

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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*We would like to wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.*

*Our next newsletter will not be published until Mid-January.*

*We would like to thank all those who have helped in any way this year, with the production and delivery of the newsletter. We hope readers appreciate that their newsletters are mostly delivered promptly.*

*We will be preparing a new rota of typists, and photocopiers early in the New Year, so if anyone new would like to be added to the list of volunteers, please let us know, and also if anyone wishes to drop out of the rota, or wishes to give up their delivery round please make us aware.*



## CAROL SINGING

*Once again it is intended to have two evenings of carol singing around the village in aid of "Save the Children".*

*The dates are Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. On the 18<sup>th</sup> we will meet in Church at 6pm for a brief practice then have a glass of sherry (children – orange or lemonade) and a*

*mince pie before starting at the lower end of the village Brook Cottages about 6.30pm. It is then intended to cover the High Road, Church Lane and Chapel Hill, possible Mount Pleasant, leaving the rest to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, when we will meet at the Bus Shelter at 6.15pm.*

*If you cannot be there to start please join in on the way and whether singing or listening please give generously to this very deserving charity.*

*More information, if required from Liz Miller on 270545 or Stan Morris on 270577.*



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

*The retrospective planning application for a change of use to a coach depot at Hollingdon Depot by Vernons Van Hire, caused a lively discussion at the recent Parish Council Meeting. The outcome was that the District Council would be asked to look again at all the activities being run from there, as the number of vehicle movements has increased so much over the last year.*

*A complaint had been received about some or one golfing enthusiast who had been practicing from around the end*

*of the playground in Mount Pleasant. One window in the Church had been broken and a golf ball even found on the church roof! The person/s concerned were asked, through the Newsletter, to go to a more suitable and safer place to practice.*

*The County Councillor Mrs Brenda Jennings asked, in her absence, if the Newsletter would make it clear that although there was no major hold-up on plans for the Western By-Pass, it was not likely that the work would start until 2003/4.*

*Compulsory Purchase Orders would most likely be issued soon after Christmas this year, and finance would be confirmed shortly by the Government, so progress was being made – but slowly.*

*It was reported that the Flag fund was growing, and the Chairman was hopeful that February would see a start on that project. If anyone would like to donate, Mr Alf Peacock 270541, or the Treasurer Mrs Margaret Rowe, 270355, would be pleased to hear from them.*

*The Jubilee Celebration meeting is not being held until December 3<sup>rd</sup> – so there is no further news at present.*

*Two roadside trees that were planted by the Environment Group about ten years ago have died suddenly this year.*

*The Parish Council agreed to pay for their replacement.*

*The Council also voted to change the method of financing the cutting of the grass throughout the village for next season.*

There was unanimous appreciation of the long hours that volunteers had put in over the last six months, strimming, mowing, and maintaining the equipment.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on December 17<sup>th</sup>.



### SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN

There is not much news this month, just a couple of reminders and news about the 100 Club.

The winner of the 100 Club draw for September was Graham Catchlove of The Forge, and the winner for October was Patricia Hazell of Dean Farm Lane.

We have 66 members now, but it is not too late to join.

Contact Jane on 270532 if you would like to support the Green by joining.

I have been asked to remind dog walkers to clean up after their pets. With the evenings being dark at 4.30 pm to 5 pm, owners need to be extra vigilant and take a torch to watch when and where their dogs go!

Children also need reminding that there is water again in the swales, so they should be extra careful when playing round those areas.

Don't forget the Millennium Green Scrabble Quiz and Buffet evening on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>, it sounds a long way off but it will be a long time before you have another newsletter. Put this date in your new diaries for 2002.



### ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

The Patronal Festival, that is the special service we have to celebrate All Saints Day, the day that has given its name to our church, was very well attended.

There were about 60 people from the three villages in the benefice i.e. Soulbury, Stewkley and Drayton Parslow who

participated in the service, conducted by the Reverend Peter Lymbery, and enjoyed wine and sausage rolls after the service in a very friendly, sociable atmosphere.

Many thanks to Jean Morris and Jean Woodhouse for providing and organising refreshments.

The Remembrance Day Service, which started at the War Memorial on November 11<sup>th</sup> was also well attended, with about 30 people remembering those who had died in the two World Wars and other conflicts. It was a moving service, and was conducted by Deacon Wyn Jones from Linslade.

It is a very busy time of year for the church, as you know. On Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a said Communion Service at 10 am and in the afternoon at 3.30 pm it is our Annual Christingle Service. We are hoping lots of people will come to this service, especially families and their children.

Everyone is welcome. There will be tea and mince pies afterwards and the Marion Burch Accordion Group will be playing carols and Christmas music. If you bring your children, perhaps you could find a present they could bring. We shall be collecting Christmas presents wrapped up, labelled "suitable for a boy" or "suitable for a girl", for deprived children.

On Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> we shall sing carols at the Sung Eucharist service at 11.30 am, if you enjoy a good sing, do come along.

On Christmas Eve we will have Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm. We have not had Midnight Mass at All Saints for several years, so do come along and support your church at this special service.

On Christmas Day, there will be sung Eucharist with carols at 10 am. Note the time!

Confirmation classes are to start soon. These classes prepare you for entering the community of the church, and the special confirmation service conducted by the Bishop will take place on March 3<sup>rd</sup> next year. If you are interested please contact Norman Cotton on 240287 or Peter Lymbery on 371235.

Lastly the Reverend Peter Lymbery who took a small party of people to Walsingham, to the shrine of our Lady of Walsingham, in Norfolk back in October, has announced the dates for next year's pilgrimage. They are October 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 2002, a long weekend. This gives you plenty of time to consider whether to go, and if you are interested, or would like more information, please phone Peter on 371235. They are hoping to get more people next year, enough to fill a coach.



### COFFEE MORNING

An excellent sum of £189 was made at the Coffee Morning held on 24th November. Thank you to all those who attended or helped in any way.



### FRIENDS OF SOULBURY CHURCH

At the meeting of the Friends on 21<sup>st</sup> November the main item for discussion was the provision of a kitchen and toilets. The Friends were pleased to note that the Diocesan Advisory Committee had agreed the plans drawn up. It now remains for English Heritage to agree. There should be sufficient funding for work to commence around April 2002.

It is hoped to organise a Christmas sing-a-long as in previous years, and also fund raising functions, in January, so watch out for publicity on these. Recent results of fund raising

Plant Sales £100  
School Dinners £350  
Many thanks to Sheila and Richard for hosting this enjoyable evening at the Old School House and to all those who helped in any way.



#### GRASS CUTTING

Grass cutting is more or less over for this year. A team of nine people have helped to keep The Green, The Millennium Green and the Children's Playground and the Churchyard, plus all the road verges, neat and tidy.

Thanks to Graham Catchlove, Jan Chetkiewicz, Maurice Cross, Alan Howell, Richard Kynaton-Weaver, Stan Morris, Dr. David Owen, John Rowe and Alexander Stocker. Particular thanks to Maurice Cross for looking after the equipment.



#### SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

Soulbury Village Cricket Club would like to thank the village for supporting the Race Night, which, together with a number of donations, made the magnificent sum of over £700. Also, the horses for the last race were auctioned and proceeds of £133 sent to the BBC's Children in Need appeal.

The money raised is an excellent booster for the club, which had very little income last year, as we were unable to play any matches at Soulbury due to the Foot and Mouth crisis. It will be used towards players insurance for the coming season, maintenance of the equipment and perhaps replacement of some rotting windows in the pavilion. The last recorded outbreak of Foot and Mouth was on 30th September, and we hope this trend will continue and enable the club to play on home ground

next year. Anyone from the village who wishes to come along to a home match will be most welcome.

For photographs taken at the Race Night and more information about the Club, see or ring Chris Bryant on 270607.



#### BABY SITTERS

There seems to be a shortage of babysitters in the village. If anyone is interested in babysitting, please contact Debbie on 270720



#### LOST

A medium black female cat, called Millie, (and will also answer to the noise of food cans) has been missing since 10th November. If anyone finds her please contact Jackie Ridley on 270619. Would anyone with a garage or shed please check to make sure she has not been locked in.



#### ARDEC'S ANTI-RACIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES PROJECT

Aylesbury Development Education Centre is currently running a 'Training the Trainers' Course. Locally based trainers will then be available to offer anti-racist training to Schools, Community Groups and Youth Groups. This will include:

- How to deal with racist incidents
- Exploring options for tackling racism and promoting equality on a day-to-day basis.

Contact ADEC now to book a free session.  
ADEC, Elmhurst Junior School, Dunsham Lane, Aylesbury HP20 2DB. Tel: 01296 395185  
Website: [adec.nildram.co.uk](http://adec.nildram.co.uk)

#### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM

As from April 2002 young people between 10-17 found guilty of a crime for the first time, will be referred to a Youth Offender Panel - a completely new way of dealing with young criminals. These panels involve local people who work to find solutions for these young offenders, their families and victims. With help from Youth Offending Team Advisors, they will choose suitable ways for the young offenders to take responsibility for their actions and help prevent re-offending.

The teams are looking for panel members from all walks of life from across the county. They aim to recruit men and women from all ages (over 18) backgrounds and cultures. The work is voluntary but expenses are paid. Full training is offered, no qualifications are needed except, patience, good judgement and objectivity, commitment and reliability, good listening and communication skills, and an ability to relate to young people. If you are interested in becoming a youth offender panel member in your local area, please call 01296 434624 for more details, or write to Referral Order Co-ordinator, Walton House, Walton Street, Aylesbury HP21 7QQ



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**ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES**

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

Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard - Tel: 371235

Sunday	2nd December	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	9th December	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	16th December	10.00am	Said Communion
Sunday	16th December	3.30pm	Christingle Service
Sunday	23rd December	11.30am	Sung Eucharist & Carols
Monday	24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Tuesday	25th December	10.00am	Sung Eucharist & Carols
Sunday	December 30th	11.30am	Said Communion
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Sunday	6th January	11.30am	Epiphany Sung Eucharist
Sunday	13th 20th & 27th January	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	3rd February	11.30am	Sung Eucharist

**METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Sunday	23rd December	6.00pm	Carol Service
Sunday	27th January	6.00pm	Rev A Cowburn

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday	3rd December	8.00pm	Jubilee Meeting
Thursday	6th 13th 20th	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
Saturday	1 December & 05 January	10.00 am - 12 noon	Church Cleaning
Monday	10th December	2.00pm -2.15pm 2.20pm - 2.35pm	Mobile Library- Bungalows Lay-by Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Wednesday	12th December	2.30pm	Social Circle
Thursday	13th & Saturday	29th & Friday 11 January	AVDC Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Monday	17th December	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	18th December	6.00pm	Carol Singing
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Wednesday	19th December	6.15pm	Carol Singing
Wednesday	19th December	7.00pm	Women's Fellowship at the home of Mrs Fountain
Wednesday	19th January	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship at home of Mrs Pooley

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR REFUSE COLLECTION**

Saturday	29th December
Saturday	5th January
Friday	11th January

**DIARY DATES**

Saturday	9th February	Millennium Green Scrabble/Quiz Buffet Evening
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Items for next issue to : Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674 or  
Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk