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# SOULBURY NEWS LETTER

## OBITUARY FOR A SOULBURY GIRL

A large crowd of friends gathered at All Saints, Soulbury, last Friday (23<sup>rd</sup>) for the funeral of Sydney Barnes, who died on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Sydney was born on 17<sup>th</sup> march, 1906 in her grandmother's cottage, which used to stand beside 'The Boot' pub. As a girl she attended the village Church of England Endowed School. Sydney's grandmother ran the village grocery and general store from a ground floor of the cottage, selling tobacco and the LBO amongst other things. Her Aunt Harriet ran a haberdashery department in another room. She met her husband, Fred, in the village when he made the daily milk deliveries for the local farm dairies, and they were married for 60 years. Sydney had an encyclopaedic memory for names of places and people and she would dictate a short history of Soulbury as she remembered it as a girl.

It seemed entirely appropriate, therefore, that the church bells were pealed both before and after her service (for the first time in nearly 60/70 years as far as anyone is aware), and so an act of thanksgiving for the life of a very special Soulbury lady was turned into joyous celebration, exactly as she would have wished.



## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Millennium Green Summer Fayre, last Sunday, was a contribution by Soulbury to the celebration of the new millennium. We had a wonderful hot summer day and people seemed really to enjoy the afternoon.

There were loads of attractions and stalls and lots of free entertainment. The millennium was celebrated in some style!

We did in fact raise a lot of money (£1500), after the expenses for the Morris dancers, Falconers and the band we made of profit of £900 roughly, but the main aim was to celebrate the millennium, which we did.

## Raffle Prize Winners

The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of the Deluxe Gas Barbeque was won by Greg Shimmins of High Road. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, the West End Theatre Tickets were won by Mark Blythe of Leicester (!), and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize of a Round of Golf at Mentmore was won by Alistair Lindsay of Wycombe and last but not least, Mr Tony Saint of The Boot won the camera. Congratulations to these winners and to every one else that won a prize, and also a big thank you to every one that very generously donated the prizes for the Grand Draw and to every body that came along on such a glorious day to support The Soulbury Millennium Green.



## Pet Show

The Pet Show was a huge success, with at least 25 dogs all lining up to enter. There were First and Second Class winners from each group, but with the calibre of the dogs entered being so high we were spoilt for choice, it was tough deciding who the winners were to be!

Jack, owned by Greg Shimmins won the most Handsome Dog, whilst Prettiest Bitch went to Lily a black Labrador owned by Vuokko and Mark Denne.

Portia, owned by the Fairbairn's, deservedly won the Waggiest Tail and Best Veteran went (not surprisingly) to Maisie a 17 year old Jack Russell (!) – owned by Steven Kittoe.

The Best Child Handler was a young girl with a German Shepherd, we are unsure of her name, but if you contact one of the team listed at the bottom of this newsletter we will be able to give a report worthy of your performance in next months newsletter. Well done to everyone that entered, the dogs and their owners made this a very enjoyable event.

### **Art Competition**

Entries for the children's painting competition were rather late so the winners will be announced very soon, and reported in the next newsletter.

### **...And finally...**

The Fayre took a lot of effort to put on and the trustees would like to thank everyone who contributed in whatever way. There are too many people to mention them all, just **thank you** all very much.

As for the future, the trustee would like the Green to be used for all sorts of activities. Maybe the line dancers who were at the Fayre would like to come and do a longer show? Do we want picnic/barbecues, plays, concerts, public or private? Bike competitions for the youngsters? We are open to suggestions.

**REMINDER:** The very first concert on the Millennium Green is the Choir of GelliPentre Primary School from the Rhonda Valley, South Wales on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Put it in your diary. Admission is free.

### **100 CLUB**

The winner of the June draw for the £42 this month was Mr Phil Cozens. A little something towards that lovely new thatch?



### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Chairman, Alf Peacock reported on the outcome of the meeting of the Council with the County Council representative from the Highways

department who came to discuss traffic calming measures. He felt there was a distinct possibility of a successful application for a 20mph speed limit. Our village roads with their twisting features, narrow blind bend at the northern end, a fast dangerous bend below the Church, and pedestrians crossing at the Church and the Cross Bucks Way footpath, all constitute a positive case for a slower speed limit.

This would be of little cost to the Parish; the main expense would be the legal fees for changing the speed limit – which would be borne by the County Council.

There are more dog waste bags now in the village. If anyone would like a supply please call at the Clubroom when it is open, or telephone 270545. The District Council have had problems with the contractors in charge of servicing the dog waste bins, and ours has suffered along with everywhere else. However, a new contractor will take over on July 1<sup>st</sup> so any problems should be sorted out.

The village bus shelter was a topic of concern. The roof tiles are in need of replacement, and graffiti is gradually building up on the inside. A group of youngsters might like to come forward and paint the inside as a service to the community during the summer holiday. How about it?

Talking of service to the community the Parish Council, through the newsletter, would like to thank Mrs Maureen Fountain for keeping the bus shelter so clean and pleasant. For several years now, unasked, she has regularly scrubbed and swept it out, quietly getting on with a none too pleasant task; which users have possibly not appreciated. "Thank you Maureen".



### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS**

#### **Church Cleaning**

Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays 1<sup>st</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August.



### **Church Fete**

The fete will be held this year on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the garden of Bunty and John Pargeter's home, immediately opposite The Boot. There will be the usual stalls. Anybody who can help should contact Stan Morris on 270577 or the Vicar on 240287.

### **Pentecost 2000**

A number of us from the Church went over to the Bucks county show Ground at Weedon on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> for this event, the biggest of the Millennium in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. This was a unique day for people from all Churches (some 300 churches gave their support) to gather with friends and neighbours to discover new possibilities for us all in this new millennium. The object was "to make it a day for everyone, young and old to journey together in the Way of Jesus Christ".

There was a wide ranging programme of events including a United Service of worship in the middle of the afternoon and in the evening many were attracted to Pentecost Praise led by Graham Kendrick one of the most popular modern day hymn writers.

Available at one of the stalls was a specially produced publication "101 of the best Churches in Buckinghamshire". The most prominent of the 16 pictures is of Soulbury Church. Copies of the leaflet are available from Stan Morris at £1 each if anybody is interested.



### **Restoration/Bells**

At long last we have received our final payment from English Heritage for the Phase 2 work. The bells have been ringing out in practice sessions since the beginning of the month and although the first ring for a service was scheduled for the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>, they were actually rung on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, before and after Sydney Barnes' funeral service.

## PCC

The council met on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss our obligations in respect of those working with children and young people, health and safety, and the future programme of building work. Mrs Christine Bryant was appointed Secretary for the PCC in succession to Mrs Joyce Kellner. She felt it time to give up the post after more years than she cares to remember.

### *Ordained Local Ministry*

People are called by God to serve in different ways in the world and in the church. Some are called to serve as Ordained Local Ministers (OLM) like Peter Lymbery and they fulfil a role, which is recognised in the wider community.

People are called in many different ways to serve as OLMs and each call is unique. OLM's need a gift for aspects of the ministry, but not necessarily all, an openness to growth and change, a realistic appreciation of their strengths and weaknesses, be comfortable working as a member of a team and have leadership potential. If this is you, talk to the Vicar.



### **An Appeal.....**

About the 'Welcome to Soulbury' leaflet, we mentioned in a recent issue that we are hoping to rewrite this leaflet. We would like to make it as informative as possible to people moving into the village. We would be grateful if each group in the village could let us have a paragraph for inclusion giving details of what they do, day they meet, any membership cost or requirement and a contact name and telephone number.



### **LONDON LUTON AIRPORT**

The Council have received a lengthy consultation document on the Luton application for a western extension of their controlled airspace. Many questions are answered, and much information included, but only one option is being considered, as this is the only safe possibility.

If you would like to see a copy telephone the Clerk, John Spires on 01525 370094, or any member of the Parish Council.

### **GARDEN WASTE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE**

It is the time of year for excessive lawn mowing and deadheading of flowers. Please remember that these do no good to cattle; indeed can be poisonous to them. When thrown indiscriminately into a ditch or over a hedge, can either block up the ditch causing problems with drainage, or upset the cattle and sheep.

Please remember it is more responsible to keep debris within the limits of your own garden.

### **BOWLING CLUB**

The Bowling Club meets at 7.30pm each Thursday evening in the Clubroom. New members would be very welcome. Come along and have a try – it is great fun and cheap at the price (only £1 on evening)

### **LIFE IN THE COUNTRY ISN'T A BED OF ROSES**

Over the last few years' services have declined in rural Buckinghamshire and local people are being left increasingly isolated.

Buckingham Community Action, in its role as the Rural Community Council for Bucks in partnership with The Samaritans, The Rural Stress Information Network, The NFU & other local organisations have launched a countywide rural stress initiative that aims to provide people living in rural areas of the country with information that offers support and advise to people suffering from stress and to also raise awareness of the pressures associated with rural life in Buckinghamshire through a number of events.

There are to be Posters and Advice Cards displayed about the Bucks Rural Stress Initiative with lots of information about stress and the organisations involved with this project that are there to help anyone that is in need of it. Telephone: Rural Stress Information Network on 02476-412916, The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution 01865-727888, The Samaritans 08457-909090 or your local Citizen Advice Bureau.



### **LETTERS PAGE**

#### **THE SAMARITANS LETTER**

Dear Soulbury Residents,

I would like to thank you for your recent collection of £70.20 for our branch of the Samaritans. This is very much appreciated and helps us to keep this branch open 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. This allows us to provide a vital support for the lonely, depressed and suicidal in our local area and also to people around the country via our national phone line.

We believe this is a valuable service to the community as we see a steady rise in demand each year. Your generosity will help us to provide this much needed service and all our callers will benefit directly from your help.

Please accept our sincere thanks.

Yours faithfully

Terry 189

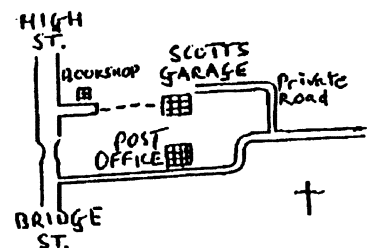
Director, Milton Keynes Samaritans.

### **GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE**

Repairs and Sales by RGC Machinery, Station Road, Mursley, MK 17 0SA. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection and delivery. Reconditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of ATV's & Farm Machinery. Tel. 01296 720066.

### **VEHICLE REPAIRS, SERVICING AND MOT TESTING**

High quality workmanship from a friendly establishment. Convenient to Leighton Buzzard High Street. David J Scott. Tel. 01525 373628.





## CRICKET FIXTURES JULY 2000

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Away	Whitchurch
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Away	Stoke Hammond
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Home	Markyate
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Home	Westcott
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Away	Stoke Hammond
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> July	Home	Linslade
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Home	Stoke Hammond
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Home	Wicken
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> July	Away	Padbury
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> July	Home	New Bradwell



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY 2000

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>		Church Cleaning.
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Open Air Service.
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls.
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Concert at the M.G Amphitheatre.
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm – 2.15pm 2.20pm – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-by High Road. Stewkley Rd Bus Stop.
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	W.I
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Social Circle
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>		A.V.D.C Waste Paper and Recycling Collection.
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	W.F.
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Church Fete. At the Cottage Church Lane.
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Ladies Night at The Boot.



## DIARY DATES

August	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>		Children's Summer Entertainment.
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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

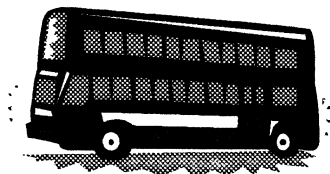
All Sundays in July & 6 <sup>th</sup> August	11.30am	Sung Communion in Church
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	11.00am United Service on the Millennium Green with the Salvation Army Band.

## METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Brian Trudgian, The Manse, Stewkley – Tel: 240251

Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Millennium Green Outdoor Service-
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Rev. K Salter – Sacrament of The Lords Supper
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mr K. Edlington
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Dr. R. Owers
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Rev. B Trudgian
All Sundays except first in month	10.00am	Sunday Club	

Items for next issue by 18th July 2000 to: - Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Mr Friswell 270918, Mrs Hulston 270349, Miss Wegener 270284, Mrs Stevens 270514 or Mrs Ridley 270619.



## SOULBURY BUS TIMETABLES (Correct at May 2000)

All buses stop at / or opposite the bus shelter in the Stewkley Road

Useful Numbers: Red Kite 01525 211441 : Arriva 0345 788788 : Robinsons 01525 240264 : Bucks Traveline 0345 382000

DESTINATION	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	MILTON KEYNES / BLETCHLEY	AYLESBURY
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Out</b> 9.22am Red Kite/95 (School Days Only)  <b>Return (from High Street)</b> 2.48pm Red Kite/95 (School Days Only) or 5.10pm Arriva/58		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Out</b> 9.22am Red Kite/95 (School Days Only) Or 10.18am Robinsons/58 Or 1.33pm Robinsons/58  <b>Return (from High Street)</b> 12.30pm Robinsons/58 Or 2.45pm Robinsons/58 Or 2.48pm Red Kite/95 (School Days Only) Or 5.10pm Arriva/58	<b>Out</b> 9.17am Red Rose/52  <b>Return</b>  12.50pm MK Bus Station Bay 13  12.55pm MK Shops H3  1.05pm Bletchley Bay 12 Red Rose/52	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Same as Monday	Same as Tuesday	<b>Out</b> 10.17am Red Rose/52 <b>Return (from Aylesbury Bus Station, Bay 11)</b> 11.40am Red Rose/52, and 2.20pm Red Rose/52,
<b>Thursday</b>	Same as Monday	Same as Tuesday	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Out</b> 9.22am Red Kite/95 (School Days Only) Or 9.48am Robinsons/58  <b>Return (from High Street)</b> 12.30pm Robinsons/58, 2.48pm Red Kite/95 (School Days Only), 5.10pm Arriva/58	Same as Tuesday	Same as Wednesday
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Out</b> Via Stewkley & Wing 11.05am Red Rose/53  <b>Return (from High Street)</b> 2.05pm Red Rose/53		
<b>Sunday</b>			

Thank you to Dave Miller for kindly taking the time to collate this information for the village Newsletter.

