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SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER IS AT RISK!

We recently made a plea for more volunteers to become involved in producing the newsletter. We need people to help write it, to type it, to arrange photocopying and to distribute the newsletter to the people who deliver. Nobody came forward to help. We are now a very small group and we really need additional helpers. Please do consider becoming involved. If enough people volunteer we could have a rota so that nobody would necessarily need to be involved every month. The time commitment need not be great. Please ring any of the present team (tel. Numbers at bottom of newsletter) if you are able to help.

Please note that next month's newsletter will cover December and the first half of January. Please let us have your contributions by 20th November.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the brief Council meeting this month we were assured that the Wing bridge repairs would take place soon. Also the annihilated street lamp will shortly be replaced and the holes in Chapel Hill will be repaired. The Highways department of the County Council has estimated approximately £10,000 will be needed to surface the footpath alongside The Old Vicarage which seemed an unnecessarily large amount. The Clerk was requesting clarification. The County said they would do the work at their expense at some future date. The traffic section of Thames Valley Police has now received training and radar equipment for use in speed control. Our area Police Sergeant has informed us that Soulbury will be one of the villages where this will be used. The Chairman Mr Alf Peacock reiterated his conviction that a 20mph speed limit was a feasibility for this village.

The flat roof over the Clubroom extension has been reported to be leaking. An estimate has been received for repairing this but it was felt to be excessive. Further estimates are being sought. If anyone knows a reliable contractor the Clerk, Mr John Squires would be interested to hear (01525 370094).

The Clerk also promised to collect a box of "pooper scoopers" for use in the dog pooh bin situated at the entrance to the Millennium Green. The problem of distribution then arose; dog owners are welcome to these bags free of charge. As a temporary measure the Clerk suggested he would leave the box in the clubroom where villagers could call in and collect their bags any time whilst the clubroom was open. Thursday evenings the Bowls club uses the clubroom between 7:30 and 9:30 pm – this might prove a convenient pick up time?

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

A New Yew Tree – The Conservation Foundation have given us a cutting from an ancient Welsh yew. The original trees are reputed to have been 2,500 years old and the idea is that hopefully this one will still be around in the year 3000. Other recipients have been The Millennium Green and Parish Churches at Stewkley and Drayton Parslow.

Peter Lymbury – On Sunday 3rd October a sizeable contingent of parishioners went over to St Peter and St Paul, Buckingham, together with his family, to support Peter Lymbury, where with six other deacons, he was ordained to the priesthood by the Rt. Revd Mike Hill, Bishop of Buckingham. This was a really inspiring service.

The following Sunday Peter was, for the first time, the celebrant at Holy Communion at All Saints Soulbury. The service was attended by over 150 people. Assisting Peter were Paul Drake, a former vicar of the Parish and John Hibbard our lay reader. Sir David Madel read the first lesson and Rev Brian Saunders, Honorary Curate from Newton Longville, gave the address. Our vicar, Norman Cotton together with a number of other local clergy were also present. At the conclusion of the service the ladies provided afternoon tea for everybody. Thanks them all for managing this with the very limited facilities and space available. Peter was delighted to receive a commemorative kneeler, which had been made for him by Christine Bryant.

Peter's lifelong pilgrimage to the priesthood has taken him through work in engineering, four years in the RAF and twenty five years in social work in addition to his other activities in the St John's Ambulance Service, the Leighton-Linslade Carnival and as a Magistrate. He tells me that he has been on the clouds for the last week or so but is now gradually returning to earth.

We are now in a position to be more flexible with our services at All Saints and as an experiment we shall be having Holy Communion at 8am and Evensong at 4pm on the first Sunday of the month. This arrangement starts on 7th November. A later Evensong is possible if this proves to suit more people.

Church Cleaning – help would be appreciated from 10am to 12noon on Saturdays 6th November and 4th December.

A Coffee Morning will take place in the Clubroom on Saturday 13th November from 10:30 to 12noon in support of Church General Funds. There will be a raffle, stalls, Bring and Buy, cakes etc. Any new ideas welcome. Admission will be 50p including coffee and biscuits. Contact Stan Morris who will also be pleased to receive offers to help to staff the stalls. Goods for sale can be delivered to 3 Stewkley Road on Friday 12th November or to the clubroom from 10am to 10:30am on the Saturday.

Christmas Bingo in support of General Finds will be held in the clubroom on Saturday 11th December at 7.30pm. Please put the date in your diary.

Parish County Council – the next meeting will take place in the Chapel at 8pm on Monday 29th November.

Bells and Restoration – we are still hopeful that the bells will be back in place by the end of the year. The contractors have experienced delays in obtaining some parts from the manufacturers but things now seem to be moving in the right direction.

In accordance with the will of the late Reverend Wilfrid Barrow the PCC has received the sum of £1,000 for the preservation of the church fabric. This generous bequest will help towards the outstanding costs of the Phase 2 preservation work.

Wilfrid Barrow was the vicar of Heath and Reach but was regarded with affection in Soulbury where he came to preach occasionally and for looking after us during the interregnum in 1992 between Phillip Dallaway's departure and Norman Cotton's arrival.

Christmas Cards – Brenda Howell has some very attractive cards specially designed showing the church and celebrating the rededication of the Church bells for the Millennium 2000. The price is £1 for four. Cards have been available in a door to door canvass of Soulbury and Hollingdon. If you were out or need more cards please 'phone Brenda on 270307.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Work is progressing on the Green, although things are taking longer and costing more than we had anticipated. The paving on the stage area of the amphitheatre is practically finished and the seating area is to be turfed soon.

Weeding is an ongoing laborious job of course and we would welcome any offers of help at weekends.

Many thanks to those who have given tree seedlings, which we have already planted. Any other offers of tree seedlings or wild flower seeds would be gratefully received.

Mr D Haines of Stewkley Road has very kindly made a fine wooden bench which has been set on the far side near Ivy Cottage overlooking the fields to the west. Specimen trees will soon be planted near the bench.

Many thanks to Mr. Haines.

Fleeces, which are very warm and comfortable, only £20, sweatshirts and polo shirts with the Soulbury 2000 logo on are still on sale. Please contact Christine Sheppard on 270377. They would make good Christmas presents!

Here is a reminder to buy your raffle ticket for the fantastic ten-inch Christmas Cake kindly donated by Mrs Pam Norman. Christine Sheppard has the tickets, 7 The Mead or 270377. The draw will take place on Saturday December 4th.

Finally please don't forget the Playground Open meeting on Monday November 1st in the Clubroom at 8:00pm. The Trustees would like as many residents as possible to attend in order to ascertain the opinions of the village about the children's playground. It seems we have three choices basically and these will be explained in detail at the meeting, so do please come along, especially if you have young children.

There is a 13 minutes video of the country fair for people to borrow. There are several shots of residents in the village enjoying themselves or working hard at stalls. The Ridley Family, the Green family, Karen Askew's family, Mrs R Marks, Mrs J Kellner, Mrs H Pooley are all there along with several others. Many thanks to Mr John Steedman for donating this for the records.

THE 100 CLUB

The very first 100-club draw took place at the Parish Council meeting on October 18th. Mr B Birdsall who lives in the thatched cottage in Chapel Hill won the prize and received a cheque for £36.50 which he promptly donated to the Green! The Trustees wish to thank Mr Birdsall for his generosity! If anyone would like to join in the fun next month the opportunity is still there and Mrs Diane Lowes would be pleased to hear from you, 270752.

TRAFFIC ACTION

Very few people turned up for the meeting on 11th October. Those present decided to await the outcome of a meeting involving the Wing traffic action group at Liscombe on 12th November and a meeting between Parish representatives with the Chairman of the County Highway committee at Stoke Hammond on 26th November.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Miss Daphne Booth, who once again organised this village's participation in the World's largest Coffee Morning, would like to thank everyone who supported the event, either in person or by making donations. She would particularly like to thank Sheila Morgan for once again allowing the use of her lovely home, which greatly adds to the occasion and also to Liz Miller, Gertie Austin and Hilary Ashburner and all others who helped in various ways. Approximately £135 was raised and in addition more than £50 of Christmas cards were ordered (making them postage free)

Thank you Daphne for all your hard work on behalf of the village too!

PREPARING FOR YOUR LIFE TOGETHER

RELATE are offering an opportunity for couples who are planning to get married to explore some of the key issues that may arise in their future life together.

Marriage Preparation – three separate sessions of one hour where you meet with a counsellor to explore the following issues;

- Expectations of what life will be like, and what you expect of each other
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If you wish to make a booking for the 'marriage preparation' three session programme or require any information about any other services call RELATE at their office in Aylesbury on 01296 427973.

FLOOD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Following the disastrous floods of 1998, the Environment Agency identified the need to improve public understanding of flood risk, the Agency's flood warning service and the roles and responsibilities of other organisations with an emergency response to flooding.

At the heart of the campaign is the launch of FLOODLINE (0845 988 1188) which is designed to make it easier to know who to contact on flooding issues. For general advice ring the above number Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome to the village Nick and Faye Krzeminski and family who have come to live on the High Road.

STEWKLEY PLAYERS

The Stewkley Players present 'And This was Odd' a comedy by Kenneth Horne, in the village hall, Stewkley. Performances will be on Wednesday 24th November, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 27th November all at 8:00pm.

Tickets for £3.50 can be obtained from the box office by telephoning 01525 240236.

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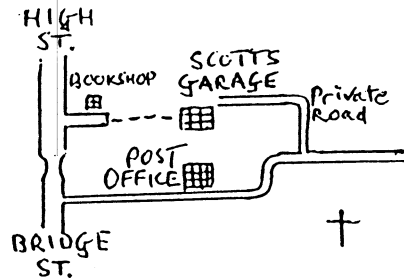
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Vicar: Rev Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley – Tel 240287

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

Sunday Nov 7 th	8am	Holy Communion
	4pm	Evensong
Sunday Nov 14 th	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service at the memorial followed by service in Church
Sunday 21 st Nov	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 28 th Nov	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 5 th Dec	8am	Holy Communion
	4pm	Evensong

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Brian Trudgian, The Manse, Stewkley Tel: 240251

Sunday 7 th Nov	10am	Mr D Harbey
Sunday 14 th Nov	6pm	Rev Wallace Edwards – Sacrament of the Lords Supper
Sunday 21 st Nov	6pm	Mrs M Morris
Sunday 28 th Nov	6pm	Mr M Corby

Mother & Toddler Group 10.00 – 12 noon Every Tuesday

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon Nov 1 st	8pm	Playground open meeting
Tues Nov 9 th	8pm	WI
Wed Nov 10 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Sat Nov 13 th	10.30-12noon	Coffee Morning for Church General Fund
Mon Nov 15 th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wed Nov 17 th	8pm	Women's Fellowship
Thurs Nov 4, 11, 18 & 25 th	7.30pm	Bowls Club
Thurs Nov 4 th & 18 th		AVDC waste paper & plastic recycling
Moons Nov 1 st , 15 th & 29 th		Mobile Library

DIARY DATES

Sat Dec 11 th	Christmas Bingo
Mon Dec 20 th	Parish Council Meeting

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