

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



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We would like to wish our readers a very happy Christmas and a cheerful and healthy New Year. Thank you to all the people who are involved in the production and delivery of the Soulbury Newsletter.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Councillors (100% attendance) were joined part through the evening by Jon Sheppard representing the Millennium Green Trust and for the last few minutes by Christine Sheppard.

The Clerk reported that the condition of the roads, Soulbury to Linslade and Soulbury to The Three Locks, had been reported to the Bucks County Council Highways Department and they were to be inspected.

Satisfaction was expressed at the very competitive price charged for the repair of the light on The Green.

The various sources of grants for playground equipment were discussed. However, the Councillors were disappointed that contact had not yet been made with the representative of the playground equipment company and the Aylesbury Vale Playground Officer. Their advice was required before decisions could be

made regarding the slide and the swings.

It was noted that an application for the transfer of the licence of The Three Locks to Helena Jamie Hird had been made.

Councillor Stevens suggested that SID (Speed Indicator Device) could be put to good use in the Parish. The Clerk is to check when Soulbury Parish is scheduled to have the use of the equipment supplied by The Highways Department of the Bucks County Council.

Concern was expressed at irresponsible use of fireworks and the need for considerate use of them.

Date of the next meeting: 15th December starting at 7.30 pm.

CAROL SINGING AT THE BOOT IN AID OF SAVE THE CHILDREN

Celebrate Christmas in style with carol singing at The Boot, 7 – 9pm on Sunday 21st December.

All donations to Save the Children Fund. Then from 9pm till closing – Karaoke.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

As most people know by now, the Green is to be re-opened to dogs on Monday December 1st. After much consultation and deliberation, at a meeting of the Soulbury Millennium Green Trust on Thursday November 6th, it was decided to re-open the green during daylight hours but to continue to lock it at night.

The Trust remains determined to eradicate the problem of dog fouling for the benefit of the whole community and a letter explaining this has been sent to all dog owners. If anyone with a dog has not received a letter from the Trust, please contact Christine Sheppard on 270377.

In the letter the Trust points out that it does have the legal right to impose a complete ban on dogs if it is felt necessary. In order to avoid this, however, it is hoped to enlist the help of the majority of dog walkers who have shown awareness of the problem. We will share a collective responsibility for the condition

of the Millennium Green and the Trust will not tolerate any dog excrement being left anywhere.

The Trust thanks all those who made their views known. It helped the Trustees make a decision and they apologize to everyone who was adversely affected by the dog ban, especially all responsible dog walkers.

The Trust looks forward to seeing dogs and dog walkers back on the Green enjoying themselves and asks parents to ensure children know they must pick up excrement if they walk their dogs.

Now that the Millennium Green has electricity installed, the Trust would like to thank Mr Nick Evens of Fixright Scaffolding Ltd at Hollingdon Depot and in Newport Pagnell for his very very generous donation towards the costs of installing electricity and for organising the building of the meter kiosk. It warms the cockles of your heart when you come across such kindness.

The '100' club will restart in January. Many of you will have received a reminder, but do hurry and make contact with Jane Phillpot 270532 (No 4 Andrews Close). We need as much support as possible so please join if you can. £12 for the year. There is a tear off slip at the end of the Newsletter.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We come once again to the busiest time in the church calendar. Due to popular demand, the church will be illuminated over the Christmas period, beginning in Advent, November 30th through to Epiphany January 6th. Several people have made it known that they would like to make a

donation, either towards the costs (mainly purchase of floodlights and control equipment) or a gift in memory of a loved one. Please contact the Treasurer, Mrs Chris Bryant on 270607 for further details.

The Christingle Service will take place on Sunday December 14th at 4pm. It's a special service for children when they are given christingles to take home – oranges, lit with white candles decorated with red ribbons all symbols of the story of Christ. The children are also asked to bring a wrapped present, marked with a label saying whether it is suitable for a boy or a girl and for what age group. The Christmas presents they bring (it can be a book or toy that they no longer use) are collected together and given to children in need.

There will be no service in All Saints on the morning of Dec 14th but there will be a Said Communion Service at St Michael's in Stewkley at 9am for those who wish to take communion.

On Sunday December 21st there will be a Sung Eucharist Service with Carols at 11.30am in All Saints.

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 11.30pm and on Christmas Day sung Eucharist will take place at 10am (Note Time)

January 6th, the Feast of Epiphany is on a Tuesday and at 8pm there will be a special service in Stewkley at St Michael's Church.

There will be a United Service with the Methodists in Stewkley Methodist Church at 4pm on Sunday December 28th at 4pm.

It will be a service of Carols and Lessons.

STANLEY WOODHEAD BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Mr Stanley Woodhead, born in Great Brickhill will be 100 yrs old!! On January 5th 2004. He now live at 9 The Green in Soulbury. He was married to Edna during the war and they had four children, three boys and a girl. Edna sadly died in 1989. Stanley had many jobs in his long life. He started out working on John and Joyce Kellner's farm in Hollingdon, and then worked for the London Brick Company in Newton Longville. He was a paint sprayer and a postman at other times and ended his working life at Camden Motors in Leighton.

There is to be big family and friend's party for Stanley in Buckingham at the Buckingham Red Cross Day Centre on January 2nd starting at 12.30pm. ~~We wish~~ everyone a very happy time ~~and send~~ congratulations and good wishes to Stanley.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute will be holding their Christmas party on Tuesday December 9th in the clubroom at 7.15pm (prompt). Please bring your own plate, knife, fork and spoon and also a wine glass. If you would like to give a present for under privileged children, please bring along with you. W.I. Members will also be exchanging gifts to the value of £3.

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday November 22nd, the wettest and gloomiest day of the year, the Church held a coffee morning. It was not at all well attended partly because of the

weather and partly because England were busy winning the Rugby Union World Cup. A little black and white TV made a miraculous appearance (courtesy of Chris Bryant I suspect) in one corner of the Club Room so we were very lucky to be able to keep an eye on the score and catch a glimpse of the very tense, exciting game. The sum of £116 was made during the morning. Many thanks to those who donated cakes, raffle prizes, toys, books and bric a brac, and of course, many thanks to the handful of people who did come along and to all the helpers, stall holders, coffee makers and organisers.

SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB AGM

This was held on 12th November, The Chairman, Brian Mead, thanked all those people who help make it possible to continue to play cricket and keep the club going, especially the Parrott family. Mr Chris Bryant, Margaret Rowe, Frances Burnett, John Burnett, Roger Rolls and Jonty Stopp, who all help regularly, and also supporters Anne, George and Tony for their assistance.

Awards were presented, and the out-going committee were thanked and new officers were elected or re-elected.

In his report Brian summarised the year. The club finished the season 3rd in Division 3, just missing promotion to Division 2. The team won the new Wicken 6 a side competition, took part in the Leighton Buzzard and Great Horwood 6 a side competitions and also the Coronation Cup competition. Three Soulbury players took part in the Golden Jubilee match at Ascott celebrating 50 years of the

Coronation Cup. With new players expected to join the club for the next season, Brian look forward to promotion to Division 2 at the end of next season.

The 50 club was also promoted, everyone was encouraged to join this important fund raiser, with a chance to win the monthly prize of £15, and twice yearly draw for £100. Details of the 50 club can be gained from Ian Mortimer 240865 and other information from Brian Mead 376606. New players and supporters always welcome.

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LIFE COACHING

Jim Brown is a personal life coach who lives and works in Soulbury. He will help you set goals for a better life and help you achieve them.

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intuitive/Tutor.

The above usually lasts no longer than one hour. Course dates are available on request. To book your hour of healing, please contact Anita on 01525 240407.

VIOLIN/FLUTE PLAYER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2003

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday	December 8 th & 22 nd		Mobile Library
Tuesday	December 9 th	7.15pm	W.I. Christmas Party
Wednesday	December 10 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Sunday	December 14 th	4pm	Christingle Service
Wednesday	December 17 th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Monday	December 15 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	December 21 st	7-9pm	Carol Singing at The Boot
Thursday	Dec 11 th & 29 th		Recycling Collections
Monday	January 5 th		Refuse Collection
Saturday	January 10 th		Refuse Collection
Friday	January 16 th		Refuse Collection

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	Nov 30 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Dec 14 th	4pm	Christingle Service
Sunday	Dec 21 st	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Dec 28 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Dec 28 th	4pm	United Service with Methodist, carols and lessons, Stewkley Methodist Church
Sunday	Jan 4 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Tuesday	Jan 6 th	8pm	Feast of Epiphany (St Michael's, Stewkley)

This month's newsletter was kindly sponsored by The Soulbury Parochial Church Council.

Items for next issue by January 15th, 2004 to: Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Miller 270545
 Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, or Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk

APPLICATION FORM FOR SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN 100 CLUB

Make Cheques Payable to: Soulbury Millennium Green Trust

Name: _____ Address: _____

Tel: _____ Cash/Cheque _____ Date: _____

Signature _____

We need as much support as possible, so please ask your family, friends and work colleagues to join.
 Please complete the slip provided and return. Thank you for your support

Yours faithfully
 Jane Phillpot – SMG Trust