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BYPASS OPENS!

After decades of campaigning and waiting the bypass finally opened on Friday 14th September. No doubt everyone in Stoke Hammond, Soulbury and Linslade will have already noticed the difference in traffic levels. Hopefully when the final road works are completed and all parts of the bypass are fully open we will appreciate the full benefit. Don't forget that Rothschild Road in Wing is now a no through road - no doubt the residents are enjoying both the peace and the amusement of seeing the occasional frustrated commuter having to reverse up the street!



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	7th October	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	14th October	09:00am	SAID Communion
Sunday	21st October	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Sunday	28th October	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	4th November	11:30am	Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	4th October	6:30pm	Youth Club	Clubroom
Friday	5th October	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Tuesday	9th October		WI - (Trekking) The Beauty of N.Z. - Jo Messenger	
Thursday	11th October		AVDC Collection for Recycling	
Monday	15th October	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Thursday	18th October	6:30pm	Youth Club	Clubroom
Friday	19th October	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Friday	19th October	8:00pm	WI Race Night - Entrance £6	Clubroom
Thursday	25th October		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	

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If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication by 22nd October, please contact:

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bus Service

At present the No.70 Arriva is passing through Soulbury for Milton Keynes, Leighton Buzzard and Luton Airport. On weekdays the Leighton Buzzard to Milton Keynes passes through the village at approximately 10 minutes to the hour. The return service starts at 08:30 from Milton Keynes, and then every hour on the half hour until 18:30, followed by 19:20 and 20:20 - these services continue onto the airport. For more details please contact Mrs M Bunyan who has a copy of the timetable, you can also find one online at www.arrivabus.co.uk although the timetable omits to mention that the service passes through Soulbury as this is currently a temporary arrangement. Arriva may consider a permanent service should there prove to be a need.

Footpaths & Rights of Way

Dog walkers please keep your dogs under control when walking through fields etc. where animals are grazing. This is for the safety of all the animals as well as your own.

Parking on the Green

Please be aware that it is an offence to park a vehicle on the Green. It is common land and the Parish Council could enforce penalty charges.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

100 Club winner - 36

A big thank you to Liz and a gang of seven happy helpers, including David and Fiona and the Letts Buzz crew. It took a full Saturday to gather all the hay from the meadow that had been kindly cut by Peter Pearce from Stewkley. Thank you Peter - you're a good man. During the day there was a big clear up of the long grass areas and the Hazel grove in the Annex was cleared of a lot of bind weed. Thank you to all who have helped this month.

Most of the fruit was picked this year, there was a bumper harvest of Damsons, and at the moment there seems to be a good crop of Blackberries and Rosehips. Please go and pick this fruit if you would like to - they would all make nice wine and jam!

The Trust is aware that the pathway edges running the length of the Green are in need of a little repair. We are making enquiries to AVDC to see if we can secure a grant to help meet the cost as it is going to be very expensive. Unfortunately there is no coffee morning planned for October but hopefully there may be another one in November or December. In November we are planning a Bingo and hot supper night. This is a first for the Trust so I hope there will be plenty of you who would like to come along for an enjoyable evening. Tickets are £6 which includes the hot supper, but please bring along your own drinks and glasses. Booking a table is as easy as contacting me, Chris or Christine.

The Youth Club are planning a work morning doing a few light chores followed by a BBQ on Sunday 28th October, I am sure they would welcome helpers so please contact Debbie Hulston. If your child is to be included in this fun activity then please make sure they are dressed warmly and appropriately. We wish them a fun time with loads of sunshine and laughter.

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KEN NORMAN

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the recent death of Ken Norman. Ken and Pam had lived in the village for all their married life of some 46 years. Ken was a keen gardener and took great pride in the giant chrysanthemum blooms which he grew and exhibited locally. He had been poorly for some time and was not able to work in his much loved garden. We send our sympathy and condolences to Pam, her daughter Jayne and family.

DAPHNE BOOTH

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Miss Daphne Booth on 20th September. Daphne settled into Chapel Hill around 1970 having spent her life moving frequently from one house to another. She took Soulbury to her heart and was always so pleased to be in a caring village community. Her many charitable and sociable acts included starting up the Soulbury Newsletter, organising the Macmillan Coffee Mornings for many years, and volunteer driving for the Florence Nightingale Hospice. She was a keen member of the Women's Fellowship, Aylesbury Scrabble club, the RAF Association and the Richard III Society and loved to entertain. The Richard III Society always held their AGM in Soulbury Clubroom. She also devoted many hours to woodwork and wood carving. Chapel Hill will miss her presence, as will Soulbury; we extend our sympathy to her nieces and wider family. She will be buried in All Saints churchyard at 2:30pm on 3rd October. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Florence Nightingale Hospice through the undertakers, Masons of Bletchley.

CHURCH NEWS

The Reverend Peter Lymbery.

We have said a fond farewell to Peter who has been coming to All Saints for the last 50 years. He first acted as server for the Rev. John Loring in 1965. He had wanted to be ordained when he was only a tender 17 year old, but it wasn't until nine years ago when he was over 65 years old that he finally became a minister. He was a local non-stipendiary minister, which means he has not been paid for all his hard work. In future he will act as a minister with permission to officiate probably taking a service for us once a month – so it is not as if we won't be seeing any more of him! He has been such a long-serving, reliable, stalwart member of All Saints Church that it really won't be the same without him and his friendly, cheerful manner. The PCC and the whole congregation wish to thank him for his unswerving devotion to our church in Soulbury, and wish him all the best in the future. We would like him to know that he will always be welcome whenever he visits. We do not know what we would have done without him, especially these last few years. However, we all grow older and have to retire. Everything changes, but this congregation will not forget Peter.

Harvest Festival took place on Sunday 16th September. The church was beautifully decorated with colourful flowers, fruit and vegetables. About 30 people attended the service where we sang traditional favourite harvest hymns, and the Rev Michelle Morton reminded us where our food comes from and how much we owe our beleaguered farmers.

The Harvest Supper on Monday 17th September was once again a very jolly occasion with a grand auction of the harvest produce and a lovely hot supper of meat pie, cabbage, potatoes and peas, followed by delicious desserts and several silly jokes. Many thanks go to the WI for organising the food and decorating the Clubroom, and to the auctioneers, Chris Bryant, John Rowe, Mary Burnett and Alan Stevens. Special thanks go to everyone who stayed behind to help tidy up and wash up. The sum of £500 was made for church funds and a special donation of £130 was made to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, a charity for those who are in need in the farming community.

The next Family Service is on Sunday 21st October. Please make a note of the date, the time is 11:30am as usual. The last Family Service was the Pet Service on Sunday 9th September. It was a great success with over 60 people attending including lots of children. There were cats, dogs, rabbits, hamsters, guinea-pigs and two superb geckoes, so amazingly marked. The animals were all impeccably behaved, no barking and no fights! It was a very enjoyable occasion, with coffee and biscuits after the service thanks to Margaret Owen.

At the last PCC meeting Mr Chris Bryant was thanked for carrying out emergency repairs on the church roof. We used to have to use a bucket when it rained, but now thanks to Chris the holes have been patched up.

The new Bishop of Oxford, the very Rev John Pritchard came to Wingrave to the last Deanery Synod meeting. The Rev Michelle Morton and Mrs Brenda Howell also attended.

If anyone would like to be confirmed then now is the time to contact Michelle on 240287 to ask for more information. Classes and discussions are due to start very soon.

WING SCOUTS

The 1st Wing Scout Group is thriving with about 80 children (boys and girls) across the three sections, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts. A dedicated team of leaders and helpers give up their time to run the weekly meetings and the occasional weekend activity - including camping of course!

Whilst there is a waiting list for children to join the group - adult leaders can join anytime! Perks of being a leader mean that your children are guaranteed entry, regardless of the length of the waiting list. Your uniform is paid for and there is an industry recognised training scheme.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a leader then please contact Sue Hogg on 07817 297405 for a quick chat.

ENDOWED SCHOOL TRUST

Please note the enclosed application form for the Soulbury Endowed School Trust which is for children aged 14 to 18 years in the Parish helping towards the cost of their education. Please return to Mr J Pargeter as soon as possible.

Friends of Peter & Tilly Caborn will be pleased to hear they have settled into their new home in rural France. Their former Hollingdon neighbours Jim & Doreen Brown visited them in August in their beautiful old property near Saint Antonin in Lot et Garonne department of France and found them well.

Peter & Tilly send their regards to all their old friends in Hollingdon & Soulbury and hope to see them sometime in France.

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