



## SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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We would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

When discussing planning matters the Council felt very let down by Aylesbury Vale over the detailed designs of the new houses to be erected at Manor Farm. The Councillor responsible for that area will look into this and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Department. It was also noted that Hill Farm Kennels at Bragenham have now received permission to demolish much of the kennels and build a new garage and dwelling.

Traffic speed, density and weight limits were again discussed with the particular emphasis on calming. Many members felt that some form of traffic calming could be effective in Soulbury but the Chairman pointed out that all these measures had to be paid for by the Parish - the County were not prepared to finance local traffic calming. A parishoner ventured the opinion that Soulbury residents might well be prepared to pay twice their local rate if it was to go towards this cause. The Council will pursue this with the County to evaluate the most effective measures available in a small village.

Stan Morris, as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Soulbury revealed the crime statistics for each month from August for our locality. He receives these regularly and can be contacted if anyone would be interested. The Police are always keen to gain information on crimes or attempted crimes in the neighbourhood and welcome calls on 01296 396000. Finally, Stan emphasised that as Christmas approaches crime rates tend to rise, and residents should check that cars and houses are kept safe and also garages, outhouses and sheds are locked, as these have become popular targets for thieves.

The Parish Council has received information from the Environmental Services of Buckinghamshire County Council on 'Safer Winter Driving'. It reminds drivers to check tyre pressures, lights, windscreen wipers and washer-bottles, batteries and antifreeze before the weather gets too bad. It also contains a map of the routes that are salted in our area and further advice, the leaflet, or more information can be obtained from our local office of Environmental Services, Station Road, Winslow, Bucks MK18 3EG.

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS**

### **Roll of Honour**

We were delighted that Dr Sawyer, who used to live at the Studio came back on Remembrance Sunday to give us a beautifully produced Roll of Honour, recording not only the names of those who died in World Wars One and Two, but also date and place of death, regiment or ship, etc.

### **Church Cleaning**

Help would be appreciated from 9am to 10am on Saturdays 5th and 12th December as the Phase 2 work continues. On Saturday 19th we hope that the work will be near completion and that we can devote 10 am to 12 noon to cleaning up ready for the Christingle.

### **Coffee Morning**

This event held on 14th November raised £214 for the General Fund. Thanks to all those who helped by donating goods and looking after stalls, also to all those who attended.

**Christmas Bingo** in support of General Funds will be held in the Clubroom on Saturday 12th December. Eyes Down at 7.30pm. The cost is £1 per book (8 houses). There will be refreshments and a raffle. Prize donations will be welcome.

### **Christingle**

This year's service of Carols, Readings, Blessing of the Crib and music will be on Sunday 20th December at 2.50pm for 3pm. **Note the change of time.** The Marion Burch Accordion Band will provide some of the music. Those attending are invited to bring gifts for deprived children. There will be refreshment afterwards in the Chapel.

## **RESTORATION NEWS**

**The Bells** have been lowered and safely delivered to the bell foundry at Nottingham. Jim Cochrane hired a lorry and drove it up there. Thanks Jim for the time you put in helping the professionals with their work also to the other volunteers who helped lower and load the bells - David Holloway, Robert Lorrimore, Phil Hoshansl, John Bayliss and Ian Parrott plus his henchmen Don Fontaine and Robbie of Red Lion fame.

**Phase 2** - Most of the new stone is now in place on the south clerestory and south aisle windows plus the west window of the porch. The south aisle floor has been renewed. Work is now proceeding on the south aisle roof, pews and windows plus the tower steps. There is every hope that everything in the current programme including redecoration will be completed by Christmas.

**The Pub Games Evening** at Great Brickhill on 21st November raised £436 for the Restoration Fund. Everybody enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Jim Cochrane and his helpers for organising the games, to Margaret Rowe and her helpers for the food and Joyce Kellner for looking after the raffle. It was good to see Pam Bonnick and Richard Graham at this function. Thanks also for help given by Adrian and Pat from Eaton Bray.

**A Christmas Beauty Evening** in aid of the Restoration Fund has been arranged by Angela's Hair and Beauty of Leighton Buzzard. It will be held in Stewkley Methodist Chapel on Thursday 10th December at 7.30pm. Tickets at £5 each including FREE prize draw, coffee and mince pies, can be obtained from Heather Parrott on 270234. A presentation of RVB, the leading Italian skin care and make up range will feature RVB facial treatments and make up. This is a great opportunity to learn new techniques and ideas and to have the opportunity to try new colours. There will be special offers and many Christmas gift ideas.

**A Christmas Sing-a-long** is being arranged by Tony Saint, Sue Taylor and Chris Jones at The Boot on the evening of 20th December. There will be a collection for the Restoration Fund.

**Burns Night** will be celebrated with a traditional supper (four course meal provided by the ladies of the W.I.) and entertainment on Saturday 23rd January 1999 starting at 7.15pm in the Clubroom. We expect a full house so order your tickets early from Chris Bryant on 270607.

**Christmas Cards** - We are still able to offer a very attractive Christmas card depicting the Church at 10p each. These may well be of particular interest to newcomers to the village. Contact Stan Morris on 270577. Stan also has supplies of Christmas wrapping paper at 40p for 8 sheets and prints of the Church framed at £25 each and unframed at £12.50.

**Bulbs**

Friends of Soulbury Church have a small number of Bulbs still for sale - details as follows: Telephone 270674

Bulbs	No. of Bulbs in bag	Cost per bag
Tulips Mixed	20	£1.50
Dwarf Tulips	10	£1.30
Crocus Large Mixed	20	£1.30
Freesias Mixed	10	£1.30
King Alfred (Daffodils) Gold Large Bulbs	10	£1.20
Cheerfulness Double White	10	£1.20
Dwarf Iris	10	£1.20
Snowdrops	10	£1.20
Grape Hyacinth Blue	20	£1.20
Anemones	12	£1.20

**MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS**

On Wednesday November 11th, a lovely sunny morning, the Millennium Oak Tree was really planted as opposed to officially planted on November 14th. Three strong men, John Rowe, Fred Fountain and Stan Morris helped wheel the tree on a trailer across soft, very muddy ground to the site. The root ball was huge so it weighed several tons. Belvedere Nurseries at Fenny Stratford had arranged the delivery and planting. The tree is 20ft high, a lovely young specimen and came originally from Durham, I think everyone would have enjoyed listening to the expert tree planter from near Thirsk in Yorkshire, John Body, and his mate Charlie chatting and joking to Stan, John and Fred as they worked hard shovelling sticky, heavy clay soil into the hole round the tree. It was very amusing, John Body was a real character and many thanks to all concerned.

On Saturday November 14th we celebrated the opening of our Millennium Green, It is, by the way, the only one in Bucks now. All the others have dropped out so we are very lucky to have ours. It was a cold rather damp afternoon and the ground was like a quagmire, awash with water and mud, but in spite of the adverse conditions, there was a good turnout. A start was made on the willow hurdle by Nick Matten and the falconry display created a lot of interest. The Harris Hawk being mobbed by the local population of 3 or 4 pied wagtails was quite a sight. The trustees worked hard to organise and set up everything. We would like to thank everyone who came and all those who helped in so many ways to make it a success. Particular thanks to Nan and Michel for the mulled wine, Margaret Gadsden and Margaret Rowe for doing teas, Dave Miller for making bat and bird boxes, Alan Giles for being official photographer, Pam Norman and Margaret Bunyan for doing the raffle, the Stewkley Scouts for the loan of the tents and putting them up, Steve Kittoe for the loan of his caravan and Rosie Kittoe for making cakes and especially to Sir Nicholas Bonsor for planting the Oak Tree. Unfortunately the trustees feel they should apologise to the Chairman of the Parish Council and all members of the Council for the apparent disregard shown them at the Launch. We wish them to know that we are extremely grateful for all their help and support and especially for the loan of £15,000 to buy the site. We wish the whole village to know that without them there would have been no Millennium Green.

Finally, since we are a relatively inexperienced group, we are appealing for more people to come forward to act as co-opted members on the Board of Trustees, people who have expertise in specialist fields to help us avoid making mistakes in the future. Phone Jane on 270532.

The trees have arrived, 1,000 of them, so volunteers to help put down geo-textile and newspapers, to dig holes and plant trees are needed. If you have the odd hour in the daytime or at weekends, come along with a friend and dig! Phone Jane on 270532 or 270377 to find out what needs doing where.

## SOULBURY W.I.

**Xmas Party** December 8th - 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Members only this time  
Names to Margaret 270355 (if you miss the meeting in November).

£7.00 per head - please bring your own soup bowl, plate, cutlery and wine glass.

If you would like to bring a present for a child - please mark it boy or girl. Last year a lot of presents for children were given to Peter Lymbery who took them for us to the needy. We received a very nice letter of thanks. Keep up the good work! If you would like to bring a present (approximately £3) for another W.I. member, to be exchanged at the party, as well as or instead of the above, then please do so.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rob and Beth Peel of Hollingdon on the birth of their daughter Alice Lucy Elizabeth, born on Tuesday 27th October at 19.25pm.

## MISS SYBIL JOHNSON

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Sybil on 4th November. Sybil had lived all her life in Soulbury, for many years at Brook Cottages before moving to the High Road. She was a regular worshipper at the Methodist Church. Her funeral service on 13th November was attended by friends she had made at work, in the village and the Methodist Church. She will be sadly missed by many people, but in particular by her very good friend Freda, and to her we extend our condolences.

## WELCOME

We would like to welcome to the village Malcolm, Kate and Stephanie Cobb who have come to live on The Green and Justin and Angela Lochhead who have come to live in Great Brickhill Road.

## HOME TUITION

Home tuition available for children aged 4-10 by qualified teacher. Telephone 270668 for further details.

**BABYSITTER REQUIRED** - If interested please contact Mrs McDonald on 270448.

## FOR SALE

**MONDEO 2.0i GHIA** - April 1995 (M), 34,000 miles. Air conditioning, two private owners from new. Full service history. £7,500 ono. Telephone Soulbury 270607 (evenings & weekends)

## VEHICLE REPAIRS, SERVICING AND MOT TESTING

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## GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

Repairs and sales by R.G.C. Machinery, Station Road, Mursley, MK17 OSA. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection and delivery. Reconditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of A.T.V.'s and farm machinery - Tel: 01296 720066.

## JD ROOFING & GENERAL BUILDING

All work undertaken, extensions etc. - Tel: 01525 270878.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

Ordained Local Minister: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, L.B. - Tel: 371235

Sundays December 6th 13th 20th 11.30am - Sung Communion  
20th 2.50 pm for 3pm Christingle

Christmas Eve 11.30pm - Midnight Communion Service in the Chapel

Christmas Day 11.30am - Christmas Morning Communion

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