

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Refurbishment of fountain.

The clerk reported that he had received a letter from A.V.D.C expressing interest in being kept informed of the proposals to refurbish the fountain, particularly if there is need to provide traffic control whilst any work is being carried out.

Queen's Golden Jubilee.

An open meeting to discuss a celebration to involve the whole village will be held on Tuesday 18 September at 8pm in the Clubroom.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Some people will have seen the report in the local L.B.O., Soulbury Village Link section, about the visit of Mr Roy Maycock, recorder of plants and flowers for Bucks County Council to our Millennium Green. This is, in fact, his third visit though he says he stops by when he is in the area to see how the M.G. is developing. It's nice to know people are as interested as he clearly is. For those who don't know he has presented the trustees with a list of plants growing on the M.G. Anyone interested in having a copy please contact Jon Sheppard on 270377.

The most interesting piece of news, was the discovery of rare sedge by the main swale/pond.

It's a Long Stalked Yellow Sedge (*Carex Viridula*), a great find apparently, though not exactly spectacular to look at. It was recorded in Bucks at the beginning of the last century, eighty or so years ago in the parish of Soulbury, not been seen since and now turns up again! on our M.G., maybe as a result of digging out the swale and disturbing dormant seeds, Who knows? People who have lived in Soulbury all their lives will know how wet the ground lies in the fields around the village and know that our village was notable at one time for its diversity of fen and wetland plants. If anyone would like a botanical survey done on their land by the County Recorder, please contact Jon. Now is the best time of year for wetland plants.

There has been an unconfirmed sighting of an Adder. The trustees encourage everyone who uses the M.G. to take care. Parents of the children who regularly play in the Green might like to show and explain to their children the differences between the Adder and the harmless Grass snake, Smooth snake and Slowworm. All snakes are shy and will escape to cover if sensing danger and are very unlikely to cause problems if left well alone. This we ask you to do. If any one has any concerns then please contact a trustee.

At the Trustees meeting on July 25 it was decided to hold a

monthly meeting in the Clubroom on the second Wednesday in the month. It is hoped, by this means to encourage interested people to come along and see what goes on. The next meeting therefore is on Wed; August 15 in the Clubroom 8pm.

Due to insurance restrictions organised group events may not take place without SMG trust prior notice. Any village group wishing to hold events on the Millennium Green are asked to contact the Trust before going ahead with the event. The Trustees are responsible for what happens on the M.G., things like open fires, and camping are strictly forbidden. Also there could be the clash of events dates, so please just let us know what you are planning and when for. Thank you.

The members of the trust are as follows:

Chairman Christine Sheppard.
Secretary Jane Phillpot 270532.
Vice Chairman - and caretaker treasurer Julie Day. Trustee Maureen Payne and we welcome as new trustees Trustee Alan Giles Trustee Bruce Hulston.

We are still seeking a permanent treasurer since Mr S.Kittoe has had to resign. Any offers?

Liz and Jon are contracted to do the maintenance work, so will help with any queries or provide any information they can.

The winner of the 100 Club was Mr Graham Jordon of Stewkley

Rd; Mrs Jordon won last month so there's a lucky household! Congratulations, Graham.

The time has come, once again to enrol in the 100 Club for next year.

The New Year starts in October but you need to enrol in September. Further information and enrolment forms next month.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

The Church Fete will be held in the garden of Dr & Mrs Owen on Saturday September 1 at 2pm.

Do come along and enjoy the atmosphere.

Any help with Church cleaning would be much appreciated on Saturday morning Sep 8. 10-12noon.

CONDOLENCES

Mr Beresford Stone

We regret to announce the death of Mr Beresford Stone who died at home recently. Berry was one of a Linslade family who were real butchers, and Berry spent his youth helping his father in the shop until he became an itinerant agricultural worker. His hedging and shepherding skills were in great demand especially at sheep shearing time. He must have been one of the last local characters to be able to offer such expertise. We offer our sympathy to his sisters and their families.

Mr John Richins

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr John Richins who sadly died on July 24 in Milton Keynes Hospital after a short illness. John was born into a well-known farming family, at Close Cottage, Church Lane, Soulbury. He was a familiar figure in the hunting field, being a member of the Whaddon Chase and Bicester Hunt. One could always meet John walking to Church on Sunday from his home at Hollingdon. John's other special interest was cricket. We offer our sincere condolences to John's family. He will be missed.



SOULBURY SUMMER CLUB

On three Friday Mornings during August, a Summer Club, with various activities for 5-11 year olds, will be held at the Chapel, from 10.00am to 12noon.

Parents are asked to provide a drink and a biscuit for their child/children.

PROGRAMME

10 August Music Craft
Activities in the schoolroom.

17 August Music Craft
Activities in the schoolroom.

24 August Games and a picnic
on the Millennium Green.

The Summer Club will be led by Jenny Webb of Leighton Buzzard. If any parent would be willing to lend a hand or lead an

activity Jenny would be pleased to hear from you on 01525-374327.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Don't forget the children's entertainment on Tues Aug 14 at 11am in the Clubroom. "Hairy Harry" and Jack Mayes will be giving a magic and balloon craft show which lasts for about 45mins and is recommended for children aged 3-9.

SUMMER BALL

We have received the following report about the recent Summer Ball.

The lovely sunlit evening of Friday 22 June saw elegantly dressed couples walking along the High Road to join their friends for Pimms and Buck Fizz outside the Boot for a memorable evening.

It was Soulbury Summer Ball in aid of Cancer Research and Soulbury Church Renovation fund and everyone agreed it was a resounding success. Over 200 people sat down at beautifully set tables under the chandeliers in a marquee erected in the car park, for a meal provided by Gregg and his helpers at the Boot. This was followed by energetic dancing into the early hours to lively music provided by Razz Club and a disco. Generously donated items were auctioned by Richard Roff of Meadow Marquees and raised over £5000 which contributed to a total of over £8000 being raised in the evening. The great success of the event was due to the original idea and continuous hard work of Paul and Sam Mardlin and Amanda Lindsay. Do it again sometime?

St MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Church, Old Linslade. A coffee morning is to be held on Wednesday 22 August at 10.30am at 428 Bideford Green. 50p entrance. It is to raise money for new kneelers and there will be some crafts on sale. Please come along.

PARKING

We have been asked by several villagers to request people not to park cars and vans on the village pavements, this forces people to walk on the road. Your co-operation would be appreciated. Thank you.

FOR SALE

For sale (proceeds for charity) or exchange: Motley collection of stuff in good condition. Ironing board, computer games, Hoover, football boots (nearly new) size 4 and children's toys. Tel 270377 if interested.



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CRICKET FIXTURES AUGUST 2001

Note: Due to the foot and mouth crisis, Soulbury Cricket Ground is inaccessible for all home matches for at least part of the season. Arrangements have been made with Stoke Hammond, who has kindly offered use of their ground when vacant.

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| SATURDAY | August 4 | Stoke Hammond | Milton Keynes City 2nd XI |
| SUNDAY | August 5 | Stoke Hammond | Gaddesden Row |
| SATURDAY | August 11 | Away | Milton Keynes 2nd XI |
| SUNDAY | August 12 | Stoke Hammond | Cublington |
| SATURDAY | August 18 | Stoke Hammond | Markyate |
| SUNDAY | August 19 | Away | Mentmore |
| SATURDAY | August 25 | Away | Stewkley 2nd XI |
| SUNDAY | August 26 | Away | New Bradwell |



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2001

In the Clubroom unless otherwise stated

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| SATURDAY | August 4 | Church Cleaning | 10am - 12noon |
| MONDAY | August 6 & 20 | Mobile Library | |
| WEDNESDAY | August 8 | Social Circle | 2.30pm |
| THURSDAY | August 9-23 | A.V.D.C. Waste paper & recycling collection | |
| SUNDAY | August 12 | Guided Tour of London with the WI | 3.30-8pm |
| TUESDAY | August 14 | Children's Entertainment | |
| WEDNESDAY | August 15 | Women's Fellowship | 7.45pm |
| FRIDAY | August 31 | Refuse Collection. NOT Thursday | |
| SATURDAY | September 1 | CHURCH FETE at The Old Vicarage | 2.pm |



DIARY DATES

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| MONDAY | September 17 | Parish Council Meeting | 8.pm | Clubroom |
| TUESDAY | September 18 | Golden Jubilee Open Meeting | 8.pm | Clubroom |
| FRIDAY | September 28 | Macmillan Coffee Morning | | Clubroom |



ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICE

Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley. - Tel: 240287
 Curate: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard. - Tel: 371235

Services in the church during August are at 11.30am on each Sunday.



METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Cowburn, The Manse, Stewkley. - Tel: 240251

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| SUNDAY | August 5 | No Service |
| SUNDAY | August 12 | 6pm Rev Bob Morris |
| SUNDAY | August 19 | No Service |
| SUNDAY | August 26 | 6pm Joan Gregory |

Items for next issue by 20 August 2001 to Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461,
 Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674.
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