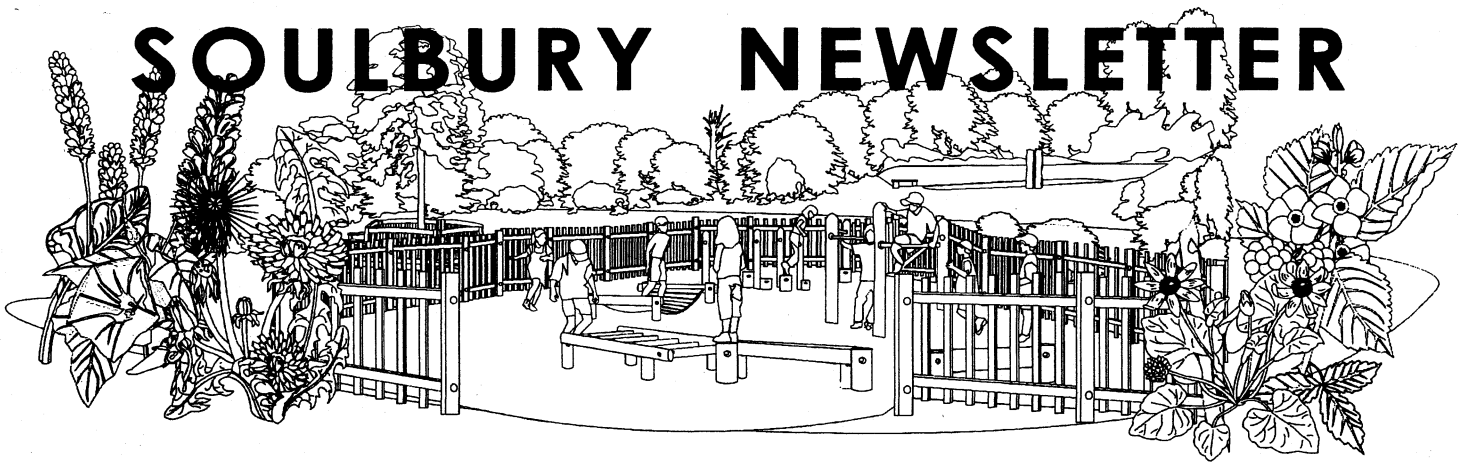


# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



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## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

The meeting was attended by six parish councillors, County Councillor Jennings and Christine Sheppard.

The public inquiry into the planned Stoke Hammond and Linslade Western Bypass scheduled to begin on the 22nd July at Great Brickhill village hall was discussed. It was reported that Friends of the Earth and other organisations were planning to protest at the start of the inquiry. A letter had been sent by the Clerk in support of the bypass.

Councillor Jennings reported that Shanks had applied to build three railway sidings at The Green MK Centre. They had later withdrawn the application for two of the sidings. The application for the third siding has now been turned down.

It was suggested that public participation in the work of the Parish Council should be encouraged. Councillors agreed that comments from members of the parish would be welcome and to facilitate communication their names and telephone numbers are listed on the back of this newsletter.

Date of the next meeting - 15th September 2003.

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

On Sunday July 13th Maurice Hawkins of Dean Farm Lane and Philippa (daughter of Richard Onslow) and Thomas Smith were confirmed at St Michael's church, Stewkley. Philippa and Thomas were married in our church last March, as was Maurice, who married Gwen in May. The confirmation ceremony took place in the evening at 6pm and was conducted by retired Bishop, the Right Reverend Peter Nott, formerly Bishop of Norwich. The Parochial Church Council and the rest of the congregation welcome our three new communicants and, although they are already regular church-goers, it will be good to see them join with everyone else in taking communion.

At present there is no Bishop of Buckingham. Bishop Mike Hill has moved to another diocese and a new appointment will be made some time in the future.

On Saturday August 30th, there will be a wedding at 4pm in All Saints Church. Lucy Walpole, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Walpole who used to live in the parish and who still attend our church, is to be married to Henry Houle. I'm sure it will be a splendid occasion and we wish the couple every happiness on

their special day and in the future.

## **MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS**

It was a lovely warm sunny day for the Barbecue and Ramble Day on the Millennium Green. There was quite a good turn out in spite of the fact that there was golf and Silverstone on the television. The atmosphere was friendly, relaxed and jolly. Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the event.

The Ramble Quiz was won by Mr Chris Bryant. The photo competition was won by Jon Sheppard with a close-up photo of celandines under the blackthorn. Second came Steve Kittoe with a photo of the Millennium sculpture entitled Stonehenge and third was Nan Chadwick with a photo of the stile between the arable weed area and the walnut trees. Many thanks to Jane Phillpot for organising the Photo Competition and to Pat and Graham Catchlove for judging it. As for the Pet Show, everyone won something - the dog with the most appealing face, in best condition, waggiest tail, etc. Molly, the exuberant delightful little spaniel was a real winner, as was the beautiful creamy coloured Briard entered by Daisy

Axtell-Powell. There was a very large tortoise which is 20 years old, owned by Julie Axtell-Powell, and a sweet little budgie came along from 1, The Mead. We could have done with some more pets, but maybe next year more will be entered. Many, many thanks to Bob and Cassie Lorrimer, the vets from Greensands Veterinary Clinic in Milton Keynes for judging the competitors and to Brenda Maynard from Linslade who organised everything. Thanks to Helen Blunden from Newton Longville for being the first aid lady. Thankfully she didn't have anything to do except enjoy the occasion.

Tiger Tots had a good collection of toddler bikes and cars to ride, on the stone stage area. It was a bit of a shame there weren't more parents and toddlers, but if anyone is interested in hiring out play equipment for parties etc, please contact Rachael or Paul on 01582 690779. Many thanks Rachael and Paul. We hope to have you back again soon.

The musicians were great, very fitting country sort of music. 'Thunderflies' they call themselves and if anyone is interested in having them to come and play at an event or 'do', please contact Andy King on 01525 371248 and join Letsbuzz at the same time! Thank you very much Andy, we hope you'll come again soon.

The barbecue food was delicious as always. Many thanks to Nan Chadwick especially, who was so helpful when we were putting up tents, as well as organising the barbecue, to Michael, Sandi, her daughters Emma and Helen, to Toby Preece at Ascott for the loan of the tent and gazebo and to Bierton Hill Resource Centre in Aylesbury

for the loan of the gas barbecue. The tombola, organised so efficiently by June and John Linney was a great attraction and made £78 I am told. June and John were very helpful and deserve special mention for all their hard work. John is a great tent putter-upper!

Thanks to Susie Whittaker who used to live in Dean Farm Lane, but now lives in Stewkley, who came with the cards and pictures she makes to sell at events like this.

Thanks to Samantha Stevens, the essential secretary, for doing the children's face painting.

Thanks to Pam Norman and Margaret Bunyan for organising the raffle, for the loan of tables and chairs and cars with tow bars and trailers, to Liz Miller for baking so many cakes, to the tea ladies, Mary Giles, Maureen Payne, Joyce Piley, Rosie Kittoe and Hilary Ashburner. To suppliers of electricity Jane Phillpott and Dave Smith of Andrews Close and finally to Alan and Mary Giles for the loan of their caravan, awning and tent, and to anyone else I've forgotten, to everyone who donated sandwiches, cakes and prizes, thank you.

As you can see, a great deal of hard work and much time is spent organising, even such a simple event as this so the Trustees deserve a very big thank you for doing all this. It is hoped to make it an annual event and next year we hope to persuade more people, more rambles and more pets to come along.

There is room on the Trustees board for two more members. Anyone interested in joining should contact Christine on 270377.

The winner of the 100 Club Draw for the month of July was

Sam Miller, with no. 73. He wins the princely sum of £77.00.

People who walk on the Green will possibly have noticed the large numbers of butterflies, moths and grasshoppers in the long grass. We've had two marbled white butterflies for the first time this year, as well as skippers (all types), meadow browns, gatekeepers, ringlets, tortoise shells, commas and others. The grass is kept long for these invertebrates which need long grass to feed on and breed in. We are aware that some people think it looks untidy, but it is only for two months or so a year. More than half of England's butterfly species are in serious decline because of loss of habitat and herbicide use, so we hope we are doing a very little bit to help stop the decline.

#### **SOULBURY SUMMER BALL**

The second Soulbury Summer Ball was held on 4 July 2003. The purpose, apart from having a very enjoyable evening, was to raise money for the chosen charity SPARKS (SPort Aiding Medical Research for KidS) and the Soulbury Church Restoration Fund.

Villagers would have seen the large marquee erected on John and Bunty Pargetter's land. Indeed several locals thought that the circus was in town! A lot of preparation work by many willing helpers was thankfully completed on schedule and all the prayers for good weather were answered.

The marquee looked spectacular with the highlight being the amazing floral displays on each table. The 250 guests firstly enjoyed a glass of Pimms in the orchard before making their way to the main event.

The main meal was very enjoyable and when completed a

charity auction commenced. There were many wonderful items very kindly donated from both local businesses, local individuals and celebrities. The auction was a huge success and the generosity of many of the guests was overwhelming. The auction duly completed meant 'bring on the band', who were Some Like It Hot. They entertained us royally as nearly all the guests attempted to squeeze onto the dance floor. The evening ended at 1am and it was obvious that all guests had a great time.

Whilst the evening was superb it has been decided to make it a bi-annual event.

Final calculations are to be completed but currently it would appear that approx. £9,000 has been raised.

Finally, a thanks to the organisers, Amanda Lindsay, Paul Rucklidge, Sam and Paul Mardlin and to all those involved, unfortunately too many to mention by name.

#### **LIGHT CLASSICAL CONCERT**

Many thanks to the musicians who played at this concert, which was held on 15th June to raise funds for the FOSC, particularly Wendy Jefferys, Sue Taylor and Chris Jones for organising the music. Light refreshments were enjoyed in the garden of the Old Vicarage, courtesy of Dr and Mrs Owen. £105 was raised and an enjoyable evening was had by those who attended. Many thanks once again to all involved.

#### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS SALE**

Saturday August 2nd  
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**CRICKET FIXTURES**

Saturday	2nd August	Eggington Foresters	Home
Sunday	3rd August	Milton Bryan	Home <i>Away</i>
Saturday	9th August	Stoke Hammond	Away
Sunday	10th August	Cublington	Away
Saturday	16th August	Open University	Home
Sunday	17th August	Mentmore	Away
Saturday	23rd August	Caddington	Away
Sunday	24th August	New Bradwell	Home
Saturday	30th August	Wing	Home
Sunday	31st August	Stoke Hammond	Home

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

(In the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday	4th & 18th August	Mobile Library	
Tuesday	12th August	Children's Entertainment	11am
Wednesday	13th August	Social Circle	2.30pm
Thursday	7th & 21st August	AVDC Waste Paper & Recycling Collection	
Wednesday	20th August	W. Fellowship	7.45pm

**ALL SAINTS SERVICES**

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

Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery, 7 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard - Tel: 371235

Sunday	3rd August	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Sunday	10th August	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Sunday	17th August	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Sunday	24th August	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Sunday	31st August	Sung Eucharist	11.30am

**PARISH COUNCIL**

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Mrs Margaret Rowe (Councillor)	The Green	01525 270355
Mrs Valerie Redbart (Councillor)	Stapleford Mill Farm Stud	01525 270246
Mr Alan Stevens (Councillor)	Stapleford Cottage	01525 270213
Mrs Barbara Young	East Cottage, Stockgrove Park	01525 237747
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