Macmillan Coffee morning on October 3 resulted in 52 signatures towards the target record and raised £190.24. In addition more than £50 worth of Macmillan Christmas cards were ordered and £45 of Hospice cards were sold.

This best ever result was thanks to Mrs Sheila Morgan for again allowing us to use the Old School as the venue, and to all the people who gave gifts, cakes, produce etc., to all those who gave practical help and of course those who attended. Prize winning raffle tickets were PINK: 346, 379,382, 402, 416, 461, 481 and 494. WHITE: 505, 514, 531 and 542.

### **MRS MARGARET RITCHIE**

We are sorry to report the recent death of Mrs Margaret Ritchie who has been living at Chelmscote and in the village for some years. We would like to express our sympathy to her family.

### **14 YEAR OLD SCOUT**

14 year old scout needs to raise money for World Jamboree. Willing to do odd jobs - pay negotiable. Phone Alex on 270327.

### **CHILD MINDER**

Experienced registered Child Minder has vacancy for two children. Phone 270130.

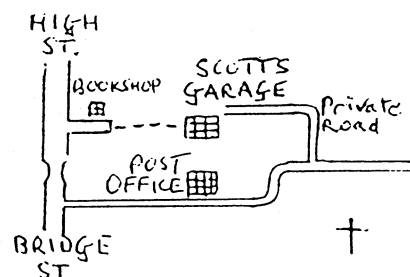
### **USE YOUR ABILITIES.....**

.....and learn new skills

Leighton-Linslade Citizens Advice Bureau are holding an open evening on Thursday 6 November at 7.30 pm at their Bossard House offices. Come along and see what it takes to be an adviser....or RING 01525 373878.

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

Sunday November 2      10 am NOTE TIME Family Service to mark All Saints Day. We shall be joined by Stewkley and Drayton Parslow churches. Preacher John Hammersley. NO SUNDAY CLUB.  
Sunday November 9      Remembrance Sunday Service. 10.50 am at the Memorial followed by Church Service.  
Sun Nov 16, 23, 30      11.30 am Sung Eucharist. Sunday Club as normal.

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

Sunday Nov 2    10 am    Family Service    Parish Church  
Sunday Nov 9    6 pm    Rev B Morris    Sacrament of Lords Supper  
Sunday Nov 16   6 pm    Rev B Morris  
Sunday Nov 23   6 pm    Rev B Morris  
Sunday Nov 30   6 pm    Rev I Banks

Sunday Club: 11.25 am on 9, 16, 23 and 30

Mother and Toddler: 10.30 am - 12 noon every Tuesday

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Sat Nov 8                    10 am                    Autumn Fair  
Mons Nov 10 and 24      2.35 - 2.50 pm      Mobile Library (Stewkley Road)  
Tues Nov 11                8 pm                    W.I. A.G.M.  
Wed Nov 12                2.30 pm                Social Circle  
Wed Nov 19                7.45 pm                W.F. Trivial Pursuit at 7 Chapel Hill  
Thurs Nov 6, 13, 20, 27   7.30 pm                Bowls Evening  
Mon Nov 17                8 pm                    Parish Council Meeting  
Wed Nov 12 and 26      Woodland Waste Paper Collection  
Thurs Nov 6 and 20      A.V.D.C. Waste Paper Collection

### **DIARY DATES**

Tues Dec 2                10.30 pm                Coffee Morning  
Sat Dec 6                 7.30 pm                 Christmas Bingo  
Mon Dec 15                8 pm                     Parish Council Meeting

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

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