

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council News

There will be a special open Parish Council Meeting on Monday 2 September at 7.30pm to discuss the By-Pass. A representative of Bucks County Council will be present to answer questions from parishioners. All are welcome. There was no meeting in August, the next regular meeting will be on Monday 16 September at 8pm.

All Saints Church News

At the meeting of the friends of Soulbury Church held on July 31 it was announced that a faculty had been granted by the Church authorities to go ahead with the kitchen and toilet facilities at the back of the church. It was acknowledged that arrangements for providing water, gas and drainage would take some time but it was hoped that work would start late September.

Paul Mardlin very kindly agreed to be the treasurer so all bills relating to this project would go to him. The price of the gas main would be about £550 and the total cost in the region of £12,000. All those present agreed that the work should go ahead. A meeting would be arranged for every other first Wednesday of the month. It was decided that a plaque should be installed in memory of Mrs

Marcia Lloyd-Hart whose generous gift to the Church had done so much to help fund this project.

Another very unexpected and extremely generous legacy to Soulbury Church has been granted by the late Mr John Richins of Hollingdon, an incredible £23,000. There was much discussion on how best to use this money and whether it should be put towards installing a heating system for the Church. Enquiries are to be made into relative ways of achieving this, and consideration given to the problem of running costs. It is hoped that a seat will be erected near the cricket field in memory of John Richins.

The Reverend Peter Lymbery's daughter Teresa is getting married to Graham Knights on the afternoon of September 7 at 2pm in All Saints Church. Peter will be officiating at the ceremony and I'm sure many people will want to be present to wish the couple well and share in this joyous occasion.

Millennium Green News

There isn't much to report from the Millennium Green this month. Rather disappointingly, there is a totally unacceptable amount of dog excrement on the paths! The Trustees ask once again that all dog owners pick up the excrement their dogs

leave behind, and remind them that the Trust has the right to take legal action against owners who do not comply with the law. The Trustees would of course prefer not to take this course of action, but will do so, if it becomes necessary. There are plastic bags by the dog bin for people who forget to bring their own bags, so there is no excuse for not doing the right thing. People should remember that children play on the Millennium Green and that at public events, food is served at barbecues and the like. It is simply thoughtless, inconsiderate and not acceptable to leave your dog's mess for others to clear up, before other members of the public can enjoy the Millennium Green. So please clear up after your dog!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Do come along to support the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the Clubroom on Friday 27 September between 9am and 12noon and help towards the largest ever number of signatures for this event. Most of us know someone who has become aware of the wonderful works done by the Macmillan nurses in improving the lives of people living with cancer, and this is our annual chance to help by drinking coffee(or tea) by contributing to

the Bring and Buy sale, by buying raffle tickets, or donating a raffle prize. There will again be an opportunity to place an order for Christmas cards. Cakes, jams or other produce would also be most welcome. Please help in any way you can.

The Burning Issue

Many Soulbury residents are extremely worried about the planning applications submitted by local landfill operator Shanks to build a large incinerator at Newton Longville, four miles from our village. The incinerator will be 63 metres tall (twice the size of the Snow Dome) and its chimneys 105 metres tall. It is planned to process 1 million tons of household waste per annum, much shipped in by lorries and trains from London and Kent. New rail and road links are to be built to handle the incoming trains and 750 trucks per day planned to enter the facility.

The opponents of the scheme argue that the smoke, gases and ash from the incinerator can cause harmful dioxins which are a cause of cancer. Additionally Shanks proposals do not explain how the large amounts of toxic ash (30% of the original waste) will be handled. Another worrying aspect is that councils will be locked into long term incineration contracts which will not encourage them to develop more environment friendly recycling methods such as more kerb side collections and a reduction in packaging.

Their alternative to incineration is the "Zero Waste" option which is increasingly being adopted in the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Holland and, more recently, by other authorities in

the UK. They conclude that pressure should be put on AVDC and Milton Keynes Council to reject the incinerator and adopt the "Zero Waste" option.

If you agree that this incinerator is not the answer and are opposed to its construction, please write before the 11 September, heading your letter "The Green MK Centre planning application" and express your views to:- Tony Barker (Planning Department), AVDC, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1SD. If you require any further information on the plans please contact Jim Brown (270648).

Liz Miller's Iceland Trip

That was an experience! Iceland is an amazing country; beautiful, green and gentle lowlands around the coast and fjords, and barren, rugged mountains and plains in the interior. The combination of ice and volcanic activity over the centuries have left it as it is, and of course it is still liable to change being on the Mid Atlantic Ridge, and one of it's major volcanoes is expected to erupt in the next few years.

I felt something of a fraud when we had been established for a few days. We were camped in a wild flower meadow with a toilet block and shower only yards away, and the weather was bright and sunny, if rather chilly. However that was an unprecedented spell of warmth, and within two weeks the change to winter was dramatic. As we left it was sleeting and the next day there was 4 inches of snow. The wild flowers were all finished, the geese were moulting and could only run from us, and the near 24hrs of daylight we had experienced when we first arrived had

changed to nearly 4hrs of darkness. But it was walking on the glacier which will be the memory that will stay with me. Not knowing whether your next step would take you into the 'gloop' of melted till, (sediment brought down by the glacier) or into a frozen bit, all of which looked exactly the same, was quite exciting. My boots will never be the same again! Nor have I ever been so grateful for a pair of gaiters before- I must thank all my friends for lending me so many useful items of kit, I think I made use of everything and was really grateful. The team of twelve, nine volunteers and three Scientists were engaged in collecting data from an ancient Jokulhlaup (a massive flood caused by volcanic action under the ice) and travelled by Land Rover each day to the sites, often more than an hour away over very rough terrain. The early camp site was an oasis in the middle of a desert of rock and wind blown sand, but later in the week we moved uphill nearer to the glacier to a mountainous area which was the last major volcano to erupt in 1875. Here we sampled the 'delights' of swimming in a sulphurous hot volcanic crater lake, only to get frozen by the wind on emerging. The work we did here was in scenery even more Martian, wind blown pumice, extremely jagged unwashed lava, and plains of huge boulders deposited by the ancient floods. This all sounds as though I was on holiday, but in fact for most of the days we spent 9 or 10hrs in the field, doing surveying of these ancient flood plains, measuring grain sizes, digging sections and sampling sedimentary layers. Even that was enjoyable with the excellent scientists and great

team of volunteers. I have to thank 3M of Bedford for the privilege of going on this Earthwatch project. They sponsor teachers to go out and experience for themselves scientific research and then the teachers are expected to come back and enthuse their pupils with their new knowledge. I have also to write a report and evaluation of the trip and probably give a presentation to the 3M staff at the head office. Actually I would also like to give an illustrated talk in the Clubroom, one evening in October or November, maybe including some of my experiences in Belize - An Earthwatch Projects evening. I hope some of you will find it interesting enough to come along.

Ester Martin who is currently working under the auspices of VSO as a safe Motherhood trainer in Phnom Penn, Cambodia has sent us this second report of what life is like in Cambodia.

The Woman At The Post Office

If I had not known it was a post office I would have thought it was a derelict building: big and built of concrete with cream paint coming off in large dusty patches. Inside was relatively cool and quite spacious with a high ceiling. On the walls there were wooden boxes with stencilled numbers on them, an old-fashioned telephone box, a few seats and a long counter. On the wall behind the counter was a row of clocks showing the time in various parts of the world; the time in London was out by 4hrs. The diminutive ladies behind the counter were all smiles and helpfulness, but I felt they were overcharging me all the same. A man always sat well back behind the counter,

watching American films on a coloured portable TV. The dusty land behind the concrete wall, which surrounded the post office, was littered with plastic bags, large and small pieces of unidentifiable motorbike innards and old coconuts with straws sticking out of a hole from which the milk had been drunk. From where these were placed it was obvious that young boys had been playing football with them. Several tall trees grew around the post office, which gave a good deal of shade, but little relief from the stifling heat. In this hot, dusty and half derelict place, lived a woman and a young child. A hammock was slung between a tree and the concrete wall; sometimes the child was asleep in the hammock, sometimes he could be seen happily playing around with stones in the dust, always naked, the strong sun did not seem to bother him. I never saw the woman washing; I do not know where she would have found the water. There were always clothes drying on a make shift line, tied between the trees, in subtle shades of grey and black, all of it dusty. Occasionally I saw her cooking on a clay oven, these look like the top of castellated chimneys that the Cambodians seem to use to cook a meal anywhere. The appetizing smell of rice and vegetables wafted across to me as I walked past. In a big shady tree she stored her belongings; a large sheet of greyish plastic - I presumed this to be cover for the rainy season, various pieces of rope and parts of a bicycle. I try not to stare as I walk past, but the sights are strange to me as I come from England: here they are not unusual; here men and women sleep on the streets, men with no arms or legs

shuffle around the markets and small children beg. Last time I went past the post office, the woman and the little boy had gone. Perhaps they had managed to put the bicycle together; or they had just moved on.

Safari Supper

The Safari supper will be on 26 October. The tickets are £10 each. Come and meet your neighbours, have great food and enjoy great company at a bargain price. Please ring Jane on 270493 or Sheila on 270175 if you would like to come.

Welcome

Welcome to Guy, Nicky, Emily and Oliver Douetil who have come to live at Foxleigh, Church Lane.

Mrs Jean Kirk

We are pleased to report that Mrs Jean Kirk is now home ~~safe~~ after her long stay in hospital, and feeling much better. We hope that she continues to improve.

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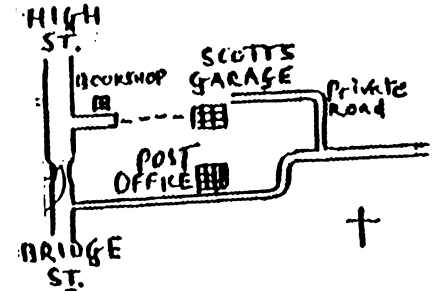
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CRICKET FIXTURES

Sunday	September 1 ✓	Stoke Hammond	Home
Sunday	September 8 ✓	Ebury Strollers	Away
Saturday	September 14 ✓	Wicken	Away
Sunday	September 15 ✓	Cublington	Home
Sunday	September 22 ✓	Linslade	Away

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated

Monday	September 2	7.30pm	Open Parish Council Meeting
Monday	September 2-16-30	2.00-2.15pm	Mobile Library Bungalows Layby High Rd;
		2.20-2.35pm	Stewkley Rd Bus stop
Wednesday	September 11	2.30pm	Social Circle
Monday	September 16	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 17 NB.date	8pm	W.I Flower arranging
Wednesday	September 18	7.45pm	W.Fellowship AGM 21 The Green
Thursday	September 5 - 19		AVDC waste paper , recycling coll'
Friday	September 27	9-12noon	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday	September 30		Harvest Supper

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

Sunday ✓	September 1	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday ✓	September 8	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday ✓	September 15	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday ✓	September 22	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday ✓	September 29	11.30am	Family Service Harvest Festival
Monday ✓	September 30		Harvest Supper

Items for next issue by 19 September 2002 to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461. Mrs Norman 270483
Mrs Fairbairn 270674, or Debbie@dbgroup.co.uk