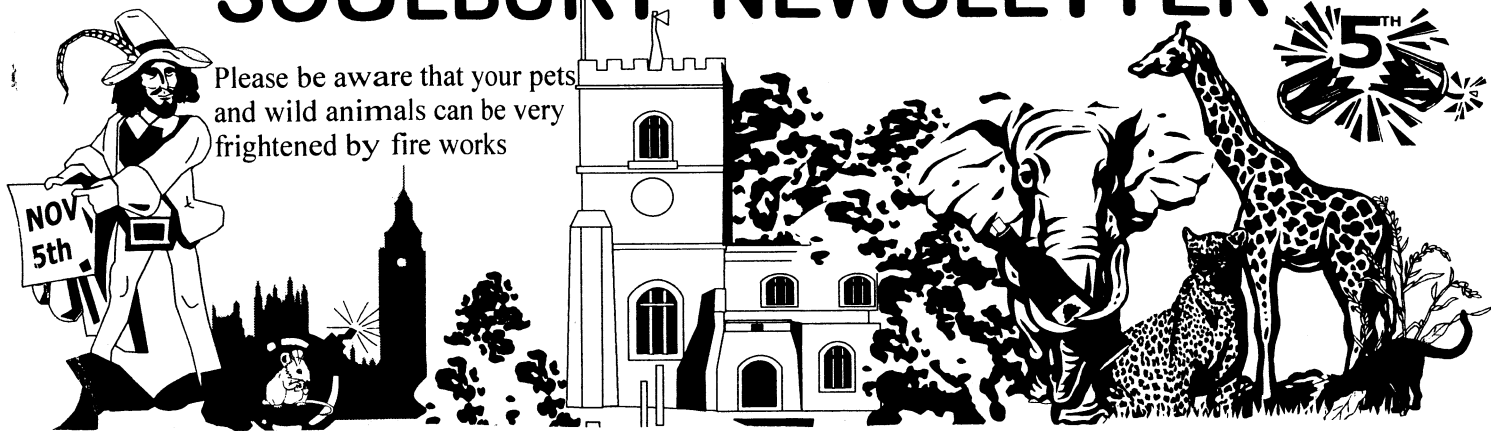


SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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Please be aware that your pets and wild animals can be very frightened by fire works

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

All the Councillors and two members of the public attended the meeting held on 18th October.

SID (Speed Indicator Device): The Clerk reported that training is to be arranged for the volunteers who will man the device.

Children's Playground: The slide has now been removed – the grand sum of £25 was paid for the scrap metal. The concrete blocks have now to be removed, the ground repaired where necessary, and the swings repaired. When this work is completed and the area and equipment is safe, the playground will be reopened.

Village Green: The road repair contractor is to be asked to remove all equipment, etc., from the village green, and to refrain from driving over it.

Glass Recycling: Aylesbury Vale District Council is introducing the kerbside collection of glass. Green boxes with black lids (capacity 55 litres) will be delivered. Inside each box will be a note explaining what can and cannot be collected, plus a calendar detailing when collections will be made. A dedicated helpline has been set up on (01296) 585111 to take public enquiries about the service. Collections will start on Monday 15th November. Collections will be once every four weeks.

Village Signs: Where have they gone? If you have seen anyone removing them, please contact a Councillor or the police. The

District Council will be asked to replace them.

Luton Airport: Luton Airport are proposing to make a major change to one of their flight paths.

Councillor Barbara Young has read the documents supplied by Luton Airport, sought expert advice on anything she did not understand and has attended numerous meetings. She says that she has ascertained:

- The route used at present is safe. The proposed change is designed to allow a huge increase in the traffic into Luton Airport.

- If the proposals are accepted there will be many more aircraft flying over the Leighton/Linslade area and Aylesbury Vale than at present.

- At present, the minimum height for aircraft is 6,000 ft. Most are well above this. Under the proposed route, the minimum height is 3,500, and most aircraft will be not much higher than this.

- The proposed change will mean that Luton loses the noise but continues to reap the financial gain from their Airport.

- We will get many more aircraft flying over our heads at considerably lower levels, but get none of the financial benefit.

- It is likely that house prices will be adversely affected.

PAIN (People Against Intrusive Noise- Tel. 01296 720724) and PAVAN (Protect Aylesbury Vale Against Noise- Tel 01525 240950) are campaigning against the proposed changes. The Chairman Vic Wright urges

parishioners concerned about the plans to change the flight paths into Luton Airport to contact a Parish Councillor. Alternatively, write expressing your concerns to:

- The Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR

- Mr Derek Brown, Chairman London Luton Airport Consultative Committee, c/o London Luton Airport, Navigation House, Airport Way, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 9LY

- John Bercow MP, Member of Parliament for Buckingham, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Public Participation : A member of the public brought three items to the Council's attention.

1. Footpath/verge between Mount Pleasant and Kirk View: The County Engineer is to be asked for his advice on what can be done.

2. Bus Service: The poor quality of the bus service since the recent changes were introduced. The County Council is to be asked to review the schedule and improve the service.

3. Car Parking: The parking of cars on the public road. Confirmation was given that it is legal, provided no highway regulations are broken. However, motorists are requested to take care not to block entrances to driveways or to park on the pavements.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

On November 7th a community bus from St John's Ambulance Service will be available for all those who would like to come to church for the Sung Eucharist service at 11.30am and would have difficulty getting there i.e are in wheelchairs or cannot walk easily. Please phone Peter on 371235 or Christine on 270377 if you would like a lift that day.

On Saturday November 27th at 3pm the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary are coming to All Saints to sing their Office. The Rev Peter Lymbery is the Deputy Chaplain of this guild and a life honorary member. The service will end at 5pm and an estimated 20 people are likely to attend. Refreshments will be served after the service and people are welcome to come along. The Patronal Service for All Saints Day is to take place on Sunday October 31st. This is a special festival because our church is called All Saints Church. The church will be decorated with flowers and we hope there will be a good congregation to celebrate the day. Don't forget the church is lovely and warm these days!

MONUMENTS IN SOULBURY CHURCHYARD

The churchyard has always been regarded from the earliest times as "God's acre". As far as possible therefore, it should suggest something in the nature of a garden. Everything in a churchyard, from the memorial stones to the trees and shrubs, should be a matter for care and consideration. Because of this, and safety regulations, there are a number of guidelines and rules about monuments. Some are planning rules, some come from Oxford, and some are local recommendations.

At a time when families are thinking about a churchyard monument, one of the last things they want is a long list of regulations and restrictions. A good funeral director keeps up to date with the latest rules and

can help in choosing the most appropriate memorial.

A full list of regulations is posted on the Soulbury website (www.soulbury.org). If in doubt, contact the Vicar or Church Wardens.

Local churchyard regulations: Parochial Church Councils have been advised to make a regulation (which Soulbury did some years ago) to the effect that in future all grave mounds will be levelled after a period. Subject to this, they are justified in levelling individual grave mounds that are no longer being tended, but it is desirable that they should give notice of their intention to do so, and respect the wishes of known relatives. This means that it is undesirable to have kerbstones round a grave, as this will impede the levelling, and could result in part of the monument being removed.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Quiz Night: The Quiz Night for the 13th November is nearly here so please book your table for the quiz. Tickets are £7 and include a 2-course supper. Teams of 4 are encouraged to arrive at 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. Please bring your own glasses and drink. Call Jane on 270532 or any of the trustees to book your table.

During the next few months, major maintenance work will be carried out on the Millennium Green. This work will involve the removal of some willow trees and alder and bramble clearing. The work has been started and will be carried on through the winter by the Vale Volunteer Conservation Team, helped by trustees and volunteers from the village. We apologise for the untidiness of the entrance and main path; clearing up will be done as and when possible. If you would like to help in sweeping and raking areas where work has been done, please feel free to do so. All debris can be dumped behind the big

compost heap.

In some of the established wooded areas and where there is a clearing, natural woodland flowers and plants such as primroses, violets, wood anemone, snowdrops and bluebells will be encouraged to grow. In a few more years the Millennium Green will hopefully look very attractive and will be an enjoyable place to walk through, so please bear with the current 'untidy' period of woodland development.

Very soon a Bulb Planting Saturday will be arranged. It is hoped that many of you and your families will come and join us do some planting.

On occasion, the trustees are asked if certain activities can take place on the Millennium Green, the most recent being a request for fireworks. This request was turned down because the trustees are legally bound by restrictions imposed by the Countryside Agency, the Trust Deed and the Trust Insurance Policies.

The trustees have power to make regulations for the benefit of all Millennium Green users. There is no subsidised funding for the Millennium Green: all funds for the continuance of the Millennium Green have to be generated through fundraising events, voluntary contributions and sponsorship, so please support the events that the trustees arrange. Any volunteers to help on the Green are also most welcome!

All parishioners can walk dogs, have a picnic and play on the Millennium Green. Everyone has the right to pick sloes, blackberries and fruit in season from the orchard. Please enjoy the Millennium Green and remember to use the bins provided for the disposal of your rubbish and that other unmentionable.

SAFARI SUPPER

A Safari Supper will be held on Saturday 27th November. Volunteers are needed to provide

a starter or main course in their own home for 6-8 people.

Everyone meets for desserts at the Pargeter's Barn opposite The Boot.

The cost is £12 per head in aid of the Friends of Soulbury Church.

Please contact Sheila on 270175 or Paul on 270292 for details or to volunteer for a course.

WINEWS

The WI were in somewhat of a dilemma this month when their speaker was unable to come as he had double-booked, but not to be out-done, they contacted ARC (animal rescue) and they stepped into the breach with some amusing anecdotes about the rescue of various species of wildlife. Their experience of feeding a variety of animals, birds and reptiles was amazing especially considering their lack of facilities. The two ladies did not seem phased by rescuing snakes from motorbikes and the funniest story was of a weasel which obviously presented a few problems because of its size! The ladies were thanked for coming at short notice and wished every success with this worthwhile cause.

SOULBURY ENDOWED SCHOOL CHARITY GRANTS FOR EDUCATION

The Trustees of the Soulbury Endowed School charity will consider applications for grants to assist in education at the next meeting to be held in December.

Persons wishing to make an application must be resident in the Parish of Soulbury and must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years on 31st of December 2003, subject to the discretion of the Trustees.

Applications must be sent in writing to the Clerk of the Trustees: AJ Pargeter, The Cottage, Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 0BU

STITCHCRAFT CLUB

(Cross stitch, Needlepoint etc)

The Stitchcraft Club meets every other Thursday for a social evening

in the Soulbury Clubroom from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. New members would be very welcome. Please ring Heather on 07904 31365 for details.

STEWKLEY CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

The Gift Fair in aid of Breast Cancer Research will be held at Stewkley Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 11th Novemebr from 9am to 4.30pm. The fair will feature:

- Krafty- handmade cards
- Chameleon- beautiful jewellery
- Lisa Wright- hand painted ceramics and fine art
- Susi Whittaker- natural art using countryside materials
- Littlecote Soap Co- luxury handmade soap
- Cards by Lesley- handmade cards
- The Purple Cow- home and garden gifts

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01525 270648

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated



Friday	November 5 th and 19 th	1.00pm-1.15pm	Mobile Library- Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Tuesday	November 9 th	8pm	WI AGM and Bring & Buy
Wednesday	November 10 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Wednesday	November 10 th		Cricket Club AGM
Thursday	November 11 th	9am-4.30pm	Stewkley Gift Fair (in Stewkley Methodist Church Hall)
Thursday	November 11 th and 25 th		AVDC waste paper and recycling collection
Monday	November 15 th		AVDC Glass Collection
Wednesday	November 17 th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Monday	November 22 nd	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	November 13 th	7pm for 7.30pm	Quiz night for Millennium Green
Saturday	November 27 th		Safari Supper

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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



Sunday	October 31 st	11.30am	Sung Eucharist- All Saints Day Festival Service
Sunday	November 7 th	11:30 am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	November 14 th	10.50am	Remembrance Day Service (at War Memorial then into the church)
Sunday	November 21 st	11:30am	Sung Eucharist
Saturday	November 27 th	3pm-5pm	Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
Sunday	November 28 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist

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If you would like to sponsor one month's Newsletter or submit items for the next issue by 21st November 2004, please contact:

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