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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The petition raised in the village regarding the proposed 7.5 tonne limit across The Green contained upwards of 155 signatures. The Clerk will forward it to Mrs Jennings to present to Bucks County Council.

It was reported that the sit-on mower belonging to the Parish Council will shortly require replacement and consideration will be given to possibly upgrading the machine, as its usage has increased. Bucks County Council have written to say that resurfacing work on the Stewkley Road will take place on 26 October, which will involve closing the road. The Clerk will get further information on the situation.

Congratulations were sent to Mr Ian Parrott who has received an award for excellence in dairy farm herd-management.

The Clerk will be contacting the Police over dangerous parking at the exit road at Hollingdon Depot, and also over the parking of a car on the pavement at the foot of Blacksmith Hill, which is an obstruction to pedestrians.

The Chairman will be attending the Liscombe Park public meeting on roads, to put forward the views of the Parish Council. The next Parish Council meeting will be on 19 October.

Bogus Callers

Thames Valley Police Crime Reduction Department have sent some advice on taking precautions when answering the door to callers. Bogus callers often claim to be from authorities such as the Council or the Gas Board, or may say they need to check something or do urgent repairs on your property.

Genuine callers do not mind giving you their name, telephone number and address in order that you can check their identity, and usually make an appointment. Some public utility services operate a password system whereby you can ask the caller for the password that you have given the company - contact your local branch for more information as this can be very useful if you are in any doubt about a caller to your property.

If in doubt do not let a stranger in. Use a door chain which can be fitted to your front door, and you can be safe, but keep the back door locked in case two people are working together.

If you are not happy about a caller's intentions, phone the Police and tell them what has happened, giving them as much detail as possible about the person and their vehicle.

For further advice please contact Aylesbury Police Crime Reduction Department on 01296 396078.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Considerable progress has been made during September one of the achievements being the completion of the sale of the field so that Soulbury Millennium Green Trust now own it and are responsible for all that happens in it. For this reason the 'Private' sign has now appeared. It does not mean that the public may not use the area but while the green is being created and obviously whilst heavy machinery is on site it may be a dangerous place and therefore the public are taking a risk coming into the area. Children playing unattended anywhere on the green would be unwise.

The most obvious achievement is the scraping out of the wet hollows near the pond and the deepening of the pond itself which was done amazingly quickly by a large caterpillar-tracked digger. Mr Pete Bone from Rislip Farm very kindly arranged this with the use of T Taylors' Dirt-Team equipment, and we are very grateful to him for this contribution to the creation of the Millennium Green. More volunteers then used equipment kindly lent by SRBE to finish off this area, and made a start on preparing other areas for tree planting. Further preparations by way of manuring, fencing and mulching will take place in October and November, so as to make the actual planting of the trees in December relatively straightforward. Many of you have offered help in lots of different ways and the Trustees are very grateful and also pleased that so far you have given us such enthusiastic support. Our first fund-raising will be the Race Night on Friday 16 October. Stan Morris writes 'We need to clarify the position regarding the Race Night. Stan Morris, Margaret Rowe and Mr & Mrs C Bryant were originally going to arrange the race to raise funds for the Friends of Soulbury Church. After some discussion with the PCC and the FOSC Stan, Margaret and the Chrises agreed to arrange it under the banner of the Millennium Green Trust as an opening function for their fund raising. We look forward to a good response. The date is Friday 16 October at 8 pm in the Clubroom. Bring your own drink and glasses. The tickets £5 each including supper are available from Liz Miller 270545, Maureen Payne 270418 and Jane 270532.

If you would like to buy a horse for £3 but cannot come to the evening please enquire of one of these three names.

In November the official launch of Buckinghamshire's first Millennium Green (that's us!) is being held, it will be on the Soulbury field on Saturday 14 November at 2 pm. We hope we will be planting the Millennium Oak at that time also and all the press will be there. So do put that date in your diary.

STOP PRESS

For the tree planting project we are going to use a mulch of newspapers. Please may we ask everybody to save their newspapers for us. Only newspapers please. Diane and Graeme Lowes of Cypry House (bottom of Dean Farm Lane) have kindly offered to store them for us. If you can tie them and deliver them to their front door we would be most pleased. However if you have trouble doing this please contact Liz Miller 270545 or Jon Sheppard 270377 who will arrange collection.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH CLEANING Help would be appreciated from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday 3 October so that the Church is spic and span for Peter Lymbery's Welcome Service the following day. Thereafter please keep in touch with Stan Morris re cleaning while building work is in progress.

HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION OF PRODUCE on 21 September raised a total of £400.

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.

PETER LYMBERY October 3rd and 4th are particularly important days for Peter. On the 3rd he is to be ordained Deacon in the Cathedral of Christ Church, Oxford by the Rt Rev Richard D Harris, Lord Bishop of Oxford. There are some 18 ordinands, a cause for celebration, but it does mean that attendance has to be limited to people who already have tickets. The following day, Sunday October 4, there is to be a Service of Thanksgiving in All Saints Soulbury at 3 pm. The Rev Paul Drake, our former vicar will be in attendance. We look forward to Peter's work in the parish as a local non-stipendiary minister.

PCC The next meeting will be in the Clubroom on Tuesday 20 October at 8 pm.

A Coffee Morning will take place in the Clubroom on Saturday 7 November from 10.30 am 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

By the time this Newsletter appears Phase 2 of the Restoration work should be in progress and is scheduled to be completed by Christmas (1998!). More details on this work and on the bells will be distributed shortly.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are again asking everyone to help the Biggest Coffee Morning in the World by adding their signatures at the Old School between 9 am and noon on Friday October 2nd. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale and a Raffle and we are asking for cakes, produce and preserves for sale as well as other saleable items and raffle prizes. For anyone unable to attend we have a few catalogues of Macmillan Christmas cards, calendars, gift wrap etc. You can either send you own order, or reduce postage charges by giving your requirements to Daphne Booth to be submitted with a joint order (phone 270322).

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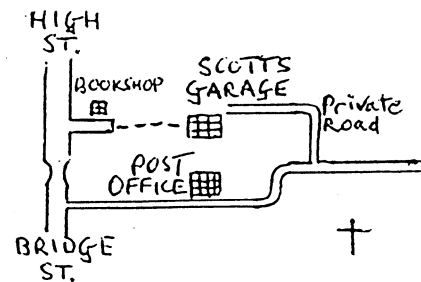
October 13 1998 - 'A Glimpse of Japan' Story of Expo '90 Mr & Mrs J Bishop
New members always welcome. Please contact either Margaret on 270355 or Andrea on 270474 for further information.

WELCOME We are pleased to welcome to the village Lexie and Don Connor who have come to live in Chapel Hill.

WANTED Bookcase in reasonable condition 270607.

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

Sun Oct 4		No service in morning (Family Service 10 am at the Chapel)
	3 pm	Welcome Service for Peter Lymbery
Sun Oct 11	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Sun Oct 18	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist. Return visit of John Hammersley, the Bishop's officer for locally ordained ministers
Sun Oct 25	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Sun Nov 1	10 am	NOTE TIME - All Saints Day Patronal Festival. We shall be joined by the congregations from Stewkley and Drayton Parslow

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

Sun Oct 4	10 am	Mr P Mole. Family Service
Sun Oct 11	6 pm	Mr D Harbey
Sun Oct 18	6 pm	Rev Ian Banks. Holy Communion
Sun Oct 25	6 pm	Pastor Martyn Hallett
Toddlers	10 am	Every Tuesday
Sunday Club	10 am	Each Sunday
Monthly Prayers Meeting	8.30 am	First Sunday in each month prior to morning service

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Fri Oct 2	9 am - 12 noon	Macmillan Coffee Morning (The Old School)
Tue Oct 13	8 pm	WI 'A Glimpse of Japan'
Wed Oct 14	2.30 pm	Social Circle
Mon Oct 19	8 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Mon Oct 5 & 19	10.15 - 10.30 am	Mobile Library (High Road)
	2.35 - 2.50 pm	Mobile Library (Stewkley Road)
Fri Oct 16	8 pm	Race Night
Wed Oct 21	7.45 pm	WF Talk on Morfields Eye Hospital by Joan Eyles at No 7 Chapel Hill
Thurs Oct 8 & 22		A.V.D.C Waste Paper and Recycling Collections
Thurs Oct 1,8,15,22,29	7.30 pm	Bowls Evening

DIARY DATES

Sat Nov 7	Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12 noon in the Clubroom
Sat Nov 14	Millennium Green Launch on the field at 2 pm
Sat Nov 21	Pub Games Evening F.O.S.C. venue to be announced

Items for next issue by 21 October to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483
or Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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