



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The main business at the parish council meeting on July 29th was the amount of traffic through the village.

The position has been exacerbated by the imposition of a 7.5 ton weight limit on the bridge on the Wing to Stewkley road. This was expected to be in force for five years, until funds became available for strengthening.

About 16 years ago the county council had passed a unanimous vote to impose the three ton weight limit across Soulbury Green to stop lorry drivers taking a short cut to Milton Keynes. This was thwarted after representations from HGV operators in neighbouring villages. A 16 ton weight limit was imposed, later raised to 17.5 tons.

The parish council had asked the county council to review the situation in the light of the opening of the Leighton/Linslade southern bypass, but has now been informed that a low priority rating has been recommended at this stage because of the difficulty of police enforcement and the likely displacement of HGV traffic to less suitable roads.

County Cllr Brenda Jennings suggested that a petition might help focus opinion on the problem and such a petition is now in circulation asking for a 7.5 ton weight limit.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Good news. We are now a registered Charity with our own No. 1070738. As such the laws which apply to charities are now in place and operative. You can contact any of the trustees direct or via the secretary, Jane - Tel no. 270532.

The first fund-raising event to take place will be in October, possibly the 16th. The Friends of Soulbury Church are organising a horse racing evening to boost the Millennium Green funds. This will be the first S.M.G. fund raising event to be held - more details will appear in October's newsletter, but meanwhile please consider coming along for a fun evening of horse betting in aid of a good cause.

Many of you have been very generous towards the Millennium Green - our grateful thanks go to you all and are extended to Michele Gardner, our friends of Liscombe Park, who have generously given of their time and machinery to cut the field for us. Liscombe Park has offered to give the field another cut when we require. Since the last cut in the middle of August the hay has been left on the surface, we are using this opportunity to rally those volunteers who have offered their services to come forward as soon as possible so that we can get the field raked before the next cut. There are three hay rakes so if there is a gang of you who would like to spend a pleasant hour or two in the hay! please telephone Liz on 270545 or Jane on 270532 for more information. Around the pond area thin stakes are in place, please be careful of these and we ask you not to remove any. Pond and ground level readings have been taken and these stakes are in the ground to mark out guide lines for the pond and path digging machinery.

SOS to all Cat owners: "*Look what the Cat dragged in*" is literally what Jon Sheppard would like to see! Any residents who live near and know their cats hunt in the Millennium Green are asked to help Jon with a survey of the fields rodent population. The help from our feline residents who are skilled hunters and are able to catch these little creatures is very helpful, but we need the assistance of their owners who are willing to put in a box or bag any small dead rodent before it is eaten and contact Jon Tel: 270377, who will collect it **BUT** if you are sure you are able to identify with precise accuracy what species of rodent your cat has brought you then of course you can pass the information on to Jon and dispose of the body.

There is to be another visit by the County recorders for insects and wild flowers. These visits are being done on a regular basis so as to keep an eye on the many species visiting or inhabiting the field, we do not want to upset the field's eco system through ignorance, or to cause any unnecessary disturbance to sensitive areas within the field, the good work done by these people will ensure we preserve the natural balance and keep in with the fields character with very little or no distress at all to the life forms living there. After the July moth watch/count no less than 63 variety and species of moth were caught, identified then released. There is a list available for anyone or group interested.

Thank you to all who have helped so far, we hope to see a few more of you very soon!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Church Cleaning

Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12noon on Saturdays 5th September and 3rd October.

Sunday Club

The joint Chapel/Church Sunday School resumes on 6th September with a Family Service at 10am in the Chapel, thereafter 10am each Sunday in the Chapel unless otherwise notified. New entrants welcome. Contacts: Christine Shepherd - 270377 and Margaret Harris - 376492.

Peter Lymbery

Peter is to be ordained Deacon in the Cathedral of Christ Church, Oxford on Saturday 3rd October 1998 at 5.30pm by the Right Reverend Richard D Harries, Lord Bishop of Oxford. There are 18 ordinands in total, an unusually high number and a cause for celebration, but it does mean admission is by ticket only and Peter's allocation has been fully taken up.

There will be a service of Thanksgiving on 4th October 1998, the Feast of St Francis in All Saints Church, Soulbury at 3pm.

THE HARVEST SUPPER will take place in the Clubroom on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each and should be reserved as soon as possible with Stan Morris - 270577 or Chris Bryant - 270607.

RESTORATION NEWS

PHASE 2 of the Restoration work is now scheduled to start by mid September followed by the removal of the bells for major work in the first week of November.

FUND RAISING

BARN DANCE

There will be a Barn Dance at Stewkley Village Hall on 26th September at 8pm in aid of the Friends of Soulbury Church. The caller will be John Kemp. Tickets will be £8 to include a Fish and Chip Supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Jackie Ridley - 270619, Jane Luxton - 270493 or Sheila Morgan - 270485 will be glad to have your reservations.

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

One of the reasons for starting the Soulbury Newsletter all those years ago was so that information about forthcoming events should be generally known.

There have always been a few fixed dates in every month, namely Women's Institute on the second Tuesday evening, Social Circle on the second Wednesday afternoon, Women's Fellowship on the third Wednesday evening, Parish Council meetings normally held on a Monday evening.

This means there are at least a further seventeen weekday evenings free! If one then considers Bowls evenings every Thursday, there are still a minimum of thirteen weekday evenings available for one-off events which will not present a clash of loyalties to those wishing to be present at more than one function.

May we please ask that more consideration be given to avoiding a clash of dates.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Mrs Sheila Morgan has once again most kindly offered us the use of her home for this annual event which will be held on Friday 2nd October from 9am to noon.

Once more there will also be a Bring-and-buy stall and we are asking for gifts of cakes, produce, etc.

Please help to make this an even bigger success than in previous years, in support of the work done by the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION LEIGHTON/LINSLADE BRANCH

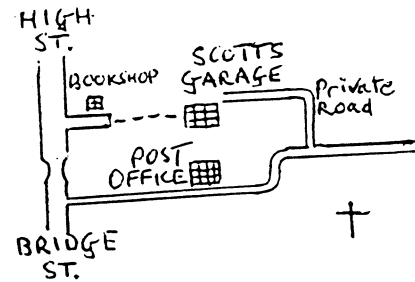
The James Goff Big Band, featuring vocalist Jeannie Dee, will be giving a concert at Vandyke School Concert Hall on Wednesday 15th September 1998. Cost of seats are £5. Tickets are available from Graham Webb Music, 6/8 Bridge Street, Leighton Buzzard - Tel: 01525 376622. Doors open 7.15pm - Band plays at 8pm.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday 5th September	Linslade	HOME
Sunday 6th September	Ebury Strollers	AWAY
Saturday 12th September	Gt. Horwood	HOME
Sunday 13th September	Cublington	HOME
Saturday 19th September	Totternhoe	HOME
Sunday 20th September	Gt. Brickhill	AWAY
Saturday 26th September	Oldbrook	HOME

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

Sunday 6th September	8.00am - Holy Communion 10.00am - Family Service in the Chapel 7.00pm - Compline Service at Stewkley
Sunday 13th September	11.30am - Sung Communion 6.00pm - Deanery Evensong of Harvest at Whaddon on theme of Faith and Work
Sunday 20th September	Harvest Festival 8.00am - Holy Communion 10.00am - Family Service
Sunday 27th September	10.15am - Benefice Service at Stewkley
Sunday 4th October	No Morning Service 3.00pm - Welcome Service for Peter Lymbery ordained at Oxford the previous day. All welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday 6th September	10.00am - Family Service. Rev. Ian Banks - with Baptism
Sunday 13th September	6.00pm - Mr M Corby
Sunday 20th September	6.00pm - Rev. Bob Morris, Harvest Festival with Sacrament of the Lords Supper
Sunday 27th September	6.00pm - Mr Paul Thomas

Sunday Club: 10.00am each Sunday in the Chapel
Family Service 1st Sunday in the month

MOTHER & TODDLER

Every Tuesday at 10.30am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Thursday 3,10,17,24th September	Bowls Evening -	7.30pm
Tuesday 8th September	W.I. Spy In The Sky - Thames Valley Police Helicopter Division	8.00pm
Wednesday 9th September	Social Circle -	2.30pm
Wednesday 16th September	Women's Fellowship A.G.M.	
Wednesday 16th September	Big Band Concert - Vandyke School Hall -	8.00pm
Monday 21st September	Harvest Supper	
Saturday 26th September	Barn Dance	
Monday 7,21st September	Mobile Library : 10.15-10.30 - High Road, 2.35-2.50 - Stewkley Road	
Thursday 10, 24th September	AVDC Waste Paper Collection and Recycling	

DIARY DATES

Friday October 2nd	- Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday October 16th	- Race Night

Items for next issue by 19th September to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461,
Mrs Norman 270483 or Mrs Fairburn 270674.

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