

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



September 2003

STAN AND JEAN MORRIS

On Sunday 24 August villagers said a fond farewell to Stan and Jean Morris when a buffet lunch was held in their honour. Approximately 60 people from many organisations, friends and neighbours came to show their appreciation for all the hard work Stan and Jean have done during their 17 years in the village.

A superb buffet lunch was provided by Mrs M Rowe, Ms C Bryant and helpers.

The Rev N Cotton wished Stan and Jean all the best for the future on behalf of the Parish Church. Mrs Brenda Jennings spoke of behalf of the Parish Council and thanked Stan for all the grass mowing that he had done to make the village so neat and tidy and Mrs Mary Giles thanked Jean for all her hard work for the Women's Institute, particularly in organising the raffle over the years.

A big thank you to all those who came to the lunch or helped in any way. A card was signed by all those present and the presentation of £200 was made to Stan and Jean.

MOWING AND STRIMMING IN SOULBURY

The following areas are mowed and/or trimmed:- some verges in Great Brickhill Road, The Green, part of Stewkley Road, Millennium Green, The Churchyard, The Clubroom, opposite Brook Cottages, path to Leighton Road and path to allotments.

The Parish Council owns the equipment – a tractor mower, a petrol driven hand mower and two trimmers and pays for petrol and maintenance.

Volunteers provide the labour and PC makes a donation to village organisations recommended by the volunteers. In making a decision on the recommendations,

No 320

consideration is given to the percentage of total hours put in by each volunteer. To date, the greater part of the donations have gone to the Church Restoration Fund except for 2002 when part went to the Jubilee Fund. The result is that the total cost is less than a contractor would be paid. Village organisations benefit from the cash saving and we have presentable grass areas.

The brunt of the work has been carried out by Maurice Cross, John Rowe and Stan Morris with help from David Owen, Richard Kynaston Weaver, Graham Catchlove and one or two others.

Stan Morris has co-ordinated the arrangements but is now leaving and Maurice Cross will take over. More volunteers are needed, even if they can only help in a limited way, i.e. only some machinery or some areas. If you can help please ring Maurice on 270503.

MARY AND ALAN GILES

We would like to wish Mary and Alan every success in their new life in France. Mary and Alan will be missed for all the help they have given at the many functions held in the village. Mary for her assistance in delivering and typing the newsletters and for all her work with the Women's Institute and Alan for all the work he undertook during the Jubilee period and events held for fundraising for the Millennium Green. We shall miss you both.

"After nearly 32 years at 13 Stewkley Road we have decided to sell up and move to France. We have bought a renovated farmhouse in a hamlet close to a village called Montsecret near Flers in Normandy. The farmhouse has an enormous barn attached with a stable, workshop and garage and loads of space, together with two and a quarter acres of land and a cottage which hasn't been lived in since the end of the Second World War! There will be plenty to keep us busy and we intend to live "The Good Life". Watch this space for an update before Christmas!"

From Alan and Mary Giles

PARISH CHURCH

On Sunday 28 September there is no usual morning service at 11.30am. This is because Mr John Hibbard from Stewkley is being ordained on that day and will be made a deacon in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, in the morning. The Rev Norman Cotton and the Rev Peter Lymbery will be attending the ordination service in Oxford and will not, therefore, be available to take services in our deanery. At 6pm in Stewkley at St Michael's Church there will be a Thanksgiving Service for John Hibbard when people who would like to congratulate John and wish him well in the future will be welcome to attend. John has done the same training course as Peter and will soon be working in the deanery as a non-stipendiary minister. We are very lucky to have two such dedicated ministers and I'm sure people will join with me in thanking them for all their hard work and for all the help they give Norman to organise the three parishes of Stewkley, Drayton Parslow and Soulbury.

PARISH CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival service will be held on

Sunday September 21 at 11.30am. This will be followed on Monday 22 September at 7.15pm by a Harvest Supper with a hot meal and the sale of produce. Please obtain your ticket at £7.50 each by telephoning Chris Bryant on 270607 before 15 September.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Please come along to the Clubroom on Friday 26 September at 10am until 12 noon to support the MacMillan Coffee Morning. This year's event is being organised by the Women's Institute. We would like to thank Daphne Booth for organising this event for many years.

BT BROADBAND

Soulbury has no access to Broadband Internet Services and there are no plans to update our exchange, but BT has reduced the requirement for Soulbury if they receive 150 enquiries they will update the exchange. To date there have been 75 enquiries so we are half way there. If you want Broadband then log on to www.bt.com and register.

MRS KAY COLES

Many older residents in Soulbury will be sad to hear of the death of Mrs Kay Coles formerly of The White House, High Road (not Mrs Kay Castle as reported in the local press). We send our condolences to her family.

BABYSITTING

Babysitter available for children up to 6 years old. Contact Maddie Cook on Tel 270472

LOWES LANDSCAPE

Does your garden need an Autumn makeover? All types of garden maintenance undertaken. For a free estimate, contact: Graeme the Gardener 01525 270752 (home) or 07734 930472 (mobile).

LAWSON & CO ACCOUNTANTS

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PIANO LESSONS

Keyboard, Theory and Vocal. Please contact Susan Cox on 01296 688995 (Wing)

GARDEN MACHINE SERVICE

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LIFE COACHING

Jim Brown is a personal life coach who lives and works in Soulbury. He will help you set goals for a better life and help you achieve them. He offers free trial sessions with no obligation and can be contacted on

01525 270136 or email on goals@tiscali.co.uk

T.J.C.

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HYPNOSIS AND HEALING

- Hypnotherapy
- Self Empowerment workshops
- Reiki/Karuna Ki –Master
- Tarot intuitive/Tutor

The above usually last for no longer than one hour. Course dates are also available on request. To book your hour of healing, please contact Anita on 01525 240407.

WEBSITE DESIGN & MANAGEMENT

www.jpgrafiks.com
Contact Jane 01525 270532

VIOLIN/FLUTE PLAYER

For weddings, corporate functions, funerals and christenings. Will play a variety of requested music including classical, jazz and contemporary. To have a chat about your requirements contact Aimee Rigby on 01525 279529 or mobile 07743304757

CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday	6 September	Wicken	Home
Sunday	7 September	Ebury Strollers	Away
Saturday	13 September	Bletchley Printers	Home
Sunday	14 September	Cublington	Home
Saturday	20 September	Great Horwood	Away
Sunday	21 September	Mentmore	Home
Sunday	28 September	F M Arthurs	Home

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(In the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday	1, 15 & 29 Sept	Mobile Library	
Tuesday	9 September	WI Joint meeting at Stoke Hammond	7.30pm
Wednesday	10 September	Social Circle	2.30pm
Monday	15 September	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
Wednesday	17 September	Womens Fellowship	7.45pm
Thursday	4 & 18 Sept	AVDC Wastepaper & recycling	
Monday	22 September	Harvest Supper	7.15pm
Friday	26 September	MacMillan Coffee Morning	10.30 – 12 noon

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Sunday	31 August	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Sunday	7 September	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Sunday	14 September	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Sunday	21 September	Harvest Festival	11.30am
Sunday	28 September	No service	6pm at St Michael's Stewkley

PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Alf Peacock (Chairman)	9 Stewkley Road	01525 270541
Mr Maurice Cross (Vice Chairman)	Leighton Road	01525 270503
Mrs Margaret Rowe (Councillor)	The Green	01525 270355
Mrs Valerie Redbart (Councillor)	Stapleford Mill Stud	01525 270246
Mr Alan Stevens (Councillor)	Stapleford Cottage	01525 270213
Mrs Barbara Young	East Cottage, Stockgrove Park	01525 237747
Mr John Spires (Clerk to Council)	17 Eribol Close, Linslade	01525 370094
Mrs Brenda Jennings (County Councillor)		

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Items for next issue by 20 September to Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk or Fiona.holcombe@virgin.net