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# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Annual Parish Meeting, the Chairman welcomed those parishioners who had made the effort to attend, and the comment was passed that the Council cannot be functioning too badly or there would have been more of the public present!

In his report Mr Alf Peacock praised the village groups who kept the community functioning, and socialising active. He pointed out that the war memorial would soon be restored as the names were disappearing, and that the exit onto the road from the church would be made safer. He also thanked the two villagers who regularly, unasked, kept the war memorial and the bus shelter tidy and clean. He welcomed the local policeman to the meeting, P.C. Briginshaw.

P.C. Briginshaw reported that the year's crimes totalled 25 in Soulbury, a slight decrease in burglaries, but an increase in car related crimes. This was put down to the lack of cars being parked and left vulnerable by walkers in the countryside, so the criminals had turned to villages to find their victims. He recommended that all items of value were removed from cars, even for overnight parking.

Another situation he wanted us all to be aware of was the calling at the door of youngsters. One asked for a piece of paper and a pen to leave a message for an aunt, living nearby. Whilst the house owner went to fetch these, another had slipped into the premises.

The one on the door was very convincing and the thief just let himself out at the back. P.C. Briginshaw thought it most likely

that these two villains would call on someone in Soulbury or nearby.

The police were also keen to see a few more Neighbourhood Watch coordinators working in Soulbury, to help keep the whole village covered. Both the County Councillor Mrs Brenda Jennings and the District Councillor Mrs Maureen Payne, made comment in their reports on the new system of working in the councils. Cabinet structure with Scrutiny Committees and Policy Advisory Groups, where specific responsibilities were allocated to individuals, all meant that there was a certain amount of learning and trying out to be done. Problems however were rapidly being ironed out and progress made towards modernisation.

Councillor Jennings reported that many footpaths should be opened in a restricted way by the end of May, and that the 20 mph speed limit was still being pursued for Soulbury. The work towards the by-pass was going on a pace, and the Wing by-pass had now been moved to the top of the list for consideration as the county recognised that the Milton Keynes - Aylesbury link was now top priority for the county.

Other business of the meeting recorded more complaints about the state of Hollingdon Lane, and the council agreed to order a load of topsoil for the children's playground to level the areas which had become eroded.

Councillor Miller reported a lack of progress on finding the owner of the Soulbury Fountain, this being a requirement of the grant application.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Council from the two

villagers present - Mrs Hilary Pooley and Miss Daphne Booth.



### MILLENIUM GREEN NEWS

A date for your diaries! SUNDAY JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> (not June 24<sup>th</sup> I don't know where that date came from!).

On that day June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. the trustees are planning a "Village Sunday" afternoon. Aylesbury Vale District Council have very kindly organised a band, the Great Horwood Brass Band to come and play on the stage, as well as a Punch and Judy show for the children. We are very grateful to the District Council for including Soulbury in their plans for local summer entertainment. It's free! Everyone is welcome and we hope as many people as possible will come along.

There will be exciting games and activities for children of all ages. Teas and refreshments, hot dogs and burgers will be served.

There will also be a few stalls as well: cakes, plants, a prize tombola, bric-a-brac and books. We welcome any donations for these stalls to be brought round to the Green on Sunday morning or to the following addresses - 7, The Mead; 23, The Green and to June and John (prize Tombola gifts) at 17 Stewkley Rd.

We need some strong men! to help put up and take down tents on Saturday and Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. If you could help please phone Christine on 270377; Jane on 270532; Maureen on 270418 or Liz on 270545.

If the weather is bad, we shall move to the Church for the band and the Club Room for other activities.

Last month the 100 Club Draw was won by Stephen Kittoe with number 66. Congratulations!

The Annual General Meeting of the Millenium Green Trust is to be held on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> in the Club Room at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome, especially people interested in using the Green for local events.



### ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

#### *Church Cleaning*

This is due to take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 10am to 12 noon. Help would be appreciated, if only for part of the time.

#### *Church Fete*

Please note the revised date of 1<sup>st</sup> September. This year's fete will be at the Old Vicarage thanks to Dr and Mrs David Owen. Please let Stan Morris (270577) know if you are prepared to run your usual stall or activity. Additional help and new ideas would be particularly welcome.

### SOULBURY SUMMER BALL

**We need your help in aid of  
The Soulbury Church  
Restoration Fund and Imperial  
Cancer Research.**

The Soulbury Summer Ball is coming together successfully as a result of the commitment of the village, local businesses and the new owners of The Boot.

However, we need more hands to the deck around the time of the event. Whether you can spend half an hour or a whole day we need help with the following on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

- Muscle power to help set up and take down stages and tables
- Help with table decorations and laying
- Glass Washing
- Flower Arranging

If you feel that you can help in any way, please contact Mandy on 270540.

Remember, every little helps.

N.B. If you can provide parking facilities on the night of the Ball, even for a few cars, please let us know.

### THE BOOT

30<sup>th</sup> April marked the end of an era in Soulbury. It was the last day for Tony Saint as landlord of the Boot for close on fifteen years.

Tony has spent a lifetime in the hotel and catering industry and was at Claridges and the Ritz in his early years as well as National Service in the same field as a commissioned officer. Subsequently he worked for Benskins and Ind Coope before retiring for the first time in 1976.

He and Lady Rose, whom he married thirty six years ago then embarked on a series of ventures in public houses with good restaurant potential where they could exercise their catering skills. First was the Cross Keys in Leighton, then the Carpenters Arms at Stewkley (1978-1982) followed by the Bugle Horn at Stone, the Wine Bar on the Market Square at Aylesbury and the Boot. They also took on for a time the Bernard Arms at Great Kimble and the Old Swan at Cheddington. Some of these were simultaneous but recently their sole interest has been The Boot.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April staff and customers gathered at The Boot for a party to mark Tony's retirement (for the second time, it may not be the last).

Paul Mardlin presented Tony and Lady Rose with a substantial gift of garden vouchers as the main gift from customers and staff and there was a beautiful bouquet of flowers for Lady Rose. There were also many other individual gifts from appreciative customers.

Greg Nicholl, energetic managing Director of the Nicholls chain of brasseries took over The Boot at the beginning of May and we welcome Amber as the manager. The establishment closed on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> for a sympathetic refurbishment over the next three weeks and is due to re-open at 11 a.m. on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

It is understood that The Boot will stand outside the Nicholls chain and Greg is keen to quash any rumours that The Boot may be turned into a brasserie. Old faces will still be there behind the bar and in the

kitchen.

Greg says he loves the country pub culture and is keen to retain it at The Boot where, following the success of the brasseries he will be able to realise a long held ambition without creating a brasserie or introducing brasserie menus.

The refurbishment is largely restoration but there will be a considerable investment behind the scenes in the kitchen and cold store facilities and a modern smoke extraction system.

Greg Nicholl is an enthusiastic chef. In the 80's he was head chef at the Swan in Leighton Buzzard then moved to Hatton Court in Hanslope near Milton Keynes as General Manager before setting up the first Nicholls Brasserie at Woburn which has now extended to include branches at Bedford, St Albans, Berkhamsted and Harpenden. He is passionate about supporting local suppliers who rear livestock humanely and grow their produce organically.

We wish Greg and his staff every success in his venture and trust that The Boot will not lose its character.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The June Meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. in the Clubroom. The subject for the evening is 'A Photographic Walk Around Olney'.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> there is an outing to Lincoln. The coach leaves at 8.00 a.m. and the cost is £10. A further outing to London on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August will consist of a guided walk. The coach leaves at 4.00 p.m. – the cost being £15. This includes the coach and guide. A pub meal is available but this is to be paid for individually.

If you are interested in any of the above events please contact Mrs Rowe on 270355.

The Women's Institute encourages anyone new to the village to come and 'look us over'. You will be made very welcome. Members' friends and husbands are also welcome on the outings.

### PARKINSONS

We have received the following letter from the Parkinson's Disease Society:

Soulbury Village,

The Leighton Buzzard and District Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society would like to thank you once again for all the help you gave to Alf Peacock in connection with our stall at the recent May Fair in Leighton Buzzard.

Alf's book stall raised £116.83, which together with the £158.11 made on our second stall, made a total of £274.94 for our branch funds.

We are very grateful for the continued help you give to Mr. Peacock, which so greatly helps our continued efforts to support our members and their carers.

Your sincerely,  
Margaret Davis  
Secretary

### SAVE "Support Aylesbury Vale's Environment"

To promote and encourage sustainable good practice within the Vale, SAVE has instigated an award and grants scheme to encourage businesses and the community to use methods which improve or protect the environment. Up to £2000 may be awarded as a grant to community projects. Anyone who would like more information or application forms should contact Robert Stuart (AVDC) on 01296 585147.

### Mr. Alec Conquest

We are sorry to hear of the recent death of Mr. Alec Conquest. He was born in the village and grew up here, attending Soulbury school. He lived in the village for many years, farming land at Charity Farm with his father. Even after moving out of the village, he remained a familiar face as he returned very regularly to see his son Brian and his family. We would like to express our condolences to Mrs. Barbara Conquest, to Brian and his brother and to their families.

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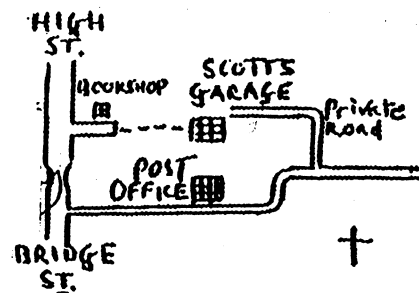
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## CRICKET FIXTURES JUNE 2000

**Note: Due to the Foot and Mouth crisis, Soulbury Cricket ground is inaccessible for all home matches for at least the first part of the season. Arrangements have been made with Stoke Hammond, who has kindly offered use of their ground when vacant.**

<b>Saturday</b>	June 2nd	Away	Milton Keynes City 2nd XI
<b>Sunday</b>	June 3rd	Away	Great Horwood
<b>Saturday</b>	June 9th	Home	Milton Keynes 2nd XI
<b>Saturday</b>	June 16th	Away	Markyate
<b>Sunday</b>	June 17th	Away	Drayton Parslow
<b>Saturday</b>	June 23rd	Home	Stewkley 2nd XI
<b>Sunday</b>	June 24th	TBA	Alex Bonsors XI
<b>Saturday</b>	June 30th	Away	Padbury

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE 2001

(In the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

<b>Monday</b>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>		The Boot Public House reopens
<b>Monday</b>	June 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>		Mobile Library – Bungalows lay-by, High Road, Stewkley Road Bus Stop
<b>Tuesday</b>	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Women's Institute "Photographic Walk around Olney"
<b>Wednesday</b>	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Social Circle
<b>Wednesday</b>	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Women's Fellowship
<b>Thursday</b>	June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
<b>Thursday</b>	June 14 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup>		A.V.D.C. Waste Paper and recycling collection
<b>Monday</b>	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Soulbury Village Sunday on the Millennium Green
<b>Friday</b>	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Soulbury Summer Ball at The Boot

## DIARY DATES

<b>Tuesday</b>	July 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Women's Institute Outing to Lincoln
<b>Sunday</b>	August 12th	4.00pm	Women's Institute Outing to London
<b>Saturday</b>	September 1 <sup>st</sup>		Church Fete at The Old Vicarage

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

<b>All Sundays in June plus 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11.30am	Sung Communion
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## METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Cowburn, The Manse, Stewkley. Tel. 240251

<b>Sunday</b>	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>		No Service
<b>Sunday</b>	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Mr M Corby
<b>Sunday</b>	June 17 <sup>th</sup>		No Service
<b>Sunday</b>	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Rev. A Cowburn – Sacrament of Lord's Supper

Items for next issue by 21st June 2001 to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483,  
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