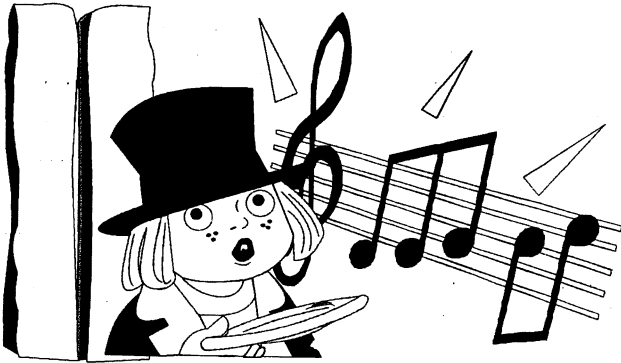


# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

On Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm there will be a performance of the musical "Oliver" on the stage/amphitheatre on the Millennium Green. There is no charge for this show but we would like a good audience to come and support the children who are singing and acting, so do come along, bring your family and enjoy the show. Many thanks are due to Emma Whitlemore from Heath and Reach and Sue Taylor from Kirkview in Soulbury who are organising this event. Emma is a talented singer and dancer herself and has appeared in much West End musical show. She performed in Cats, Evita, 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Me and My girl and other shows as well, so the children have a great teacher to bring out the best in them. Sue Taylor is also a talented musician and teaches music and drama in a local school. We look forward to an exciting and entertaining evening and pray the weather will be kind to us.

The ramble and barbecue took place on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> but it was a wet day and not many people turned up, only about 30. It was a shame but that's English summer weather for you. The barbecue was excellent and consumed with much relish, especially by those who did the full distance of the walk up to Great Brickhill and Stockgrove and back to the Millennium Green. Many thanks are due to Nan Chadwick and Michel Rigal for very kindly providing the food. The live music, courtesy of "Calamity's Fling" with guitars, a fiddle and two singers was great and created a jolly country atmosphere. By 3 o'clock, the weather had improved but most people had gone home. A handful remained and sat in the sunshine, drinking, chatting and listening to the music and indulging in a little spontaneous backchat with the musicians. This was most enjoyable.

The two daughters of one of the singers Madeleine and Jan Allcock won the Nature Quiz for children and were given prizes of

books on trees and flowers. Maureen Payne won the prize in the adults' nature quiz competition, organised by Liz Miller.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone for helping, especially Kelvin and Hermione Allanson, Mary Giles, Dave and Matthew Miller, Jon Sheppard, Jane Phillpot for doing posters and tickets and Sam Stevens, our new secretary for doing the publicity on the Countryside Trust and to all those who supported the event by coming along. The sum of £260 was raised but unfortunately this did not cover the cost of putting on the event which amounted to over £440, so without the generous grant which the Trust had recently received from the Countryside Trust to help towards the cost of putting the Ramble and Barbecue on, we would have lost money.

There was much discussion afterwards about what the Trustees need to do to attract more support from the village. People use the Millennium

Green to walk their dogs, take a stroll and parents bring their children to play and everyone seems to appreciate having the Green, but we didn't get much support for that fund raising event. What sort of events would be better supported by the village? The Trustees would welcome any suggestions.

The trustees would like to give special thanks to Mrs Hilary Ashburner who has grown some wild flowers from seed and donated them to the Green. She gave us a tray each of ragged robin, woodruff and St John's Wort, which will be transplanted onto the Green shortly. Anyone else who would like to grow wildflowers from seed and then have them put on the Green is welcome to have a go.

#### ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

After a said Communion Service on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>, which was attended by about 20 people, we had the Dedication Ceremony for the new flagpole in the churchyard. There were 50 people in total at this outdoor service, among whom was Alf Peacock, who had the idea to raise funds for a replacement flagpole and organised the whole thing, his family, the Rev. Norman Cotton and the Rev. Peter Lymbery, who blessed the flag, member of the Parish Council, and the Air Training Corps 2457 Squadron from Tring. A young girl member of the ATC raised the flag of St George on a still cloudy but warm morning. The flag eventually fluttered in a very light breeze and everyone sang the hymn "Jerusalem". Light refreshment were served afterwards in the Club Room and people chatted and mingled with the guests. It was a very fitting

occasion and thanks are due to Alf Peacock and everyone who supported it.

At the Parish Council meeting Alf announced that he had been pleased with the ceremony and that he wished to thank the Revs. Norman Cotton and Peter Lymbery for their support and help to him.

A reminder about the wedding of Teresa Lymbery, Peter's daughter to Graham Knights in All Saints Church on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Teresa works at Ray Roy Products in Soulbury and her father will be officiating at her wedding to Graham. I'm sure there are some people in the village who will want to go and wish the couple all the best for their future happiness.

#### CHURCH FETE

The Church Fete is on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> in the gardens of The Cottage, the home of Mr and Mrs J Pargeter, who have again very kindly offered the Church the use of their grounds. Any offers of help, donations of bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, cakes, produce, plants and books will be very gratefully received.

#### A SUMMER HOLIDAY

For fifteen days in August Liz Miller will be joining a scientific research team in Iceland that is studying glaciers. 3M (United Kingdom) plc offer teachers the opportunity for a place on a variety of Earthwatch projects all of which are concerned with long-term environmental sustainability or endangered species. When Liz won the award she chose the most northerly project as she has never before experienced extreme near-arctic conditions.

The team of ten will be camping at the foot of a glacier, five hours by 4 wheel drive vehicle from habitation, studying particularly the impact and predictability of a "jokulhlaup". One of these occurred in 1996 and another in 2001. When volcanic activity takes place beneath the ice of a glacier much melting takes place. Rather than running out progressively the melt water is often constrained by ice, rocks or the shape of the terrain, and bursts out after a few days in an enormous rush, sweeping all before it. If this happens in line with habitation devastation on a great scale ensues. In 1996 and 2001 the "jokulhlaups" took fairly safe routes luckily going northwards to the sea, damaging only bridges, roads and power lines on the way.

Liz will be working at temperatures of around 0 degrees taking samples from glaciers and surveying landforms, having received training on site. Some scientists are working on the theory that the evidence of water on Mars show very similar scars to those produced by the effect of volcanic activity and ice melt. Two of the team of scientists are directly investigating this aspect.

On her return Liz is expected to give presentation to her school and feed back her experiences into the classroom. She should have time to recover from her chilblains first though.

#### THE WEDDING

Esther Martin from Chapel Hill Soulbury is currently working under the auspices of VSO, as a Safe Motherhood Trainer in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Here is the first of two accounts, which illustrates some of the cultural differences she has encountered so far.

Today there was a wedding in my street. The preparations started the day before. Men came and put poles and a green canvas covering up, it stretched all across the street from one house to another and for three houses on each side. Last night people decorated it all with bright blue and pink silky material. Tables and chairs in red and silver were set out in the road for the guests, the tables laid with fancy plates, spoons and chopsticks. Cans of beer for the men and soft drinks for the women – women are not allowed to drink beer on these occasions, only barangs (foreigners) can drink alcohol. On each end of the canvas covering and hug up each side, were big branches of bananas sprayed silver and gold, and decorated with swags of golden ribbon. One of the houses has a balcony, which was decorated with gold and pink material; two chairs were placed for the bride and groom.

Last night Khmer musicians came and played traditional music on strange wooden xylophones and traditional drums. This morning at 5.30am I was woken to very loud pop music. By about 7am many guests in their best clothes were queuing up with gifts in silver caskets. When I left home for work at 7.30 I could not get out and past with my bicycle, so had to leave it behind and hail a mota-taxi. The road was full of the guests eating soup, fried chicken, fish noodles and dumplings; they gave me strange looks as I passed by. Pech, my landlord, who was looking quite different in his best suit usually wearing only his kroma (shorts), apologised profusely. At the end of the street policemen were directing the traffic, but as police

everywhere do, making a mess of it all. When I came home at lunchtime guests were still arriving and eating, with pop music still very loud, until the festivities finished at about 5pm, when the men came and took down the awning.

All that was left after the men had gone was pink paper from the napkins in the road and the silver and gold bananas; I never did see the bride and groom.

#### **CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT**

Aylesbury Vale District Council are putting on a Summer Spectacular in the Clubroom in Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

The entertainment is aimed at children from 3yrs – 10 yrs old. The entertainment is free, so do come along and enjoy the fun.

#### **B.A.B. BUCKS ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND.**

- are looking for volunteers in the area. If you would like to help, contact Sue Bishop or Jenny Arkell on 01296 487556.

#### **SAFARI SUPPER**

The safari supper will take place on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>. As this annual event is so popular any offers of help would be greatly appreciated. Please ring Jane 270493 or Sheila 270485.

#### **WELCOME**

We would like to welcome to the village Kristina and Georgina who have come to live at Laburnham Cottages.

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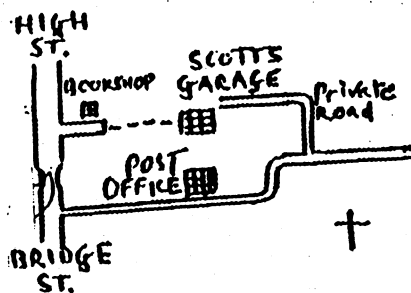
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<b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2002</b> (In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)			
Monday	Aug 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 – 2.15pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-By, High Road
		2.20 – 2.35pm	Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Wednesday	Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Social Circle
Wednesday	Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	7pm	Women's Fellowship At 7 Chapel Hill
Thursday	Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> 7 22 <sup>nd</sup>		A.V.D.C. Waste paper & recycling collection
Friday (not Thursday)	Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>		A.V.D.C. refuse collection
Tuesday	Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>	11am	A.V.D.C. Children's entertainment

<b>CRICKET FIXTURES</b>			
Saturday	Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Willen I. XI.	Home
Sunday	Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	Long Marston	Home
Saturday	Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Milton Keynes	Away
Sunday	Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cublington	Away
Saturday	Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open University	Home
Sunday	Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mentmore	Home
Saturday	Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Studham	Away
Sunday	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>	New Bradwell	Away
Saturday	Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wing	Home

<b>DIARY DATES</b>		
Monday	Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting at 8pm
Friday	Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9 – 12 noon

<b>ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES</b>			
Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley - Tel 240287			
Curate: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard - Tel 371235			
Sunday	Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.30am	Sung Eucharist

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