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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Do please come along to this popular service and if you have any spare apples, plums, other fruits and vegetables you can spare, bring them along in a box or bag to the church. Otherwise leave anything you feel you can give outside the church on Saturday morning, September 19th, when there will be someone there to receive them. This will be very much appreciated.

HARVEST SUPPER

Our traditional Harvest Supper will take place in the Club Room at 7.30pm on Monday September 21st. The supper is a two course meal with an auction of produce afterwards. The proceeds of the auction will go to RABI, the charity that supports farmers. For further information go to the website www.rabi.org.uk. The tickets cost £10, the same price as last year and can be booked by ringing Chris Bryant on 270607.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Residents are, as always, welcome to pick the ripe fruit in the orchard whenever they want. Plums and some apples are ready. This is on condition that you come to the BARN DANCE!!!! Joke! A last reminder about this event which will take place on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH from 7pm till 11pm at ST BARNABAS' CHURCH HALL in LINSLADE. Tickets which include SUPPER cost £15 for adults and £10 for children under 16. BAR AVAILABLE. If you would like to book tickets please phone Elizabeth Caplan on 270838 or Christine on 270377. We need support so PLEASE come along!

SOULBURY MOONWALK

The Lions Club of Bletchley, Milton Keynes cordially invites you to participate in the 2009 MOONWALK challenge. This year's MOONWALK is on Saturday 3rd October 2009. Over the years the BMK MOONWALK has raised many thousands of pounds for Lions, local and your charities, and we hope to continue again this year.

The 2009 walk starts and finishes in the Clubroom, and will use a number of the local paths to provide a 4½ mile, at night and hopefully moonlit walk. It should take between 2 and 2½ hours to complete the walk depending on your walking speed and navigation skills. On completion of the walk a selection of refreshments will be served.

The walk will be in teams of up to four persons with the first team starting after 6.30pm. Each team will be responsible for raising its own sponsorship and each team must have an adult leader who will be responsible for any under 18 year old team members. If however you want to enter just for fun, then we look forward to welcoming you.

There is a small registration fee of £2.50 per person (£10 per team of 4) and then all monies raised will, as usual, be split with 25% going to the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance (our chosen charity this year), 25% to other local Lions good causes and the other 50% to a charity of your choice. We would of course, be delighted if you choose the Lions charities.

Full details and an application form are available on the website www.soulbury.org or contact Chris Bryant on 01525 270607.

SAFARI SUPPER

The church needs major repair work on the roof and stonework. To raise money for this the Friends of Soulbury church will be holding a Safari Supper on Saturday 24th October. Can you help? We need people who can host either a starter course or a main course for 6 to 8 people. We will meet at the end of the evening for puddings and coffee. This is a great way to meet your neighbours and is good fun.

The cost is £14 per person which will cover a three course meal and coffee and (usually) a glass or two of wine.

For more information please phone Jane on 270493, Sheila on 270175 or Margaret on 270305.

A COUNTRY BREAKFAST

Come to breakfast on 10th October and 14th November in the Clubroom. We will be preparing breakfast from 08:30 to 11:00am. You will have a choice of full English or Continental breakfast. This is an experiment - if you enjoy it, it could become a regular event.

Come and support us and tell us what you think.

THANK YOU

Mr & Mrs Peter Wrighton would like to thank Rev. Peter Lymbery, Mr Andrew Berry for playing the organ, and other members of the church for making their daughter Helen's wedding to Mr Steve Mitchell such a wonderful occasion on their special day. Also many thanks to Mr John Pargeter and Mr Ian Parrott for allowing the use of the church field for parking.



NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF SOULBURY CHURCH

(Registered Charity No1044481)

We need to raise around £55,000 to cover essential repairs to the church and we need financial support from the village.



The Friends are contemplating the funding of the next round of repairs to All Saints church. A series of investigations and reports are commissioned. This will lead to a detailed specification of essential work which will then be put out to competitive tender. The works will concentrate on repairs to the roof including renewal or repair of the existing lead covering and replacement of stonework. The aim is to make the building watertight (the roof at present leaks badly in several places and unless addressed soon further damage to the structure is inevitable).

English Heritage support the project and have committed £20,000 towards the phase 1 investigatory work budgeted at £27,000. Phase 2, the remedial works themselves, are estimated to cost around £180,000. The exact cost will not be known until we have the full specification for the work and quotes from contractors. English Heritage have made an in principle offer of £89,000 towards phase 2. The total grant anticipated is therefore £109,000 against projected costs of £207,000.

The PCC has no money available to fund the repairs. The Friends have been fundraising constantly and have in hand £42,251 (as at 31 March 2009). This leaves a shortfall of around £55,000 to be funded by a combination of village fund-raising activities and, we hope, grants from third parties. The Friends will be organizing a series of fund-raising events. We hope the village will support these events as the income generated is critical.

We also renew our request for voluntary tithes. We seek standing orders of an average of £25 per household in the village. This would ensure a regular income sufficient to fund the maintenance and repair of the church. It also enables us to reclaim tax (at no cost to the payer). If you have not yet set up a standing order or are new to the village and in either case can help, please ask our treasurer James Fairbairn for a covenant form (tel. 01525 270674 or e mail to jekfairbairn@btinternet.com).

We also welcome any fundraising ideas and hope you can help with some of our planned activities.



Saturday 19th September The Clubroom, Soulbury

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Come along and enjoy a coffee morning in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (Reg Charity 293358)

Great refreshments including home made cakes etc.

A chance to meet Janet & her hearing dog Gypsy & also to meet the smallest member of the Hearing Dog demonstration team!

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STEWKLEY SINGERS



Stewkley Singers

Friendly local choir guarantees a warm welcome to new recruits! Have you always wanted to sing with a choir but have never had the opportunity? Did you sing in a choir at school and would like to have another go? Have you been a member of a choral society before and feel singing is a hobby you would like to resurrect? If so, the Stewkley Singers would love to hear from you!

We are a friendly choir of approximately 45 singers aged between 11 and 86 (young people from Year 7 upwards are welcome) and we meet in Stewkley Methodist Chapel Schoolroom on Thursday evenings throughout the Autumn and Spring terms. Members come from Stewkley and outlying towns and villages, including Cublington, Wing, the Brickhills, Woburn Sands, Leighton Buzzard and Milton Keynes. We are a sociable group, and, as well as our music making, we enjoy an annual choir dinner and social events throughout the year. Founded in September 2005, we are growing rapidly, both in number and ability – could you help us improve even further?

This term we are working towards our Christmas concerts on December 14th and 19th, and on the horizon is an exciting Spring where we hope to be performing Handel's Coronation Anthems in our first concert with orchestral accompaniment.

We are looking for some harmonious new recruits in any voice part, but would be especially pleased to hear from any gentlemen who would like to join our ranks. Previous singing experience is extremely welcome but not essential and although being able to read music is a great help, a number of our members joined without this skill and have found it is something they have picked up along the way.

Rehearsals start on Thursday 10th September at 8pm – so don't be shy, please get in touch! Call Jenny on 01525 242014.



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Sunday	6th September	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	13th September	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	20th September	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE - Harvest Festival
Sunday	27th September	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	4th October	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesdays	2nd, 16th & 30th	11:15am-11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
FRIDAY	4th September		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Tuesday	8th September	8:00pm	W.I. - Talk on Red Kites by Brian Clews	
Thursday	10th September		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection	
Thursday	17th September		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Saturday	19th September	10:00am	Hearing Dogs Paws for Coffee morning	Clubroom
Monday	21st September	7:30pm	Harvest Supper	Clubroom
Tuesday	22nd September	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Thursday	24th September		AVDC Refuse, Recycling & Glass Collection	
Saturday	10th October	8:30am	Country Breakfast	Clubroom
Saturday	24th October		Safari Supper	
Saturday	14th November	8:30am	Country Breakfast	Clubroom

CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday	5th September	Home	Eaton Bray	Friendly
Sunday	6th September	Away	Ebury Strollers	Friendly
Saturday	12th September	Home	Great Horwood	Friendly
Saturday	19th September	Home	Stoke Hammond	Friendly
Sunday	20th September	Home	Wicken	Friendly
Sunday	27th September	Home	Bletchley Printers	Friendly

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If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication by 20th September please contact:

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