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Parish Council News

The Parish Council has received complaints about the parking of cars, particularly in the area of the clubroom and at the bottom of Mount Pleasant. Most residents who do this frequently are considerate enough to leave to leave room for pedestrians with pushchairs, bicycles or a wheelchair, but some do not. So please think of other pedestrians and remind your visitors to do so.

The Clerk has received notice from Bucks. Education Department reminding parents of the system for admitting young children to school. This was for children starting school or reception from September 2001 to August 2002; that is children born between 1 September 1996 and 31 August 1997. Parents need to complete and return a form to their preferred school by 19 January 2001. For further information contact the Admissions Team on 01296 383250.



Children's Playground

The Parish Council also discussed the planned alterations to the playground in Mount Pleasant. There has been virtually no response to the request for those

interested in making improvements and changes to contact Jackie Ridley. Those who did attend the meeting she called put forward two alternatives.

There would be a complete removal of all the existing play equipment and a new range of swings, slide and climbing equipment on a safety surface would replace this. This area would be suitable for 4 to 10 year olds.

The football area would be retained with the possibility of new goalposts.

Another area would be designated towards the High Road for other children's use. The alternatives here were for either a tarmac bike track or a multi-purpose hard play area which could be used for basketball (with posts provided), cycling, kicking a football on (possibly with a wall or barrier to kick against) or tennis (without a net).

The bike track would be a somewhat cheaper option and might leave money to upgrade the perimeter fencing also.

All present felt they wanted to do what most villagers would like and would use; but as there had been so little interest shown it would fall to the few people prepared to comment to make the decisions. Here is your opportunity! Please, if you have any views on which of the two choices you would like to see implemented contact Jackie Ridley (270619), Catherine Fairbairn (270674) or any member of the Parish Council. This is an important opportunity to create an exciting new facility and we need to know which one would be most successful in our village.



All Saints' Church News

Church cleaning Help would be appreciated from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday 25 November.

PCC Coffee Morning This will take place in the Clubroom on Saturday 11 November from 10.30 am to 12 noon (2 minute's silence at 11 am), in support of Church general funds. There will be a raffle, Bring and Buy, cakes etc. Admission will be 50p including coffee and biscuits. Stan Morris will be pleased to receive raffle prizes as well as any ideas for "something different".. Goods for sale can be delivered to 3 Stewkley Road on Friday 10 November or to the Clubroom from 10 to 10.30 am on the Saturday.

Christmas Cards

Unfortunately our cards for this year have not materialised, but we still have a supply of very attractive cards depicting the church in snow. These may well be of interest to newcomers to the village, those who have not used them previously or to people living in other villages. The price is 10p each with proceeds going towards the Restoration Fund. If you are interested please contact Stan Morris on 270577.

PCC The next meeting will be immediately after the service on Sunday 11 November.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

TRADITIONALLY REARED
FARM FRESH

12LB - 25LB OVEN READY

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
PLEASE TELEPHONE
01296 688834



All Saints' Church Bells

Jim Cochrane writes:

I have been asked by a number of people in Soulbury why they can sometimes hear the church bells ringing "at odd times".

The main purpose of ringing the bells is to summon villagers to church services on Sundays. The bells will ring for half an hour before the church service which is normally at 11.30. Bell ringing is a skill that has to be practised, and so we also have a regular practice night on Thursdays which starts at 7.30 and lasts until 9 pm. Anyone who would like to learn to ring the bells is very welcome to come along any Thursday evening; you do not have to attend church services regularly to be a bell ringer. Any teenagers who would like to ring would be particularly welcome - young people learn much more quickly!

We also have a number of visiting bands from other churches who ask to ring our bells. By tradition such visitors are allowed to ring the bells for about an hour (normally ringing a quarter peal) and in return leave a donation to the church funds.

Finally once a year we will allow a visiting band to attempt a full peal on or close to All Saints' Day. A peal in the bell ringer's equivalent of the marathon and can only be achieved by the most competent ringers. By tradition a peal involves changing the order of the bells at least five thousand times without error. A peal has never yet been successfully rung at Soulbury church - and the bells have been there for over five

hundred years! The first peal attempt will take place this year on Saturday 4 November in the morning, and if successful will be achieved by lunch time. The ringers will be lead by Phil Dunn who is the district ringing master and who has gone out of his way to teach all eleven of the Soulbury band over the last three years. We wish Phil and his band the very best of luck in this historic peal attempt.



Millennium Green News

The RAF recruits will soon be coming to do some more work on the Green. Some people will be glad to hear that the mounds of earth at the entrance will be spread around and used as topsoil for the area to be grassed. The children who have been having fun cycling over the mounds will no doubt be very disappointed, but the Parish Council had already decided that the gate should no longer be unlocked for them to ride through at speed - it is too dangerous being so near the road. So there it is - an end to the cycle track. But this has demonstrated a need for this age group to have somewhere as safe as possible to cycle and enjoy themselves. All they need are mounds of earth, and space. Anyone any ideas?

100 club The first draw took place on 16 October and you will never guess what happened. Andy Wood from Linslade was the winner for the third time! It has been suggested that the trustees should change the rules so that no-one could win more than once a year; but the trustees decided after consideration to leave the rules as they are. Anyone who does not agree with this

decision is at liberty to withdraw from the Club.

We would very much like more members to make the numbers up to 100, We need about 25 more. So, if you haven't got round to joining yet, please consider it and phone Christine on 270377.

Sweatshirts and fleeces are still on sale until the end of December 2000. They make good Christmas presents, you know, so if you would like to order one phone Christine.

A member of the village who purchased some tomato plants from the Millennium Green Summer Fayre has called to say how marvellous a crop he has had from them. He wondered who had donated such good plants and wanted to say thank you. So we hope whoever it was will read this!



Compost bins for sale

As you may have read in your District Link, AVDC are offering home composting bins at a special rate of £10 collected or £15 delivered. This is a really excellent recycling initiative, better than filling those little green bags. Collection is from Worlds End Garden Centre, or Buckingham Garden Centre (closed Saturdays), or Haddenham Garden Centre. If you would like any help with collecting a bin, Liz Miller may be able to assist (270545).



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Catherine Fairbairn would like to thank all those who supported Soulbury's

contribution to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, including those who helped on the day, those who attended and those who donated gifts and money. Twenty-five people attended and the sum of £108 was raised. Thanks to all involved



W.I. WineTasting Evening

On Saturday 11 November the W.I are hosting a wine tasting evening with a hot supper. Tickets are at £7, available from 270355 or 270604. Anyone and everyone is very welcome to attend.



The Newsletter – a History (continued)

In June 1979 we learned that the threat of Wing airport, now called Hoggston, was rearing its ugly head again after nine years. The Wing Airport Resistance Association was re-formed and villages and townships around Hoggston organised themselves to raise money and publicise our cause, so as to be ready for action were it necessary. By October we were reporting that a deputation of nearly two hundred local people has presented to Mrs Thatcher during her visit to the Milton Keynes area, a petition with 60,000 signatures against the siting of the third London Airport at either Hoggston or Yardley Chase.

By January 1980 we were able to report with relief, albeit with sympathy for the people of Stansted, that a final decision had been made, and we were off the hook.

In the same issue we recorded that the indisposition of Mr Stan Andrews had caused the closure of Soulbury Post Office and the need for arrangements to be made for the collection of pensions and allowances elsewhere. This turned out to be the final demise of our Post Office.

In July 1980 Pat Twyman of the Traffic Sub-Committee was writing of heavy vehicles using our roads to bypass Linslade. He wrote that he and others were "horrified at the thought of waiting ten years or more for relief from this menace". That was over twenty years ago! By 1982 County Councillor Reg Keen spoke at our Annual Parish Meeting of possible routes for the proposed Wing / Milton Keynes Relief Road, and suggested the formation of a committee of all the affected villages.

(More to follow!)



Wanted 1lb jam jars or smaller with lids for Liz to fill with jams or pickles! Many thanks. 270545.



Stewkley Players

Stewkley Players present their 84th production - "The Coarse Acting Show" by Michael Green. This will be in the village hall, Stewkley on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 22 to 25 November at 8 pm. Doors open at 7.30 pm. and there is a licensed bar. Tickets are available from Chris and Jean Carter on 240236 at a cost of £3.50. We are told that, despite the title, the play is funny and has no bad language!



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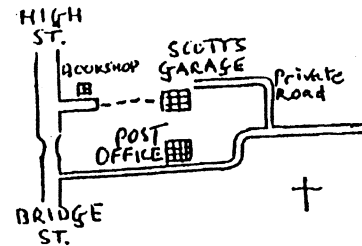
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2000

(in the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Thursday	2 nd , 16 th , 30 th		AVDC waste paper & recycling collection
Thursday	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	7.30 pm	Bowls evening
Saturday	4 th	Morning	Church bell ringing
Wednesday	9 th	2.30 pm	Social Circle
Saturday	11 th	10.30-12.00	Church Coffee Morning
Saturday	11 th	Evening	Wine tasting
Monday	13 th & 27 th	2.00 – 2.15 pm	Mobile Library bungalows layby, High Road
		2.20 – 2.35 pm	Stewkley Road bus stop
Tuesday	14 th	8.00 pm	WI Annual Meeting + wine and savouries
Wednesday	15 th	7.45 pm	Women's Fellowship
Monday	20 th	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting

DIARY DATES

December	Monday 18th	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
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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

All Sundays in November and

Sunday 3rd December 11.30 am Sung Communion in Church

except

Sunday 12th November 10.30 am Remembrance Sunday Service in Church followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Brian Trudgian, The Manse, Stewkley - tel. 240251

Sunday 5th November No Service

Sunday 12th November 6.00 pm Rev. A. Cowburn

Sunday 19th November No Service

Sunday 26th November 6.00 pm Mr K. Eglinton

All Sundays except 1st in month 10.00 am Sunday Club

Items for next issue by 20 November 2000 to Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270 674, Mr Friswell 270918, Miss Wegener 270284, or Mrs Ridley 270619