

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS

The church had a very busy weekend on Saturday and Sunday July 21st and 22nd with a lovely wedding at 1pm on Saturday and a christening on Sunday morning. Barbara Lyddon and John Clamp, who live where 'Stan used to live' in Stewkley Road, were married on a fine, not too hot day in a delightful ceremony where nothing went wrong and it was perfect. The bride looked lovely and the groom very handsome. The choir, PASQUE HARMONY were superb. During the signing of the register they sang Pie Jesu, Make You Feel My Love and You Raise Me Up. The sermon, the readings, the bells and the hymns were so fitting for this happy but moving occasion and the white, mauve and dark green flower arrangements (courtesy of Margaret Rowe and Maureen Swain) were beautiful. Best wishes for your future happiness.

On Sunday, the small but loyal congregation here, welcomed little Charlie Benjamin Tillison into the Church. The church was full with the family and friends of parents, Sonia and Russell, who live in the High Street, but sadly won't be with us long, because their house is up for sale. Charlie was a very good little boy and became fascinated by the Rev. Philip's face while in his arms at the font. I think it might have been Philip's beard or possibly the glasses that mesmerised him. Very delightful to see.

### A MESSAGE FROM PHILIP

The month of August, if you are a teacher or have school age children, is traditionally the time for a break away from the usual routine. For me the Summer holiday seems shorter than when I was a child, but time does do funny things as you get older!

It's meant to be a time of rest, refreshment, or athletic activity if you are so inclined. I remember learning to ride a bike when I was on a family holiday in Hastings when I was about eight. It paid off because the next Christmas I got a wonderful shiny new bike which I used with my group of friends to explore the countryside near my home town (and occasionally terrify motorists in town as we went shopping). I now have joined the band of motorists who complain about aggravating cyclists dominating our country lanes and never obeying any of the rules, how things change with time! On holidays I remember Chinese or Indian food being a treat. Now they are fully 'indigenized' (if that is a word) and we have about 20 other types of foreign foods to choose from without so much as getting on a ferry or 'plane. But I guess it's because so many of us have gone abroad that we have this amazing variety of cuisines to choose from as well as all year round fruit and veg from every corner of the globe.

We've got very used to all this and it's sometimes difficult to realise that many in our society actually can't buy into these things we take for granted. I'm reminded of a friend of mine, a Dominican Friar in the US, who is currently manning a soup kitchen for 250 daily in Rhode Island. He is horrified as we all should be when he thinks about what his country spends daily on armaments and overseas campaigns. During our time of 'R n R' maybe we should ponder about what more we can do for those on our own doorstep let alone thousands of miles away.

God Bless, Philip.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Jubilee Fountain appeal for Money :** Further progress has been made on tidying the fountain and getting the water to flow again, gravel has been laid around and to the front of the fountain, creating a clean foreground which shows off the fountain perfectly. We are now in need of some urgent maintenance work to stop the Jubilee Fountain falling down and this requires money to find professional help to repair the Fountain, it is very hard to get money for this type of project from government grants at this moment in time, We have been offered £4,000 from Aylesbury Trust but we do require another £12,000. If you could spare some money any little amount will help to keep this monument standing please donate and write a cheque to "Soulbury Parish Council" and post to Victor Wright, 14 Chapel Hill, Soulbury, LU7 0BZ.

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust was held on August 11th. There were no members of the general public present. It was with great pleasure that two new trustees were welcomed on to the board – Michele Nicholas and Claire Perry, both of Mount Pleasant. It was with some sadness that we said goodbye to Bob Beaumont from Linslade who has been a trustee for several years and done a lot for the Green, both at work parties, events, like the Easter Egg treasure hunts for children and being quiz master at our very successful Quiz evenings. Many, many thanks, Bob, for all you have done for us. Happily, he has said he will still do our quizzes when we have another one. Members of the board are as follows: Secretary: Elizabeth Caplan; Treasurer: Graham Catchlove; Trustees: Liz Miller, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Christine Sheppard, Jonathan Sheppard, Michele Nicholas and Claire Perry.

Claire Perry and her family have already taken over the mowing of the short grass areas and the Green looks splendid because of their hard work. Many thanks to Claire, her husband, Mick, her son, Aidan and her mother and father, Suzanne and Fred Barrett, who have been major players in successfully establishing the new children's playground equipment on the Green. Particular thanks to Parish Councillor Alan Stevens and Bob Hamilton and to Daniel Axtell-Powell, without whom, this project would never have materialised. It is now safe to use and looks very attractive. However, there is still work to be done. The fencing has to be re-organised to incorporate the new equipment and a decision made about the flooring. At the moment it seems we will have grass on the ground. The old play area is to be cleared; the equipment will remain but the ground will be re-turfed.

We were very pleased to have a group from the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints who come to work on the Green. They started by pulling up the black plastic geo-textile and weeds from the old playground. Many thanks to Sue Fu of Dean Farm Lane for arranging this.

People will have noticed a lovely new steel bench round the Millennium oak tree in the centre of the Green. It was made by David Scott of Bragenham who specialises in ornamental metal work and is just the man for you if you need a creative and long-lasting artefact for your house or garden. The long grass area has been cut for hay by Jon Sheppard and David Jones, who lives in the village on The Green (not the M.G.) We hired a Crusader Allen Scythe to do the work from Garden Machines Northampton, a highly recommended company who delivered and collected the machine, which was good to use, vibration minimal and ideal for the job.

## CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The weather is still playing havoc with fixtures this season, with only 3 home matches having taken place. Let's hope for an improvement in August!

### August fixtures:

Sunday 5th home v Stoke Hammond

Sunday 12th away v Stewkley

Sunday 19th home v Ivinghoe & Pitstone

Sunday 26th away v Buckingham 2nd XI

## MRS. JEAN CLARK

We are very sorry to hear that Jean passed away on 20th July. Many people will remember her when the family lived on The Green and then moved to Kings Stanley, Gloucestershire.

Our sincere condolences to John, Rosemary, Helen & Hugh.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Soulbury WI will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, September 14th in the Club Room from 10.30 till 12.30.

We are intending to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses not only by serving coffee but also by holding a 50/50 sale. Please bring in anything you would like to sell, plants, produce, jams, clothing, jewellery, bric-a-brac, etc. Please label your items with your name, phone number and selling price and we will give you 50% of the sale price (or return them to you if they are unsold.)

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