



June 2000

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Things are actually moving on the Green and it's beginning to look the way it was planned. The children's playground is finished and lots of children have been to give it a try. All the children I spoke to, expressed approval and seemed to enjoy themselves. The fencing has been admired and came from Goodwood Sawmills in Marston Moretaine.

The main path and car-park area have been started today, Monday 22nd May and, depending on the weather, should (dare I say it!) be finished by the end of May!

The front of the amphitheatre has been turfed, the grass mown on the terraced seating area and the greenery setting really enhances the dark grey of the granite sculpture.

At the Millennium Green Fayre on Sunday 18th June there will be country dancing and Morris dancers performing on the stage. On Saturday 8th July there will be a concert performed by Welsh school children. These are the first functions to be held on the stage in the year 2000 but if anyone else has ideas for other open air events in the future, we would welcome any suggestions. The Green is here for you to use and enjoy!

Thanks are due to Mr Alf Peacock for organising the Welsh concert, to Mr Michael Luxton and Roly Andrews for the turfing and all those who helped lay drains, make paths, shift bark and earth, mow grass and tidy up.

I've forgotten the entrance gates. They have been erected and look good and make it more secure. Very many thanks to Maurice Cross.

We hope you've put 18th JUNE in your diaries. Don't forget to encourage your children to paint pictures or make

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models for the painting competition. Prizes will be awarded at the Fayre.

Other attractions on the day include free demonstrations from the English School of Falconry, one (or possibly two) working shire horses, lace making, Morris dancers and line dancing. There will also be a 'Gardener's Question Time'. If you have any problems or queries about plants or gardening Paul Ross from Liscombe will be there to answer them. He will have with him a mystery plant - will you be able to name it?

Live music, teas, ice creams and refreshments will be there for your enjoyment. Many of the stalls rely on some help from donations and gifts. The plant stall, cake stall, books and tapes, and bric-a-brac stalls as well as the children's lucky dip (small prizes) would be pleased to receive such items. Catherine Fairbairn is running a jar tombola and would like to receive jars filled with anything - sweets, tea-bags, pasta, jam etc. Please ring 270674 if you have any jars and would like them collected.

Other amusements on the day will be pony rides, a treasure hunt around the site, a coconut shy, a children's roundabout, face painting and a craft stall.

Don't forget the dog / pet show which will take place at 3.00pm. Bring him / her / it along on the day and enter as many categories as possible. They are 'Most handsome dog; Prettiest bitch; Dog with the waggiest tail; Best veteran; Best child handler; and Most unusual pet.

By the way, has anyone got a PA system we could borrow for announcing the times of events at the Fayre. Please contact Christine on 270 377 or Jane on 270 532 if you can help in any way.

The tickets for the Grand Raffle are now being sold around the village, please buy at least one! The prizes are both astounding and a-plenty, and include:-

A delux gas barbeque from Transfix LB, a Fotonex 101 ix (APS) camera from Fujifilm Ltd, a day on a narrow board (not a commercial trip) courtesy of Mr & Mrs Hall, a wet cut from the hair salon 'Altered Images', an MOT test from D Scotts Garage, a family ticket to Blenheim Palace, a gift voucher from Denne Country Store, a round of golf for 4 from Mentmore Golf and Country Club, West End Theatre Tickets for 2 courtesy of Mr G Shimmins, Boxes of biscuits from Ron Millers Dairies, Three prizes of £5 gift vouchers from Frosts Garden Centre, a family hamper worth at least £25 including wine & chocolates from Waitrose, plus £5 worth of goods from Tesco, an adult pass to Whipsnade Wild Animal Park, £25 cash from Boss Group Ltd, a family pass to Bucks Railway Centre at Quanton, and several others, not quite confirmed.

### Nature Notes

#### Trees

The young trees are establishing themselves well, particularly gratifying is the success rate of the hornbeams. The young willows, golden osiers, will eventually go and are being used to soak up the wet until the oaks and ashes get bigger. The cuttings of the black poplar, whose natural stronghold is the Vale of Aylesbury, have also got established in the main hedge on the left.

#### Birds

A pair of mallards have been seen feeding on the pond and on the back swale. House martins have been swooping over the pond, feeding on insects and getting mud for their nests. A song thrush (now quite rare) a pair of mistle thrushes, pied wagtails, starlings, blackbirds, collared doves, stock doves, wood pigeons, magpies, sparrow hawk and sparrows are all regular visitors. The blackcap sings in the blackthorn scrub and a hobby was seen flying over on two occasions.

#### Flowers

The buttercups look a picture on the top meadow and the cuckoo flower is increasing in number.

#### Butterflies

Orange tip butterflies, speckled woods, brimstones and a small copper butterfly have all been seen.

Its getting better all the time!

### 100 Club

The winner for this month is Iris Ayris. Congratulations!



### ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

#### Church Cleaning

Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays 3rd June and 1st July.

#### Church Fete

This event will be slightly later than usual this year on Saturday 22nd July in the garden of Bunty and John Pargeters' home immediately opposite the Boot. Stan Morris on 270577 or the Vicar on 240287 are particularly anxious to hear from anybody who is willing to put on sales or amusement stalls or entertainment. New ideas welcome as well as old favourites. Hopefully our restored bells will be ringing.

#### Quiz Night and Supper at Liscombe

This event on 19th May was an outstanding success. The final figure will be well over £400 for the Church General Fund. A precise figure will be announced when all the expenses have been cleared. Thanks go to Sir Nicholas and Lady Bonsor for making their home available and to Sir Nicholas for donating back and auctioning two raffle prizes he won. Thanks for Maureen Payne for setting the questions and to the ladies who prepared the excellent repast.

#### Pentecost 2000

We hope you can attend this event on 11th June. It will be the biggest Millennium event in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes and will be held at the Bucks County Show Ground, Weedon Park, near Aylesbury. Kathy Staff, who plays Nora Batty in the BBC's "Last of the Summer Wine" and who is a very well known and active Christian will open the proceedings. There is a full programme of events from 11.00am to 7.00pm including a banner-carrying parachute descent, Christian Resources, Conservation, Art, Music and Drama, Charities, Local Heritage (and a subsequent trail around the county's churches) as well as showing the work of the 29 local Churches Together groups. There will be 2 large tents for a variety of presentations by well-known speakers.

All profits from the weekend will go to Jubilee 2000 which is an organisation working for remission of world debt. Children will also have an important part in the day with 2 tents and an international dress parade. The main act of worship will be at 3.15pm to be led by a thousand strong choir with speakers. There is a letter from Norman Cotton giving full details displayed at various points throughout the village. If you feel there is a supreme being whom you cannot quite reach this is where your hands could touch.

#### Restoration / Bells

We are in the final stages of negotiating the last portion of the English Heritage grant for our Phase 2 work. The very good news is that the bells are nearly finished and that we have the money to pay for them. If all goes to plan the first serious practice will take place on the evening of the 8th June. They will be rung before the 11.30am service on the 25th June. We hope to have a ringing festival as part of the fete and the formal dedication is planned to be at the Harvest Festival on the 1st October. Within the next month or so we hope to produce an information leaflet showing what has been achieved in the last six years and outlining plans for the future.



### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following last month's discussion on traffic calming, the Clerk reported at the recent Parish Council meeting that representatives from the County Council will meet with members of the Parish Council on 13th June to consider any possibilities.

The chairman, Mr Alf Peacock was able to report that his crusade against ignorance about telecommunication masts had had some effect. The Department of the Environment were now considering giving a grant to Local Councils to run tests using the National Physical Laboratory's expertise, so that all mast emissions could be monitored.

A new hand mower has been purchased for the use of the Parish Council.

The children's summer entertainment will be in the Clubroom on Tuesday 15th August at 11.00am.

Several disapproving comments were made both at this meeting and at the Annual meeting over the new proposals for local committee meetings, and also the larger repercussions likely with the reorganisation of local and county government. There appears to be no chance of retaining the 'status quo', progress must be made, but alternatives will be clearly described and set out for the public to make a choice sometime in the near future.

The next Parish Council meetings will be on 19th June and 17th July.

**ST MICHAELS'S CHURCH BELL RESTORATION FUND, STEWKLEY**

**Open Garden Weekend**

This will be held on Saturday and Sunday 17th & 18th June when ten beautiful gardens will be open to the public between 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

Enjoy delicious cream teas in two gardens, and an Exhibition of paintings, demonstration of honey extracting and a sale of plants.

St Michaels Church will be open to visitors. There will be a £3 charge for the garden tour. All proceeds go to the Church Bell Restoration Fund.

For further information, contact Diana Sheldon on 240 398.

**JIM BROWN**

Hollingdon resident Jim Brown successfully completed his second London Marathon last month. His time of 4 hours 19 minutes was 56 minutes better than last years time, a testament to his extensive training.

He would like to thank all the local residents, especially those of Hollingdon, who generously sponsored him by giving money to the charity SPARKS. He has raised over £1500 to date.

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**LADIES NIGHT**

Remember Ladies night is the last Thursday evening of the month, either at the Boot or, at someone's house. These are very informal evenings and all ladies are welcome.

**FOUND**

In High Road, on weekend of 7th May, a diary from Cavendish Philatelic Auctions. Ring 270 385.

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**SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES JUNE 2000**

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Home	Padbury
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Away	Great Horwood
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Home	Stewkley 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> June	Away	Studham
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Away	Little Horwood
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> June	Home	Milton Bryan
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> June	Away	Willen 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Home	Shenley Church End

League matches commence at 14.00pm and friendly matches at 2.30pm.

We are always on the lookout for new players.

For further information, please telephone Brian Mead on 270444 or Roger Rolls on 270599



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE 2000

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

<b>Monday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	W.I.
<b>Wednesday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Social Circle
<b>Thursday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>		A.V.D.C. Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
<b>Thursday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
<b>Wednesday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
<b>Monday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm – 2.15pm 2.20pm – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-by - Bus Stop
<b>Saturday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> June & 1 <sup>st</sup> July	10.00am – 12.00pm	Church Cleaning
<b>Sunday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Millennium Green Fayre
<b>Wednesday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	A.G.M. of Millennium Green Trust
<b>Thursday</b>		8.00pm	Ladies Night in the Boot



## DIARY DATES

<b>JULY</b>	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Open Air Service at Millennium Green
<b>JULY</b>	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>		Concert at the Millennium Green Amphitheatre
<b>JULY</b>	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Church Fete
<b>AUGUST</b>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>		Children's Summer Entertainment

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

<b>Sunday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am 6.00pm	Said Communion Evensong
<b>Sunday</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> June	No services	Pentecost at Aylesbury.
<b>Sunday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am	Sung Eucharist for Patronal Festival at Holy Trinity, Drayton Parslow
<b>Sunday</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> June	11.30am	Sung Eucharist. BELLS RING AGAIN
<b>Sunday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	11.00am	Open Air Service on the Millennium Green with the Salvation Army Band. Come and enjoy the singing.

## METHODIST CHURCH

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

<b>Sunday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am	Mr Keith Edlington
<b>Sunday</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm	Mr K Gregory
<b>Sunday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm	Mr C Dimmock
<b>Sunday</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm	Rev. Dr. J Hustler
<b>All Sundays except first in month</b>		10.00am	Sunday Club

Items for next issue by 21<sup>st</sup> June 2000 to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Mr Friswell 270918, Mrs Hulston 270349, Miss Wegener 270284, or Mrs Stevens 270514.