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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Council meeting held recently it was noted with disappointment that P.C. Brigginslaw had been allocated a new locality, and although P.C. Mick Griggs will be made welcome, the Council felt this rapid changing of rural officers was very unsatisfactory. The Clerk will write to the Area Superintendent to make him aware of this. There was no police representative present at the meeting to comment.

Mr Bercow MP has taken a great interest in our village traffic problems and has written to Bucks County Council's Head of Transportation supporting our request for a 7.5 tonne weight limit. He also pressed them for specific estimates for repairing the Castle Hill Bridge in Wing as he felt this work should be carried out speedily, not waiting for a possible five years. It is likely that the local papers may well take up the cause also.

Mrs Miller reported that the owner of the site used by the car dismantlers at Hollingdon Depot had agreed to allow a hedge to be planted along the frontage, so long as he did not have to bear any costs. Although this was felt to be unsatisfactory, at least permission had been given and as the hedge was deemed a necessity, to act as a screen to try to improve the landscape here, it was agreed a grant should be sought to help with the costs. Volunteers would then be requested to plant the hedgerow in November.

When the subject of the children's Playground was raised Mr Cross agreed to make good the large hole that had appeared on the football area, and also agreed to repair the fence which had been damaged. Mrs Miller reported that several of the elm trees between the High Road and the playground fence had died and ought to be felled. The Council agreed that all along the road the hedge needed tidying, so this work should be carried out in the Autumn, after planning permission had been granted.

It was reported that the green sacks scheme, where by pensioners in the village were supplied with sacks for garden rubbish free of charge, had been running successfully now for over two years. Six hundred sacks had been distributed to the 30 or so pensioners who were making use of the facility. The sacks are currently 41p each but remain free to pensioners.

It was agreed to write to the organiser of the Mobile Library route to request that the library van should once again use Chapel Hill as its parking place. It was felt that the Bus Stop was really no safer and caused access problems for the users of the library.

Mr Brazier reported some progress on the Millennium Green project, but was awaiting replies to various requests for information.

The dates for the next three Parish Council meetings were fixed for Wednesday 15th October, Monday 17th November and Monday 15th December.

NEW HEDGEROW REGULATIONS

As from 1st June 1997 new rules have come into force governing the removal of hedgerows. "It is against the law to remove most countryside hedgerows without permission. To get permission to remove a hedgerow, you must write to your local planning authority. If the authority decide to prohibit removal of an important hedgerow, it must let you know within 6 weeks. If you remove a hedgerow without permission (whether it is important or not) you may face an unlimited fine. You may also have to replace the hedgerow." The way in which the regulations apply to individual hedgerows is quite complex so anyone with plans to remove a hedgerow is advised to consult informally with the A.V.D.C. planning department at an early stage.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE WALK

Old Salt Way Walk. Monday 27th October - 2½hrs / 4miles

Enjoy a four mile circular walk to the north of Mursley including the ancient packhorse track to Watling Street. Meet Roger Jefcoate at Mursley Church at 10am. Grid ref.: SP817 285

MRS JAN BIRDSALL

We regret to report the death of Mrs Jan Birdsall on 23rd September. Although Jan had only lived in the village for about 4 years, she was involved in very many aspects of our village life. She was an active participator in the Church Restoration Fund team and a regular member of the Church Community. She joined both the Women's Fellowship and the Women's Institute. Until ill health prevented her, she regularly typed the village newsletter and wrote a column about Soulbury happenings for the Leighton Buzzard Observer. Everyone who knew her will remember her great enthusiasm and sense of fun and she will be sadly missed. We extend our sympathy to Barrie and the rest of her family, (including her very recently born twin granddaughters whom Jan was able to see in the last weeks of her life).

MRS JOYCE ANDREWS

We are also sorry to hear of the recent death of Mrs Joyce Andrews who, with her husband Bob, was Land Lady of The Boot for many years before Mr Saint took over.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Tony and Lady Rose Saint who have recently come to live at The Boot.

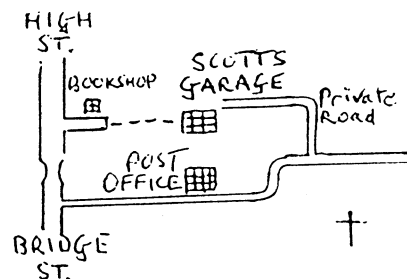
FAREWELL

We are sorry to say goodbye to Doug Smith and his family who have been such loyal milk roundsmen in the village for the last 20 years.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

The Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce on 22nd September raised a total of £350. Thanks are due to the ladies who helped prepare and serve the food and to all those who donated gifts for the Harvest Festival, raffle prizes and helped in other ways.

PCC The next meeting will be held in the Chapel Schoolroom at 8pm on Wednesday 5th November.

An Autumn Fair will take place in the Clubroom on Saturday 8th November from 10am to 12 noon in support of the Church General Funds. Raffle, stalls including Christmas gifts, Bring & Buy, cakes. New ideas welcome. Admission 50p including coffee and biscuits. Contact Stan Morris, 3 Stewkley Road. 270577.

RESTORATION NEWS

Building Work / Bells. We are promised a decision on the English heritage grant for the next stage of the Restoration by the end of October. Bells a little longer.

Barn Dance

27 September

Results in next Newsletter

Concert - Cedars Jazz Band

28 September

Christmas Raffle. More details in the November Newsletter. In the meantime, if anybody can help with offers of prizes or take some tickets to sell please contact Stan Morris at 3 Stewkley Road. 270577.

Supper and Open Garden. This event of 30th August raised £300 for the Restoration Fund. Many thanks to John and Bunty Pargeter for all their hard work.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are again asking for your support for the MacMillan coffee morning for which Mrs Sheila Morgan so kindly opens The Old School, between 9am and 12 noon on Friday 3rd October. Please come along and add your signature to the rest of those trying to beat the present total in the Guinness Book of Records. At the same time you can help the funds of MacMillan Cancer Relief by buying the cakes, produce, preserves etc. which will be on sale, by bringing items for sale and by taking part in the raffle. Christmas cards from Florence Nightingale House will also be on sale.

WI

Tuesday 4th October. This month we have been invited by Stoke Hammond to join them for a talk entitled "Supermarket Know-how" a behind the scenes look at Sainsbury's. The meeting starts at 7.30pm, so cars will be leaving from the top of The Green (outside the Thatches) at 7.15pm. For further information about any of the meetings or membership, please telephone Margaret Rowe on 270355 or Mary Giles on 270568.

AGES OF TRANSFER IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

From 1st September 1999, pupils in LEA, Voluntary and GM schools in Aylesbury Vale will transfer at the age of 7 years from First to Middle Schools and at 11 years from Middle and Combined Schools to Secondary Schools.

Some schools will continue to admit children at the same ages as currently being admitted but this does not preclude parental choice for those who may wish to transfer their children to the feeder schools which will be taking children a year earlier.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel. 240287

Sunday October 5th
12th
19th Sung Eucharist 11.30am
26th
November 2nd 10am **note time**. Family Service to mark All Saints Day.
We shall be joined by Stewkley and Drayton Parslow churches. Preacher Rev. John Hammersley.
NO SUNDAY CLUB

METHODIST CHURCH Minister: Rev. Ian Banks. The Manse, Stewkley. Tel 240251

Sunday	October	5th	10am	Mr. L Renfrew
		12th	6pm	Rev. I. Banks - Sacrament of the Lords Supper
		19th	6pm	Mr. W. Smith
		26th	6pm	Mr. E. Barnett

Sunday Club 11.25am on 12th, 19th and 26th October

Mother & Toddler 10.30am to 12 noon every Tuesday

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday	October	3rd	9am-12noon	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday	October	13th & 27th	2.35-2.50pm	Mobile Library, Stewkley Road
Tuesday	October	14th	7.30pm	W.I. - Invitation to Stoke Hammond
Weds.	October	8th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Weds.	October	15th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship - 'Knitting for Charity Evening'. At the home of Mrs. P. Marshall
Thursday	October	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	7.30pm	Bowls evening
Weds.	October	15th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Weds.	October	1st, 15th, 29th		Woodland Waste Paper Collection
Thursday	October	9th & 23rd		A.V.D.C. Waste Paper Collection

DIARY DATES

Monday	November	17th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Monday	December	15th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting

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

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