



## SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

When discussing the recent planning applications at the last Parish Council meeting, it was noted with satisfaction that Evergreen Homes have dropped their proposal to demolish three of the Brook Cottages. Instead plans have been submitted to extend and modernise the existing two to make three homes again. There would also be off-road parking for six cars. The Council felt this was much more acceptable but suggested some conditions to which the developers should be made to adhere.

The plans for Rock Lane Farm have now been passed by A.V.D.C. planning department with a number of conditions, mainly safeguarding the present trees and demanding safety features on the roadway and a landscaping and planting scheme.

The Churchyard wall has reached the stage where the capping stones just remain to be fitted. But there has been a problem over locating enough to finish the job. If anyone knows of a source of second hand cappings or tiles which would suit the situation, Richard Onslow would be pleased to hear of it. (270485).

The Clubroom still has some work to be done to it and the next improvement will be the replacement of the windows to the toilet and kitchen. A quote was accepted at the meeting, so that work should be completed soon.

There were two items from the Aylesbury Vale District Council brought to our notice. One was the leaflet 'Know your District Councillor' which lists all the men and women who have been elected to serve on the Council and who decide how it's many functions should be carried out. They need contact with their local people and to do so Mrs Maureen Payne, our District Councillor, is usually at the Parish Council Meetings or she can be spoken with at home on 270418.

The other information was of a trial stand-by service and out-of-hours service by environmental health officers, which has been initiated. There will be an on-site response service to complaints of noise from parties, intruder alarms or vehicle alarms. First complaints should be made to the Police who can then contact the duty Environmental Health Officer. There will also be an advisory service for other Environmental Health matters. This is an answer-phone system which will be regularly monitored, the number is 01296 555093. The day-time number for any E.H. matter or more information is 01296 555149.

There were some suggestions from the public which involved speeding and heavy through the village traffic. The Council decided to invite County Highways representatives and the Police to a joint meeting to see if anything could be done.

There was also a recommendation that Hollingdon should be sign posted from the Green.  
The next Parish Council meetings will be on Monday 16th October and Monday 20th November.

**SAFARI SUPPER**

Jane Luxton is organising a Safari Supper for 32 people on the 7th October. The idea is that 4 groups of 8 people meet for starter courses at 4 houses, then split into 4 different groups of 8 for the main courses, gathering together at Bunty & John Pargeter's for sweets and coffee. The cost is £7.50 per head but provide your own wine. If you wish to participate please contact Jane on 270493.

**MUSICAL EVENING**

A Musical Evening at the home of Friends of Soulbury Church, John & Adrienne Stevens is being held on Saturday October 14th from 8pm. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle and tickets are £6. per person which includes buffet supper and two glasses of wine. Further drinks are available and all proceeds will go to the fund. The venue is at Milebush Farmhouse, Soulbury Road, Linslade, so if you wish to buy a ticket please contact David Kempster on 270080. The maximum tickets available is 50 so please order your tickets now.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP QUIZ NIGHT** This is to be held on Friday Nov 10th at 7.30pm in aid of Helen House Hospice for Sick Children in Oxford. Refreshments will be included. More details will be given next month.

**FRIENDS OF SOULBURY CHURCH**

The cost of the repairs to Soulbury Church is in part met by grants from charitable bodies whose objects are to assist in the preservation and maintenance of historic churches and we would like to mention two such bodies. The first is the Historic Churches Preservation Trust which was founded in 1953 to help finance repairs to churches and chapels of all denominations throughout England and Wales. That body now awards over £1,000,000 in grants and interest-free loans every year but it does badly need to raise more money to give to church restoration projects. In 1991 the Trust launched the Friends of Historic Churches Preservation Trust, the aim being to spread awareness and appreciation of the country's heritage of fine churches and to raise money to help repair them. The HCPT is looking for further friends to help support it's work. If you are interested in assisting this body could you please contact James Fairburn for more information or contact the HCPT direct at Fulham Palace, London SW6 6EA (telephone 0171 736 3054).

Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust has also made a very generous donation towards the repair costs. BHCT raises funds entirely by individual donation and deeds of covenant. They have set a target of two contributors in each parish in the county and if this were to be reached with an average annual contribution of £20 this would give the Trust £13,000 per annum to distribute by way of grants. Bearing in mind the total number of churches in Buckinghamshire which is still a comparatively modest amount. If anyone in Soulbury is interested in supporting the important work of the BHCT would they again contact James Fairburn who has the necessary information and application forms. It would be nice if the village could reciprocate for the kindness shown by these two bodies by finding some sponsors.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE** On Sunday October 29th at 4pm there will be a Thanksgiving Service. It is just a year since the Friends of Soulbury Church started on the Restoration of the Church. This service will mark the end of a very successful first year. A group will provide some music and accompany the hymns and there will be contributions from various people. Pauline and Peter Bibby will give a farewell talk before they move to Canada to thank Soulbury people for their friendship and offer some thoughts about the village. Do come and celebrate a remarkable achievement by the village.

**RESULTS** We have nearly reached our target for the first year. Work is on schedule and should be complete by the end of November. A programme of work for year 2 will be drawn up shortly together with a fund raising budget.

**Recent Receipts**

Sale of Pictures of Church by Robert Harris	212.50
Share of profit from W.I. Pig Roast	200.00
Proceeds from Golf and Tug of War	187.50

Pasta & Wine Evening at John Pargeters	450.00
Concert in Church on 17th September	193.00
Payments for grass cutting	187.50

Thanks are expressed to all those who helped and organised these events and to those who supported them.

### **SUNFLOWER COMPETITION**

The Sunflower competition has brought a great deal of pleasure to many people, not only growers but visitors too have enjoyed seeing bright yellow heads peeping over walls and fencing all over the village. And now the enormous seed heads will be a source of food for the birds or hamsters, and next year we might see even more flowers scattered around the gardens. The competition raised £120. net of prizes which were as follows:

£30.	1st	Margaret Rowe whose flower was over 13ft.6 inches.
£15.	2nd	Mrs Camp (Dean Farm Lane).
£5.	3rd	Peter Kittoe.
	4th	The Browns of Hollingdon.

### **CAR TREASURE HUNT**

This was not as well supported as it might have been, but a good day was had by all, lost in the countryside! The final rendezvous was the Three Locks Golf Club where everyone was well looked after. The first two cars were driven by members of the Walton family and the third prize went to Jean & Stan Morris.

### **CHURCH NEWS**

Special Service on Sunday Oct 15th. There is a Benefice event at Stewkley Methodist Church at 6pm. The hospital chaplain at Milton Keynes General Hospital, Rev. Margaret Saunders, will lead a service and discussion of the topic "Does Prayer Work?"

Peter Lymbery has been accepted onto a 3 year course by the Diocese of Oxford in order to train to become an honorary clergyman for Soulbury. The official title is L.N.S.M. (Local Non-Stipendary Minister). Some members of All Saints will take part in some of his course and we wish him well as he endeavours to achieve a life long ambition.

Harvest Supper was attended by 56 people who enjoyed a meal of Shepherds Pie followed by Apple Pie. The total raised including a raffle and auction of harvest produce was £397.50. Thanks to the ladies who prepared the food and to those who joined in helping to serve it.

The collection for Leighton Buzzard branch of M.S. Society raised £102.00. They have expressed their appreciation and Stan Morris wonders if somebody would offer to help him with this collection in future years.

**BUS TIMETABLE** There are a few spare copies of the timetable published with last month's newsletter. If anyone mislays their copy please contact Liz Miller 270545.

**W.I. Tuesday 10th October** - The meeting this month is to include a talk entitled "Behind the Scenes at Chelsea" by Sheila Fishwick. (Note, Chelsea Flower Show, not football club!). Members and friends welcome. At this meeting nominations will be accepted for the new committee, to be voted upon at the A.G.M. in November. For further information telephone Val Hammond on 270604.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** A slideshow and a talk on Solbury, Pennsylvania will be held at Church Farm House on Wed. Oct. 18th at 7.45pm. The slides have been kindly donated by Mrs Winifred Loring whose late husband was vicar here for many years.

**NOTICES**

Lady available to babysit anytime. Telephone 270316.

Would anyone be interested in an art drawing and water colour class run in the village? Please contact Mrs Jeffreys (qualified illustrator) 270343.

Is there anyone travelling from Soulbury to Leighton Buzzard on Monday mornings about 9.15am to 9.30am? A lady needs a lift from Mount Pleasant to Manor Farm House so if someone can help would they contact Jane Luxton on 270493.

**AROMATHERAPY & MASSAGE THERAPY** - Help yourself to better health. Fully trained and qualified therapist Annette Gesoff S.P.Cert A.,MISPA,ITEC,AIPTI. Please phone for further details Stewkley 01525 240135.

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**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Vicar. Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley, 240287

Sunday Services.

Oct. 1st	Benefice Service at Stewkley 10.15am
Oct. 8th	Sung Eucharist 11.30am
Oct. 15th	“ “ “
Oct. 22nd	Sung Eucharist 11.30am taken by Rev. Brian Saunders
Oct. 29th	All Saints Day 10.00am Benefice Sung Eucharist Preacher. Rev. Vernon Smith from All Saints Leighton Buzzard 4.00pm Thanksgiving Service

**METHODIST CHURCH**

Minister: Rev. J Hustler. Tel 240251, The Manse, Stewkley.

Oct. 1st	10.30am	Mrs Hugo	Family Service
Oct. 8th	6.00pm	Rev. J. Hustler	
15th	6.00pm	Mr D. Harbey	
22nd	6.00pm	Dr R. Owers	
29th	6.00pm	Mr W. Farmers	

Youth Group every Sunday after 6pm service, except 1st Sunday in the month.  
Mother & Toddler Group - every Tuesday 10.45am - 12 noon.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** - Meetings in the clubroom unless otherwise stated.

Tue. Oct. 3rd	Cabouchon Jewellery Party - 7.30pm
Sat. Oct. 7th	Safari Supper
Wed. Oct. 4th/18th	Mobile Library 11.35 - 11.55am
Wed. Oct 4/11/18/25	Keep Fit 8.15 - 9.15pm
Thur. Oct 5/12/19/26	Bowls Evening 7.30pm
Tue. Oct 10th	W.I. Behind the Scenes at Chelsea with Mrs. S. Fishwick 8pm
Wed. Oct 11th	Social Circle - Cars leave The Mead 2pm
Mon. Oct 16th	Parish Council Meeting 8pm
Wed. Oct 18th	W.F. Slides on Solbury. Penns. USA at Church Farm House 7.45pm

**DIARY DATES**

Fri. Nov 10th Quiz Evening  
Mon Nov 20th Parish Council Meeting

Items for next issue by 23rd October to: Mrs Miller. 270545. Mrs Bunyan 270461.  
Mrs Norman 270483. Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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