

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



**Millennium Green
FUN SUNDAY & BBQ
PET SHOW
RAMBLE
PHOTO COMPETITION
20 JULY**

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SPONSORSHIP

As mentioned previously, we are still having trouble getting the Newsletter published. Last month we paid for it to be copied commercially, but we do not have the funds to continue to do this. We are now looking for sponsors who might take on the cost for one month annually, the approximate cost being £50. In the first instance we are contacting local businesses, but if any individual or business feels able to help, please contact Pam Norman on 270483.

MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

The Annual General meeting of the Millennium Green Trust was held on Thursday June 19th in the Club Room. There were five Trustees present and two members of the public.

In general, things are going well on the Green. The trees are flourishing and the environment, plant and bird life is diversifying and maturing. However, the Treasurer expressed his concerns over the financial state of the Trust in future years. The bank balance is healthy at the moment, but

grant money from environmental organisations such as The Countryside Agency had now come to an end. Insurance costs have risen astronomically and the Trust will need to raise over £1000 a year in order to break even and ensure The Green is maintained properly. The Chairman recognised the importance of the Treasurer's views and said that fund raising should be a priority in the next few years.

She also expressed some disappointment that the Green, especially the amphitheatre, is not used enough by the local community for events. She said that promotion of The Green to the wider public for drama, musical events, to W.I.'s, OAPS, to playgroups, for barbecues and picnics, should be something the Trust would concentrate on in the future. The Green is there to be used by everyone, so if any group or individuals would like to use The Green for any function, please contact the Secretary on 270514 and your ideas will surely be welcomed.

The question of an electricity supply on The Green was discussed again and this project

is making progress slowly. It is hoped that The Green will be more attractive to local groups for functions if electricity is available.

The meeting ended with the Chairman thanking everyone for all their hard work and support over the last year and expressing regret that Mrs Maureen Payne, a long time supporter, Trustee and ex-Chairman of the MG, is leaving. After the AGM there followed an ordinary meeting when arrangements for the Ramble and Barbecue on Sunday July 20th were discussed at length. Offers of help will be much appreciated. We need help with putting up tents on Sunday morning and taking them down in the evening, fetching tables and chair from the Club Room, help serving teas and refreshments, donations for the raffle (Pam Norman in charge) and the tombola (June and John in charge), offers of sandwiches and cakes, lots of people to go on the Ramble, to bring their pets to the Pet Show, lots of people to enter the Photo Competition (entries to be in to Jane Phillipot, 4 Andrews Close on 270532 by Monday July

14th). Prizes for the best photos.

The ramble will start at 11am and the barbecue will start about 1pm with the Pet Show at 2pm. Entry fee for the Pet Show is £2.50. For this price you can enter as many pets for as many categories as you wish. Please ensure your pets are safe, secure, well watered and cared for.

Entry fee for Photo Competition is £1.00 with a maximum of four photos for each entrant. Please ensure your name is on the back of the photo and that your entry gets to Jane by Monday July 14th. The photo must be of the Green, general views, close-ups, any time of year.

Mr Alf Peacock was the winner in the 100 Club Draw for the month of June. Congratulations Alf! We now have 94 members in the Club.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Saturday June 21st was the day of the church fete. It was a glorious sunny day, the setting was delightful and traditional and everyone enjoyed themselves. There were possibly not as many people there as in previous years, but this is probably because there were a lot of other fetes on in the area - Overstone School, where lots of our children go, had their fete and so did Cublington.

We had excellent Morris dancers dressed in great outfits dancing on the lawn. There were skittles, pitching a golf ball into a bucket (very hard!), tombola, teas and refreshments, a plant stall, a cake and produce stall, a book stall, bric-a-brac, guess where the wine is, the name of the

whisky, the weight of a cake and where the treasure is.

There were lovely coloured sands and local artists brought their pictures and craft items. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped by donating raffle prizes and items for the stalls and to those who came along for the afternoon, to those who manned stalls and especially to Dr and Mrs Owen who kindly opened their garden for the event. Thanks to the organisers who put so much time and effort into the arrangements - to Mrs Owen, to Stan Morris and Mr and Mrs C Bryant. The sum of £1425 was raised for church funds.

Sunday July 6th is a special day. At 10am (note the time) there will be a special service to officially open the new vestry, kitchen and toilet facilities. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the dedication service.

The Rev. Peter Lymbery is leading a group of people on the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in October this year. It takes place over a long weekend from Friday October 10th to Sunday October 12th. If you would like to go or are interested in obtaining more information such as details about accommodation and cost, please phone Peter on 371235 or Frances on 378052 as soon as possible in order that you can secure a place. It is a truly amazing place and set in lovely countryside in the county of Norfolk near Wells next the Sea.

W.I. DATES

Tuesday 1st July

The Royal Show - coach leaves

at 8am from Stewkley Road Bus Stop.

Tuesday 8th July

Social Evening, with bring and buy stall. Please bring anything along that you think might sell.

Saturday 12th July

Pig Roast at Stapleford Mill Farm, Soulbury. Tickets £12.50, bring your own drink. This event is open to all, please call Mary Giles on 270568 for tickets.

CRICKET CLUB BARBECUE

The Cricket Club will hold a barbecue, admission is free, on Saturday 26th July from 7pm onwards. All are welcome, come and join the fun and help raise funds for the club.

CAN YOU HELP?

I require a lift from Soulbury to Aylesbury for 8am, Monday to Friday, for the next six months, starting from Monday 21st July 2003. I can contribute towards petrol costs. If you are able to help please contact Stuart Green on 01525 270828.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Summer is a busy time in the garden. Mowing the lawn is either a task you love or hate. Let's spare a thought for the wonderful people who look after our village green and all the other bits of grass that surround the village. Maybe we could help by looking after the bits of grass in front of our own houses. Yes, I know it doesn't belong to you so why should you bother? We all know that any land beyond our gatepost is the public highway, but let's get back to the community spirit that there used to be in villages in days

gone by. Please, everyone, make an effort to look after that piece of grass in front of your house and keep our lovely village looking good and take some of the strain off the people who work tirelessly, unthanked and unpaid for the good of our village.
A Soulbury Resident

SECRETARIAL HELP NEEDED

Is there anyone in the village who has time on their hands to do an occasional few hours a week typing to help out with an overload of work? I am a home-based secretarial service, providing word processing and transcription to various markets nationwide. If you do have a computer at home with MS Office, a secretarial background and are interested, I would love to hear from you. Please call Sam Stevens on 270514 for details.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL PRINCESS

Pheobe Axtell-Powell recently won the title of Leighton Junior Carnival Princess and will collect her crown at the Leighton Buzzard Carnival on 12th July. Pheobe also celebrates her birthday on 21st July. Congratulations Pheobe!

STOLEN KNICKERS!

A rather large pair of knickers displayed outside of the Axtell-Powell house of the occasion of Julie's 40th birthday were removed without permission. If you have seen them or know of their whereabouts, please contact Julie.

FOUND

An electronic diary has been found on the playground in

Mount Pleasant If you are the owner, or know who is, please contact Liz on 270545.

LOWES LANDSCAPE

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CRICKET FIXTURES

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| Saturday | 5th July | Stewkley 2 XI | Away |
| Sunday | 6th July | Studham | Away |
| Saturday | 12th July | Stoke Goldington | Home |
| Sunday | 13th July | Long Marston | Away |
| Saturday | 19th July | Totternhoe | Away |
| Sunday | 20th July | Stewkley | Home |
| Saturday | 26th July | Alex Bonser XI | Home |
| Sunday | 27th July | New Bradwell | Away |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(In the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

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| Monday | 7th & 21st July | Mobile Library | |
| Tuesday | 1st July | W.I. Outing to Royal Show | |
| Tuesday | 8th July | W.I. Social Evening & Bring and Buy | 8pm |
| Wednesday | 9th July | Social Circle | 2.30pm |
| Saturday | 12th July | W.I. Pig Roast at Stapleford Mill | |
| Thursday | 10th & 24th July | AVDC Waste Paper & Recycling Collection | |
| Wednesday | 16th July | W. Fellowship | 7.45pm |
| Sunday | 20th July | M. Green Ramble & Pet Show | |
| Monday | 21st July | Parish Council Meeting | 8pm |

DIARY DATES

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| Tuesday | 12th August | Childrens Entertainer 11am |
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ALL SAINTS SERVICES

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

Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery, 7 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard - Tel: 371235

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| Sunday | 6th July | Dedication Service | 10am |
| Sunday | 13th July | Sung Eucharist | 11.30am |
| Sunday | 20th July | Sung Eucharist | 11.30am |
| Sunday | 27th July | Sung Eucharist | 11.30am |

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Items for next issue by 20th July to : Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, or Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk