



October 2000



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter this month celebrates its 25th Birthday!! This is a fantastic achievement, especially when you consider how difficult it must have been to collate and produce twenty-five years ago. It is not an easy feat now and we enjoy the benefits of computers!

The Newsletter; in many ways, brings together the village, to the many people that gather the information and articles, meeting to collate the Newsletter, producing it and also delivering it to the houses of Soulbury, Hollingdon, Stockgrove, Chelmescote, Liscombe, The Three Locks and it's neighbouring houses. It has proved to be a major asset to the parish of Soulbury and a very welcome part of it too, hopefully for many more years to come.



MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

It is nice to see the Green being used in the good weather by lots of people – children of all ages, people just walking their dogs, strolling around and sitting in the sun.

There's lots of weeds, particularly bindweed, that need pulling up and off the young trees in the plantation areas, so if anyone hasn't got enough weeds to pull up in their own garden, do come and have a go at weeding on the Green. It's very therapeutic you know!

The meadow grass has been cut – many thanks to Mr Les Hubbard

from Liscombe for doing this. We are looking for someone with a small tractor and plough, to plough part of the arable area for a small fee. If you know of anyone at all who could help us, please let one of the trustees know or call Christine Sheppard (270377).

We are also looking for a contractor to do the maintenance work on the Millennium Green next year, 2001. We have made several enquiries but with no success so far. It just means mowing the meadow twice a year and the orchard and generally keeping the thistles, nettles etc under control, and tidying up. Again, if anyone knows of a company or group who might be interested in this job and costing it out for us, we would be most grateful.

It is hoped that full use should be made of the amphitheatre on the Green. AVDC is to be informed of the availability of the amphitheatre as a venue for various outdoor entertainments arranged by AVDC, with a view to making full use of the amphitheatre next year.

Dedication Plaques have been obtained for use on the trees planted on the Millennium Green. Members of the village who have supplied a tree for the Green, and wish to have it dedicated in memory of a loved one, should contact Maureen Payne (270418). She will arrange for a plaque to be engraved with a suitable dedication in return for the payment of the cost of engraving.

WINNER!!!

In a roundabout sort of way, we won David Scotts Garage prize in the Soulbury Millennium Green Grand Draw (way back in June). By way of thanks to David; whom I think is terrific, I thought I would inform Soulbury and it's parish what an excellent job he did with the Prize MOT that he donated.

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As well as doing a professional job, he was very friendly, very straight and didn't once attempt to fix part of the car that didn't need fixing!!! (sorry). He did a good job.... So much so that I've been back to his garage since, but this time I had to pay.

Thank you David for the freebie.

D Hulston

100 CLUB

The 100 Club is coming along well, but we need more members from the village. The more people we have, the more money there will be to win, if you win that is!

Mr Andy Wood from Leighton Buzzard won the prize AGAIN this September. Second time he's won - lucky man. If you would like more information, please phone Christine Sheppard on 270377.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the September meeting the Clerk reported that the existing Orange mast at Hill View Farm is to be removed in the near future. Consequently, Orange are now seeking a fresh site for this mast in Soulbury, and have suggested to the Parish Council that such a mast be erected either on the lamp post on the corner of 2 Mount Pleasant and The Forge, 2 High Road or on a stand alone pole somewhere along The Green. The Parish Council is not prepared to grant permission for this to be done. A public meeting is to be arranged with a representative of Orange in order to discuss this matter, particularly with regard to the siting of the mast. In due course villagers will be urged to attend this meeting in order to make their views known to the Orange representative.

AVDC is implementing the Act against dog fouling next year, which will permit action to be taken against anyone allowing dog fouling to occur on any areas falling under the general description of open spaces, which includes churchyards and common land, such as The Green.

Reference was made to the fact that The Green is common land and as such is subject to the rules and regulations that govern 'common

land', for example grazing rights. The Parish Council wishes it to be known that they consider that they are responsible for the up-keep of The Green and have a duty to preserve it as common land. They wish residents of the village to be aware that no alterations or changes of the use of The Green should be made without the permission of the Parish Council, which can be sought via the Clerk.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Church Cleaning

Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays 30th September and 28th October.

Christmas Cards

We hope to produce a new card for this year, but in the meantime we are able to offer some very attractive cards depicting the Church in snow. These may well be of interest to newcomers to the village or to people living in other villages. They cost 10p each with proceeds going to the Restoration Fund. If you are interested please contact Stan Morris on 270577.

Christmas Bingo

Support for this event has dwindled in recent years and we do not intend to repeat it this year. We are giving notice accordingly so that any other organisation can take it up if they want to.



HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION OF PRODUCE

This is scheduled to take place in the Clubroom on Monday 2nd October at 7.30pm. If you have not got a ticket and wish to attend please contact Margaret Rowe on 270355.

CONFIRMATION

There will be a Confirmation service at St Michael's Stewkley on 4th March 2001. If any adults or young people are considering being confirmed then, please talk to Norman Cotton or Peter Lymbery.

GIFT AID

It is now easier than it used to be to make donations to the Church in a way that the Church can claim back any tax you have to pay on the money given. If you only attend occasionally you will find envelopes in the pew and you can put your money in, signing a simple declaration.

For those who attend more regularly a simple declaration can be made on a continuing basis. You are not committed to a given amount of money or to a fixed period of time. If you wish to take this up please talk to the vicar, Churchwardens or the Treasurer.

Contributions to the Friends of Soulbury Church can be made in the same tax effective way.



SALE OF AUTUMN PLANTS AND BULBS

The Friends of Soulbury Church are once again offering autumn bedding plants and bulbs at competitive prices. This autumn, in an effort to save costs, we are not sending out order forms with the newsletter. Orders may be placed by telephoning James Fairbairn on (01525) 270674, before the 15th October.

The bedding plants available are Polyanthus mixed, Sweet William mixed, Forget-me-nots, Bellis red daisy, Lavender (mustard dwarf), Viola mixed, Foxglove, Winter flowering Pansy and Carnations all at £1.60 per tray (6 to 15 plants per tray depending on type).

At £2 per tray are Lupins, Oriental Poppy, Delphinium, Aquilegia, Red Hot Poker, Pot grown Primrose, Primula, (all with 6 plants per tray). Trays of 6 Alpine Plants and 9 Wallflowers are available for £1.50.

Bulbs:- Tulips (mixed) at £1.50 for 20, Miniature Daffodils, English Bluebell, Dwarf Tulips and Freesias at £1.30 for 10, Crocus large mixed at £1.30 for 20.

King Alfred and Cheerfulness Double White Daffodils, Dwarf Iris and Snowdrops cost £1.20 for 10.

Also available are 20 Grape Hyacinth for £1.20 and 12 Anemones both for £1.20, and Pink White or Blue Hyacinth at £1.20 for 3 bulbs.

This year there is also a selection of roses; Hybrid Tea, Floribunda and Climbers, at £2 each.

Please call for further details or a full list.



THE NEWSLETTER – A HISTORY

We are grateful to Miss Daphne Booth who has compiled an account of the history of our village newsletter. The first part of this is reproduced here and we hope to continue this in future issues:-

“This month is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the very first issue of the Soulbury Newsletter. Some people were not here at the time and some of us have forgotten how it all started, so this seems to be a good time to recall how it came about.

The following is the text of the first part of an exploratory leaflet circulated in the village soon after the retirement of the Rev. John ???? , *LORNA* “ At the recent meeting of the Women’s Fellowship a topic of discussion was the difficulty of circulating village news now that we do not have our own Parish News.

We considered the matter at some length and it was decided that the Women’s Fellowship would like to produce a village news letter to be published monthly..... The venture will run for a six month experimental period in the first place but it is hoped that it will be so successful that it can become a permanent feature of village life.”

The response was encouraging enough for the venture to proceed. The Women’s Fellowship lent the money to purchase paper, stencils, ink and a Flatbed Duplicator (don’t ask – we didn’t actually meet Noah but it certainly came out of the Ark). From the start it was intended that the Newsletter financing should be completely separate from Fellowship monies so we proposed a charge of 10p for six issues, in time it increased to 15p.

The first issue was a double-sided single sheet of quarto paper and until November 1976 the paper size varied between quarto and foolscap, then settled permanently as foolscap until paper sizes generally switched to the more modern A4, A5 etc.

Delivery of the Newsletter to those who ordered it, was made by members of the Women’s Fellowship who also had to call and collect the payments every six months. Twenty-five years later six of the same members are still making deliveries every month – Mrs Gertie Austin personally delivering 53 copies!

In October 1977 we were able to announce that the Newsletter was produced on our new rotary duplicator. Again a loan from the Woman’s Fellowship meant that we did not have to wait until the Newsletter funds were sufficient to allow us to bring to an end the laborious process of four separate actions to produce each single copy – not to say the incredible ability of the ink, like jam entrusted to a child, to spread itself to places of which one would never guess.

Up to the same date we had recorded the building of the houses in Andrews Close, the formation of an association which made it possible for the Parish Council to acquire a piece of land to become allotments, the start of a campaign which ended in December 1976 in the defeat of Clays the butchers attempt to build a vast abattoir on the former Mongers site in Stewkley Road, the fundraising and planning which led to appropriate celebrations of the Queen’s Silver Jubilee, by January 1978 we recorded the demolition as unsafe of the Three Locks Bridge and the debate as to whether it should be replaced with a new one and later that the new bridge was due for completion by late summer of 1979.”
To be continued next month.

By Miss D Booth.



FIFTY YEARS OF FIDDLING

Some 30 friends and neighbours of Lorna Stephen gathered in the Clubroom recently for “50 Years of Fiddling”. Lorna, who has gradually

lost her sight over the last few years recounted the story of her life in words and music and at the end of the performance, which lasted an hour and three quarters, there wasn’t a dry eye in the house.

Thanks to Lorna for a really great evening. A collection at the end of the performance raised £70 for the Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Please note that this month’s meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th October at Gertie Austin’s in The Mead.



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TOO.

WE DO CAMPING WITH
PROVIDED EQUIPMENT.

WE ALSO LEARN ABOUT COMPASS
PLANNING, AND WE LEARN THE
BASICS OF PUTTING UP TENTS.

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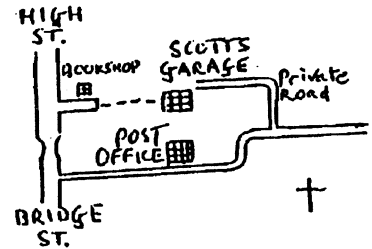
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2000

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday	2 nd	7.30pm	Church Harvest Supper
Monday	2 nd , 16 th , 30 th	2.00pm – 2.15pm 2.20pm – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-by High Road. Stewkley Rd Bus Stop.
Thursday	5 th , 19 th		A.V.D.C Waste Paper and Recycling Collection.
Thursday	5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
Tuesday	10 th	8.00pm	W.I – A Trip to the Polar Ice Cap, Mr M George
Wednesday	11 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Monday	16 th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	17 th	7.45pm	W.F. – At Gertie Austin's, The Mead
Saturday	28 th	10am – Noon	Church Cleaning



DIARY DATES

November	Saturday 11 th	10.30am – Noon	Church Coffee Morning in the Clubroom
November	Sunday 12 th	10.30am 11.00am	Remembrance Day Service in Church (and at) Memorial

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley – Tel: 240287

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

All Sundays in October & 5 th November		11.30am	Sung Communion in Church
Except:-			
Sunday	1 st October	4.00pm	Harvest Festival and Dedication of the Bells
Sunday	29 th October	10am	Patronal Festival – Sung Communion United Service with congregations of St Michael's, Stewkley and Holy Trinity, Drayton Parslow

METHODIST CHURCH:

Minister: Rev. Brian Trudgian, The Manse, Stewkley – Tel: 240251

Sunday	1 st		No Service
Sunday	8 th	6.00pm	Mr M Owens
Sunday	15 th		No Service
Sunday	22 nd		No Service
Sunday	29 th	6.00pm	Rev. A Cowburn – Sacrament of Lords Supper
All Sundays except first in month		10.00am	Sunday Club

Items for next issue by 18th July 2000 to: - Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Mr Friswell 270918, Mrs Hulston 270349, Miss Wegener 270284, Mrs Stevens 270514 or Mrs Ridley 270619.