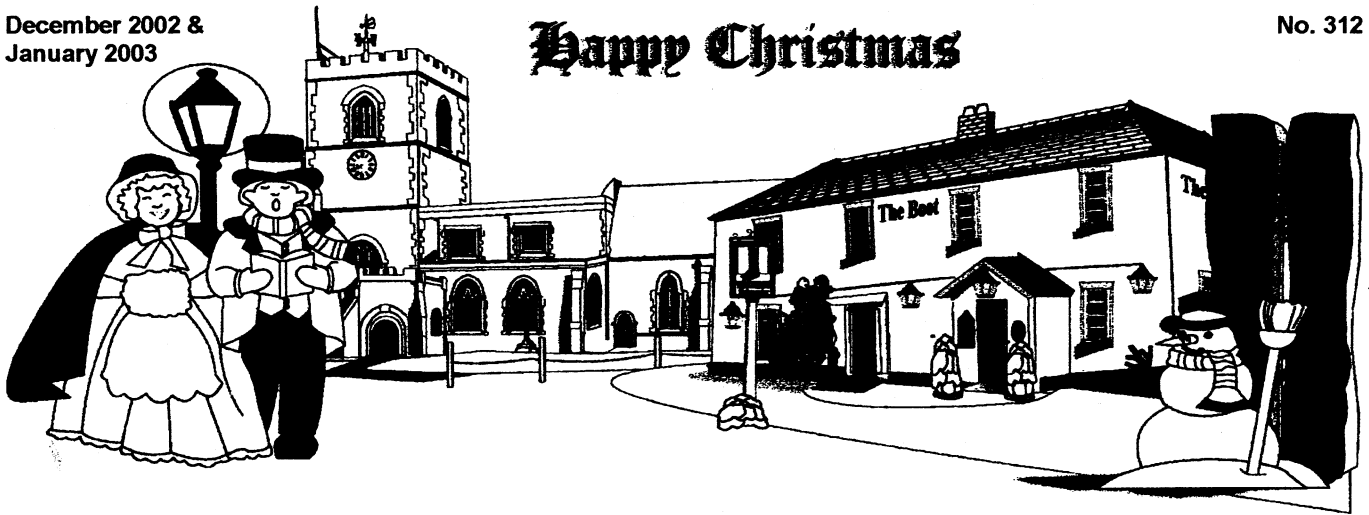


# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## Happy Christmas

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We would like to wish our readers a very happy Christmas and a cheerful and healthy New Year. Perhaps we might also encourage as many from the village as possible to support the Carol Singing Appeal for the Save the Children. Do please come and sing; the more the merrier or give generously when the singers come round. The dates are announced below.

The Newsletter team is again in a state of flux. It is not surprising with people's work commitments and general flexibility that a rota cannot remain the same for more than a year. We would ask any readers if they can help on a three or four monthly basis. We need more editors, more typists, and at least one other source of photocopying. As it is a village Newsletter, about 300 copies are published, it would be good to be self-sufficient and use village resources to produce it.

Can you help? CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL TEAM (see end of Newsletter).

### CAROL SINGING FOR "SAVE THE CHILDREN"

It would be ideal if the whole village could be sung to this year, so at least two nights and maybe three have been suggested. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and possibly Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Meeting at 6.30pm each evening at the bus shelter, carollers will need a torch or lamp, warm gloves and outer clothing. Do come along and swell the sound of voices and enjoy the Christmas spirit. This is particularly suitable for family participation.

### THE FRIENDS OF SOULBURY CHURCH

Many thanks to James Fairbairn for, once again, arranging the winter sale of plants. The Friends benefitted to the tune of £130 from this enterprise.

Paul and Sam Mardlin, together with Amanda Lindsay will be arranging another musical evening similar to that of last April, in support of The Friends. This is to take place in the Church on Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5.45pm for 6pm. Local amateurs will be singing easy-listening and joining-in songs. There will be mulled wine and soft drinks on arrival. Tickets are priced at £5 each or £3.50 for senior citizens and children. They are available from Paul or Sam Mardlin on 270292 or Amanda Lindsay on 270540. Please remember to wear warm clothing. There is only limited heating. With a few more fund raising events and a little more Gift Aid we hope to install an efficient heating system by this time next year.

You can be assured of a warmer environment and a warm welcome if you go across to the Boot at the end of the concert. There will be the now traditional evening of carols and Christmas songs. This is a family event and will warm up from 7.30pm onwards.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Church Coffee morning held in the Club Room on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>, was very successful, in spite of the fact that not very many people turned up. The Christmas cards with the photo of a group of children sledging in the field next to the Church sold well. If you would still like to order some of these cards, please phone Stan Morris on 270577 or James Fairbairn on 270674. Remember that you may choose your own wording for the inside of the card at an extra cost of 5p. The cards cost 20p each or 25p each if you have your own message.

In total, the sum of £266 was made at the Coffee Morning and many thanks are due to everyone who helped organise the event, to the ladies who made the coffee and tea, to the people who ran stalls, to all those who donated raffle prizes and other gifts, and to everyone who came along and supported it in any way.

The Rev. Peter Lymbery, who represented the Mursley Deanery. clergy, was one of the diocesan



clergy who attended the Service for Collation and Installation of Canon Sheila Watson as the new Archdeacon of Buckingham, in Christ Church Cathedral Oxford on Saturday November 9th at 6.00pm. It was a very impressive service conducted by the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev. Richard Harries, to a full congregation with a lovely choir as well.

Peter was also present at the St John Ambulance Headquarters in Tindal Road, Aylesbury on Saturday November 16th, when he assisted the Right Rev. Michael Hill, Bishop of Buckingham, in the dedication of a Community Care Vehicle which had been donated to St John by Mr. Tom Fremantle from funds raised during his US Civil War Mule Trek 2001/2002. Peter is the Chaplain of the Southern Group of St John Ambulance.

The Marion Burch Accordion Group are coming to entertain us, half an hour before the Christingle Service on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Come along and sing along with the Group who will be playing seasonal music.

Parents, could you possibly look out a suitable present, marked "for a boy" or "for a girl", to give your children. We collect the presents for deprived children and like our children to come up to the altar with their presents at the beginning of the Christingle.

#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The November Council meeting opened with a very comprehensive dissertation from Mr. G Twiss on the Luton Airport proposed extension to Western Airspace.

The first set of proposals involved a new approach flight path over Leighton Buzzard but having received very strong opposition to

this, the airport is suggesting a wider sweep further north and west which would bring planes over Drayton Parslow (where Mr Twiss is a parish councillor) and Soulbury. The planes would be about a mile high and would only use this flight path when the wind was in the east: roughly a quarter to a third of the time. Noise levels on these descents would be twice as great as they are now (as the planes would be half the height) and traffic is continually increasing.

The consultation document issued by the Western Airspace Development Team contained an error, claiming the new path was shorter and therefore would save fuel, actually it is several miles longer. This undermines any confidence one might have felt that the Airport Authority "knows best". This, with the extra intrusive noise levels over a quiet rural environment implication, persuaded the Parish Council to endorse Drayton Parslow's letter to the consultation team.

When discussing the playground, the Chairman reported a request for a netball post to be set up. This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to get some quotes for the project.

On the northern end of the village green several of the metal posts placed to discourage motorists from driving across the grass have fallen into disrepair. It was agreed to replace them with wooden or concrete ones; rather fewer and smaller.

The problem of the fence between the Millennium Green and the car park at the side of Andrew's Close was again raised. As the fencing is in a dangerous condition the Council were anxious to get a decision from A.V.D.C. as to what they intend to do about it. Please ensure your children do not use this spot as a short cut into the Millennium Green.

The next council meeting will be on Monday 16th December.

#### Protect Aylesbury Vale against noise

If you wish to write in protest at Luton's proposed flight paths call 01525240950 or e-mail [Rachel@pavan.me.uk](mailto:Rachel@pavan.me.uk) or visit [www.pavan.me.uk](http://www.pavan.me.uk). Deadline for consultation is December 2nd.

#### MILLENNIUM GREEN

Some people will have read in the local newspaper of the decision made by the Trustees of the Green to deliver a final warning letter to dog owners and dog walkers about not leaving dog excrement on the path and grass of the Millennium Green. The situation has not improved, in spite of notices, warnings and requests to dog-walkers to be responsible and pick up what their dogs leave behind. The Trustees have made this decision with great regret, but feel they have no alternative. If the situation still doesn't improve, after a final warning letter, the Green will be closed to dogs for a trial period of three months. The Trustees fully appreciate that this is very unfair on responsible dog walkers, but hope they will understand the Trust's dilemma and be patient.

There is a resident in the village whose granddaughter is blind, a victim of the terrible disease toxocariasis which is caused by the organism toxocara found in dog faeces. We cannot risk this happening to any one of our children.

So dog owners, PLEASE PICK UP THE EXCREMENT YOUR DOG LEAVES BEHIND.

There have been complaints from other users of the Green, people with children who no longer use the Green because of the excrement deposited on the paths and also from wheelchair users who get excrement on their hands from dirty wheels. This is totally unacceptable.

Many thanks to Mr. Alf Peacock who came to the last meeting of the Trust to show us his slides of the Green and how it has changed over the years.

The entrance gates to the Millennium Green have now been repaired, new hinges and bolts bought and fixed. Thanks are due to Liz and Dave Miller for doing this work and to Jon Shepherd for buying and fixing a padlock to prevent the gates being stolen as well as the hinges and bolts!

The hundred Club has swelled to 93 members, thank you everyone. The winner for November is Jackie Ridley. £46.50. Congratulations!

### A TIMELY REMINDER FROM A VILLAGE RESIDENT

Remember with the dark nights upon us, items left on pavements and footpaths are potentially dangerous.

I fell over a micro scooter left propped up against a wall in Mount Pleasant near to the entrance to the garages – a pavement used by many residents of the village not just the residents of the road itself. I note that 48 hours later the item is still there!!!! There is also a problem with recycling bins left on pathways either left out on Wednesday nights or Thursday evenings after they have been emptied. I appreciate it is not easy for householders to move their bins and recycle baskets before dark as many do not get home until after dark in any event. AVDC suggest that bins are put out at 6.30am but some folk do put them out on pavements Wednesday evenings where shadows cast from street lights make them impossible to find until tripping over them.

However I do not see any reason why items such as scooters, skateboards and the like NEED to be left on public highways.

### MRS. HILARY POOLEY

After 32 years in Soulbury, Mrs. Pooley has moved away to a smaller residence in Milton-under-Wychwood. She will be greatly missed as she was always so willing to be actively involved in many community projects. We wish her well in her new home.

### WANTED

Jam jars, especially 1lb jars or small 12oz ones would be most welcome. Don't dump them! Call Liz Miller on 270545

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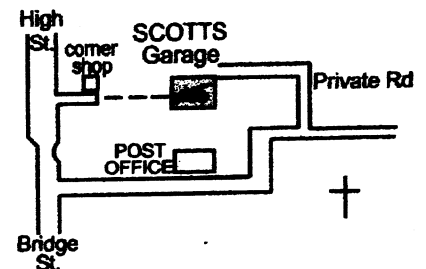
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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES**

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated



Tuesday	December 3rd	8pm	W.I. Christmas Dinner
Monday	December 9th and 23rd	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library Bungalows Lay by High Road Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Wednesday	December 11th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Thursday	December 12th and 28th		A.V.D.C Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Monday	December 16th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, Wednesday & Monday	December 17th, 18th and 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30pm	Carol Singing Meet at Bus Shelter
Wednesday	December 18th	7pm	Women's Fellowship Christmas Dinner
Sunday	December 22nd	5.45pm for 6pm	"Friends" Concert , All Saints Church
Saturday	January 4th		Refuse Collection
Monday	January 6th and 20th	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library Bungalows Lay by High Road Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Wednesday	January 8th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Friday	January 10th		Refuse and A.V.D.C Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Tuesday	January 14th	8pm	W.I.
Wednesday	January 15th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship at the home of Joan Eyles, 16 Chapel Hill
Monday	January 20th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	January 25th		Quiz Night and Fish & Chips supper. For more details tel. 270355

**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	December 1st	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	December 15th	11.30am 3pm 3.30pm	Sung Eucharist Accordion Group Christingle
Sunday	December 22nd	11.30am 5.45pm	Carols and Sung Eucharist Concert
Tuesday	December 24th	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
Wednesday	December 25th	10am	Christmas Day Sung Eucharist
Sunday	December 29th	11.30am	Said Communion
Sunday	January 5 <sup>th</sup> 2003	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	January 12th 2003	11.30am	Sung Eucharist

Items for next issue by 13<sup>th</sup> January 2003 to: Mrs. Miller 270545, Mrs. Bunyan 270461, Mrs. Norman 270483,  
Mrs. Fairbairn 270674, or [Debbie@dbegroup.co](mailto:Debbie@dbegroup.co)

Please note: The next Newsletter will cover the last two weeks in January and February