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ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Priest in Charge : Michelle Morton : The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel. 240287

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



Sunday	4th November	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	11th November	10:50am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Meet at War Memorial
Sunday	18th November	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE - Toy Service
Sunday	25th November	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	2nd December	11:30am	Holy Communion - ADVENT SUNDAY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursdays	1st / 15th / 29th	6:30pm	Youth Club	Clubroom
Fridays	2nd / 16th / 30th	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursday	8th November		AVDC Collection for Recycling	
Saturday	10th November	1:00pm	Material Remnant Sale	
Tuesday	14th November	8:00pm	WI Nominations and Bring & Buy	
Friday	16th November	7:30pm	Millennium Green Bingo Evening	Clubroom
Monday	19th November	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Thursday	22nd November		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	

Thank you to The Soulbury Village Cricket Club for kindly sponsoring this month's newsletter.

If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication by 23rd November, please contact:

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SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that residents are being targeted by double glazing salesman. Please be aware of inviting anyone into your home. With the clocks going back it is advisable to keep lights on outside and in some of your rooms.

The Parish Council is thinking of making Soulbury a "no cold calling" area with signs being erected in the village. The Council would appreciate opinions from Soulbury Residents.

CHURCH NEWS

A new pastoral plan has been agreed by the clergy of the deanery and will be put into effect very soon after Christmas. These changes have become inevitable because of the changing nature of the Church – fewer clergy, less money and shrinking congregations.

Soulbury and Stewkley will be joined by Aston Abbots and Cublington. Drayton Parslow will now join Newton Longville, and Mursley with Swanbourne and Little Horwood. The Rev Michelle Morton will take on the four new parishes (population 3192) and it is hoped her workload will not be too much heavier. Aston Abbots and Cublington already have lay-led services, as well as a visiting non-stipendiary minister so are used to alternating when staffing is limited. As far as possible, All Saints Church will still have its usual Sunday 11:30am service.

On Remembrance Sunday we will gather at the War Memorial at 10:50am to observe the minute's silence at 11:00am. There will be a Remembrance Service in the church afterwards.

The Family Service on Sunday 18th November will be a Children's Toy Service. It would be very helpful if parents and children could wrap their presents in Christmas paper and label them with a note saying whether they are suitable for a boy or girl and of what age. Thank you.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The Bucks County Council Admissions Team is reminding parents of children born between 1st September 2003 and 31st August 2004 that now is the time to register children for starting school in the year September 2008 to August 2009.

Children must be registered **no later than 16th November** irrespective of the term of entry.

Parents can apply on-line at :

www.buckscc.gov.uk/schools/parents/admissions

You can contact the Admissions Team on 01296 383250 or admissions@buckscc.gov.uk

PLANNING THE PARISH

During three Parish Plan open sessions and a discussion at the Parish Council cheese & wine night people in the Soulbury Parish supplied a number of suggestions and highlighted their key areas of concern. These were divided into four main sections - Economy, Transport, Environment & Community. We had over 40 suggestions varying from the community hall proposal to traffic concerns and onto light and noise pollution from the by-pass and Luton airport. These are all now being converted into a questionnaire for circulation to all households in the Parish to enable you all to comment and indicate your concerns and priorities. In the meantime if you want to see what these key topics were please visit the Parish Plan section on www.soulbury.org and take a look! You can also see the names of the volunteer Steering Group and Committee who are coordinating the methodology to give you your say in how the Parish develops. Starting with a blank sheet of paper we will, over the next 12 months, with your assistance, put together a Plan to satisfy as far as possible the feelings and priorities of the inhabitants. Please look out for the questionnaire and let us have your comments. If you would like to get involved contact any of the team or call Malcolm on 01296 681067. For further information and a view of plans that other parishes have put together please visit : http://www.bucks-comm-action.org.uk/bca/parish_plans/

SUMMER BALL 2007

The money has finally been counted and we are pleased to announce that the ball this year raised £13,500. The monies raised will be split as follows £9,450 – SPARKS, £2,700 – Willen Hospice, £1,350 – Village. I am sure that all of you that attended will agree that it was a great night, despite all the rain before hand!! Paul, Sally, Paul and Sam would like to thank everyone who helped out before, during and after the event – there is a lot to organise so any extra help is greatly appreciated! I believe that we are planning on another ball in 2009 – best I check that with the others! Thanks again for all your support – it's the people that attend that help raise money towards a very worthy cause.

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BYPASS UPDATE - The road between the Three Locks and Linslade has now been re-opened.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING STEWKLEY PLAYERS

Soulbury's contribution to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning was held on 28th September at the Old Vicarage. With a great deal of help including friends, the WI, cake makers, raffle contributors, bring & buyers, donations and those who just came along to spend, the magnificent sum of £654.20 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support - Brilliant - Thank you!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Friends of St Michael's School are holding a Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 25th November between 2pm and 4pm. With Crafts & Gifts, Santa's Grotto, a Farmers Market, Children's Activities, Wine Tasting, Cakes and Refreshments there should be festive fun for the whole family and plenty of ideas for Christmas Presents! Entrance is £1 for adults, 50p for children over 5 and OAPs, children under 5 are free.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

(100 Club will be announced next month)

The Bingo Night is looming, so please put Friday 16th November in your diaries. It should be a fun night and it is for a good cause.

Tickets are £4 and the fun starts at 7:30pm in the Clubroom. If you would like to join in this popular game and show your support for the Millennium Green then please contact a trustee or me, Jane, and book a table to come along and enjoy the game and the usual hot supper! Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

There has been mention recently of the Millennium Green being a possible site for a Community Hall so as Chairman I thought it would be useful to give some history of how the Green came about.

Back in 1997/8 all communities wanting to celebrate the turn of the millennium were given the opportunity to do this in such a way that would benefit their communities now and for future generations. Soulbury opted for an open space for all in the parish to enjoy knowing that it would be free from development. A planning committee was setup, funds sought, land purchased and work started. In 2000 the Millennium Green was complete. To comply with grant funding terms the Trust had to take on the responsibility for its future upkeep and maintenance to a standard that all in the community can benefit and enjoy. There are statutory restrictions within the terms of the agreement and insurance, hence no bonfires, camping and a few others.

Money for this project was in the form of match funded grant schemes, principally the Lottery, Millennium and Countryside Commissionaire. Any funds had to be matched with our own fund raising efforts - jolly hard work for a few people! The physical work to transform this area was done by many volunteers from within and around the area. Many contractors and local businesses gave freely of time, resources, labour and other donated materials. Where professional skills required payment we had to source and secure the funds by our own fund raising efforts and contributions to match any funds or grants given. Whilst the Green belongs to the village/parish we are in fact committed to the terms of the grant given by the major fund sources for the next 25 years or so. The Green has an unfunded charity status, that means no annual handouts. We have to fund all the costs ourselves hence the 100 Club, coffee mornings and other events which we thank people for supporting. At present there are seven Trustees and two volunteers who give freely of time, energies and often their own money to take care and fulfil these obligations. We do not get paid, there is no annual dividend, we do not part own the land, we will not get a pension. We are entitled to get upset and disappointed when some people show little care or consideration.

About 270 Millennium Greens were established in England. Only about half that number remains as Trusts have collapsed through lack of commitment and support from their communities. The Soulbury Millennium Green is unique; the Countryside Inspector who visits every two years is proud of what we have achieved and marvels at its growth, she remembers 10 years ago when there were no trees! The Three Counties Radio team were envious of what we have, the school teachers and parents tell us every year how lucky we are to have such a lovely place and wish they had something similar. The Parish should be proud of what we have all achieved, the people who created the stage area or stonework, the people who know the difference between a primula and a primrose or planted one of the 1200 trees! The crane delivering the oak that is now 12ft tall was quite a sight, sadly three of the villagers that witnessed the event are no longer with us. If you want to know more visit www.millenniumgreen.co.uk - it's all there. There are mixed feelings, views and opinions of the Green's value to the village but I would feel sad to see it as a housing estate or other building venture. For years to come it may be the only "green" in Soulbury where your children and their children can play or take a dog for a walk. Please use and enjoy the Millennium Green as it belongs to us all. If you want any further information or would like to become more involved then please contact any trustee or myself, Jane Philpot. Thank you.

The Players' next production is a pantomime called "Panto Goes Wild West" written by Adrian Ripley with additional material by The Players. Come and see how Calamity Dame Cassidy, who is unable to pay her rent to the nasty Sheriff Texas, finally makes her fortune. There are nine songs and plenty of audience participation.

The Pantomime takes place in Stewkley Village Hall from Thursday 22nd to Saturday 24th November at 8pm with a Matinee performance on Saturday at 4pm. Tickets are £4 and are on sale now. Contact Jean Carter on 01525 240236 to order your tickets. Tickets must be paid for in advance with cheques payable to "Stewkley Players". Doors open at 7:30pm and a licensed bar will also be open.

MATERIAL REMNANT SALE

Why not come along to the Clubroom on 10th November between 1pm and 4pm? A variety of beautiful prints, velvets, silks and bold designs ideal for cushions and soft furnishings etc. will be on sale for between £1 and £3 per piece. There will also be Jewellery by Nicola including Swarovski crystal necklaces and bracelets at affordable prices plus various crafts. Half of all proceeds from the material sale will be donated to the All Saints Church fund. Admission is free.

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