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SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

As we are writing this in the summer holidays there is a similar amount of news as is apparent in the daily papers. The Parish Council has not met in August, and many Soulbury residents are away so this month the Newsletter will be a short one.

'100 CLUB'

The winner of the August draw for the £42 prize money was Derek James of Dean Farm Lane.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

All the plants on the Green have continued to make tremendous growth so that the tidiness of late June seems a lifetime ago. But this was never meant to be parkland and the natural areas are encouraging quite exciting insects and birds to come in and investigate.

A kingfisher has been spotted, and the dragonflies are glorious over the pond, which is burgeoning with wonderful bull rushes. Common blue butterflies, small coppers, brimstones, gatekeepers, meadow browns and painted ladies all range over the long grasses, and the thistle-down is like a magnet to large numbers of twittering goldfinches. The arable weeds' field is now ready for its first proper harvest. The Maris Widgeon wheat is ripe and needs cutting and carefully gathering into bundles to thresh out the seed for next year. With it will be the seeds of the cornfield weeds, poppies, corncockle, cornflowers and corn marigold which have flowered this year, all of which will be sown later in the autumn. To bring in the harvest and to prepare the field for next year we will have a

working weekend, September 9th and 10th. Times will be Saturday afternoon 2-5pm and Sunday 10:30 – 12:30 and 2:30 – 5pm. Do come and lend a hand, it will be a new experience for most of us. Contact Liz Miller 270545 if you can help.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hollington residents were shocked and stunned to discover that our neighbours, Natalie Varle and Charlie Bunker had recently eloped to Bletchley at the dead of night, to be married in secret. Security was very tight with men in black on patrol. As they have invited us all to their celebratory bash later this year, we have decided to forgive them. We would like them to know we all wish both of them all the happiness in the world.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Festival and Dedication of the Bells

There will be a very special day at the Church on Sunday October 1st at 4pm. The Harvest Festival service will take place and during the service the bells will be dedicated. Refreshments will be served afterwards and we hope to welcome ringers from other towns and villages in the area. Any offers to help decorate or clean the church will be welcome on the morning of Saturday September 30th.

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be in the clubroom on Monday October 2nd. Tickets are available. Please contact Stan Morris – 270577 or Rev. Norman Cotton – 240287.

Bell ringing

An excellent performance was given by the bell ringers on the evening of the 4th August for the Queen Mother's 100th birthday. The entry in the visitors book at the church records "1260 Plain Bob Doubles rung by Greeba Cochrane, Jane Luxton, Jonathan Pawley, John H. Smith, Philip M. Dunn and Jim Cochrane – the first quarter peal since the restoration."

Friends of Soulbury Church

On Monday August 7th the representatives of the Church Council and Friends of Soulbury Church met with the architect Mr Alan Frost, to discuss the next steps in the church restoration. Work which needs to be dealt with in the future includes the North Side roof in the medium term and basic facilities such as heating, water and toilets. There would need to be construction of drainage etc. The architect was asked to come up with plans and costings, which will then be discussed. The village will be advised of any progress.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

You are invited to join in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, its 10th birthday celebration, on Friday 29th September, in the Clubroom at 10am til 12 noon. There will be a raffle, bring and buy, and Christmas Cards will be on sale. Please come if you can, Macmillan needs our support. However, if unable to come some people may like to join in at www.everyoneswelcome.com

SOULBURY ENDOWED SCHOOL Charity Grants for Education

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the above charity will consider applications for grants to assist in education at the next meeting to be held in the near future.

Persons wishing to make an application must be resident in the Parish of Soulbury and must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years on 31st December 1999.

Applications must be sent in writing to the Clerk of the Trustees by 14th September 2000.

Mr. A Pargeter, Clerk of the Trustees, The Cottage, Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard. LU7 0BU.

W.I.

The W.I. begin their autumn programme with a talk by Mrs V. Hoare on *5,000 years of Tea Drinking*. Anyone wishing to become a new member please come along. you will be made most welcome, or ring 270355.

50 YEARS OF FIDDLING

Please join Lorna Stephen at the clubroom on Wednesday 13th September at 8pm for an evening of '50 Years of Fiddling'. Lorna would welcome your support, your comments and constructive criticism. There will be no charge – just come along. A 'phone call would be helpful if you would like to attend. Ring Lorna Stephen – 270444.

A RATHER MAD IDEA!

Would boys and girls over 12 years old like to spend a couple of hours once a week playing carpet bowls in the clubroom? (not the same day as the adults) How about it? May be a team could be got up to beat the regulars? Anyone interested? Contact Margaret White – 270308.

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

Repairs and Sales by RGC Machinery, Station Road, Mursley, MK17 0SA. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection and delivery. Reconditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of ATV's and Farm Machinery. Tel: 01296 720066.

SCOUTS

1st Wing Scouts are looking for a new Scout Leader.

We have a nice new hut and a great bunch of boys keen to carry on Scouting. It would be such a shame to stop now as they have been with us since they were six years old.

If anyone can help, or knows of someone who can, please call.

Rosemary Pepper – 01296 688089.

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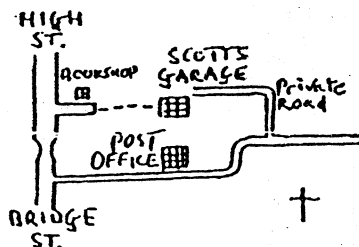
One walking stick with a brass animal head at the top. Please return to 10 High Road, Soulbury.

VEHICLE REPAIRS, SERVICING AND MOT TESTING

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr & Mrs John and Mikayla Diamond of Soulbury, who were married at All Saints Church on Saturday, 26th August at 1pm. Their children Lathan (4) and Elodie (3) were delighted to be involved in this family event as page boy and bridesmaid. A good day was had by all, and we're sure the residents of Soulbury wish them all the luck in their married life.



CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday, September 2 nd	Whitchurch	Home
Sunday, September 3 rd	Kings Langley	Away
Saturday, September 9 th	Tottenhoe	Home
Sunday, September 10 th	Ebury Strollers	Away
Saturday, September 16 th	Gt. Horwood	Home
Sunday, September 11 th	Cublington	Home
Saturday, September 23 rd	TBA	
Sunday, September 24 th	Linslade	Away

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Church Services in September:

Sundays at 11:30am – Sung Eucharist.

Except September 24th when there is a united service at Stewkley Church at 10:15.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday	September 3 rd	No Service
Sunday	September 10 th	6pm – Circuit service at Stewkley Methodist Church
Sunday	September 17 th	No Service
Sunday	September 24 th	6pm – Harvest Festival – Rev. A Cowburn
Sunday	October 1 st	No Service

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday	September 2 nd	Church Cleaning – 10am – 12 noon
Monday	September 4 th & 18 th	Mobile Library
Monday	September 18 th	Parish council meeting – 8pm
Tuesday	September 12 th	W.I. – Speaker Mrs V. Hoare “5,000 years of tea drinking” – 8pm
Wednesday	September 13 th	Social Circle - 2:30pm
Sat / Sunday	September 9 th & 10 th	Work Party, Millennium Green
Wednesday	September 20 th	Women’s Fellowship – 7:45pm
Thursday	September 7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th	Bowls Evening – 8pm
Thursday	September 7 th & 21 st	A.V.D.C. WASTE Paper & Recycling Collection
Friday	September 29 th	MacMillan Coffee Morning – 10am in the Clubroom

DIARY DATES

Sunday	October 1 st	Church Harvest Festival
Monday	October 2 nd	Church Harvest Supper

Items for next issue by 20th September to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Mr Friswell 270918, Mrs Hudson 270349, Miss Wegener 270284, Mrs Stevens 270514 or Mrs Ridley 270619.