



# SOLBURY NEWSLETTER



## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The theme this month is water! The Green is very wet and soggy, as is everywhere of course, but the drains that were laid last year are doing a good job and taking away the worst of the surface water. A few days ago when it poured all day long, the stream run-off from the Stewkley road was spectacularly full and rushing wildly down the slope to the ponds and beyond.

We must thank Milton Keynes Parks Dept. especially Chris Coppock, and Andrew Stevenson from the A.R.C. Wildfowl Centre near Newport Pagnell, for giving us the willow and osier tree cuttings, and also the reeds and water plants which are all helping to soak up the rainwater. The Permaculture Network, which is a group of people from all around the country, who are working on environmental projects, also, must be thanked for giving us a particular hybrid of very fast growing willow – which is thriving in these lovely wet conditions.

Alan Friswell who lives in the High Road won the 100 Club draw in January. Congratulations, Alan. If anyone else would like to join, please phone Christine on 270377. It is not too late to join.



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

### *Church Cleaning*

Is due to take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12 noon. Help would be appreciated even if only for part of the time.

### *Grass Cutting*

A number of volunteers earn cash for the Church General Fund by keeping the Village Green, the playground and the verges in order. If you are willing to help

from time to time please register your willingness with Stan Morris. One or two of the volunteers are getting a bit long in the tooth and it would be good to have some backup.

### *Lenten Evenings*

Norman Cotton's four episodes on "The History and Meaning of the Bible" begin on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>, continuing on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> with the final episode on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April (change of date). Venue St Michael's Stewkley. Time 8 to 9.30pm.

### *Coffee Morning*

Will take place in the Clubroom on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 12 noon in support of the Church General Fund. There will be a raffle, cake stall, bring and buy etc. Admission will be 50p including light refreshment. More details are available from Stan Morris, who would also be pleased to receive offers of help to staff the stalls. Goods for sale can be delivered to 3 Stewkley Road on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March or to the Clubroom from 10 to 10.30am on the Saturday.

### *Future Work On the Church*

The PCC and the Friends of Solbury Church have agreed that the existing cash resources of £17,000 should be reserved towards meeting the remaining restoration work known to be necessary in the next few years, plus any unforeseen items. Plans are being drawn up for a toilet; refreshment area and improved heating and new fund raising in the immediate future will be directed towards these projects. Further details will be published soon.

### *Burns Night*

On 27<sup>th</sup> January, The Friends of Solbury Church organised an excellent evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by 40 participants and £194 was raised for the Friends. Stan Morris was in the chair, Leo Doherty addressed the happy occasion brought in by John Rowe with a suitable bagpipe accompaniment from Richard Cebula. Richard (now 14 years old) was playing for the fourth year running and is really talented. Thanks to his mum for making the journey from Northampton.

David Kempster said the Selkirk Grace. Margaret Rowe, Jean Albertella, Frances Burnett, Joyce Kellner and her granddaughter Rebecca had prepared the farin and were joined to help in serving it by Mrs Chris Bryant and Jean Morris. After the Immortal Memory proposed by Mary Syed, Richard entertained us with another medley of music on the pipes. John Rowe gave a humorous reflection about three of his uncles and a cousin and Lorna Stephen entertained us on the violin.

Alan Garner proposed a toast to the lasses with a response from Brenda Jennings our County Councillor now living on the Green. Brian Mead, the SVCC chairman was due to propose a toast to the village but was down with chicken pox, so his speech was ably read for him by David Kempster. We did send Brian haggis and the rest of the farin "on wheels".

#### *Hollington Safari Supper*

Hollington's sixth Safari supper was held the following Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Thirty-nine people had a very enjoyable evening and ate delicious food at all the venues. Hosts for starters were Lesley and Terry, Tillie and Peter, Bob and Norma, Stuart and Ann. Hosts for main courses were Charlie and Natalie, Kim and Darren, Beth and Rob, Heather and Ian. All the deserts were at Barry's and Nessie's. Thanks you to all the hosts. Approximately £460 was raised for the Friends of Soulbury Church.

#### *Safari Supper*

This will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. For those who have not been before, you have your starter and main courses at different venues in each case with a different group of people, and then everyone meets up at the end to have dessert together. It is a great way to meet people in the village and to have an excellent meal as well. The ticket price has still to be decided but if you are interested in attending or would be willing to host a starter or main course (for 6-8 people) please ring Sheila on 270175, Jackie on 270619 or Jane on 270493. Please do come along, especially if you are new to the village or have never been to a safari supper before – you are sure to make new friends!

#### *Easter Lily Scheme*

Just a reminder of this scheme which will be running this Easter in the church. The idea is to sponsor one of several Easter Lily blooms in memory of someone dear, or perhaps to give special thanks to a particular friend or someone who has moved away from the area or any other reason you can think of! The lilies will be displayed in church at Easter and a list of those remembered or thanked will also be presented. For those who wish names to be included, the estimated cost per

stem will be £2. Please ring Mrs Bryant on 270607 for more details.

#### **WELCOME TO SOULBURY**

We would like to welcome to the village, David Storey, Rachel Belsham and Oliver Storey, who have come to live in Church Lane.

#### **W.I. NEWS**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Clubroom at 8pm when the subject of discussion will be Crop Circles. Everyone is welcome to attend especially visitors and friends.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 the W.I. will be hosting a St. George's evening in the clubroom. Tickets are £10, which includes a hot meal and entertainment. All villagers, visitors and friends are warmly invited but numbers will be limited. Please contact Margaret Rowe on 270355 for tickets in advance so that the caterers are aware of numbers.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July the annual W.I. outing will be to Lincoln. The cost will be £12 per head and the coach will be leaving the village at 8am. This is open to anyone who would like to come, not just W.I. members. Again please contact Margaret Rowe on 270355.

#### **SOULBURY SUMMER BALL**

June 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Boot.

Preparations are now well under way and tickets are available from Paul or Sam on 270292 @£40 each. Book early to avoid disappointment. Proceeds for Imperial Cancer Research and Soulbury Church Restoration Fund.

#### **MAY DAY STALL**

Mr Alf Peacock is once again manning a charity stall for Parkinson's Disease on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. He would be please to receive gifts of books, and/or bricabrac, which could be sold on the stall. Phone 270541.

#### **PLANNING DATABASE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

In Buckinghamshire, social services are working with Health, Education and voluntary organisations to build a database of children aged 0-19 with disabilities living in Bucks. If your child is on the database this will not change their entitlement to services and their needs will continue to be considered on an individual basis. The database will help to plan the services your child may need, and identify any gaps. Children do not have to be on the database, registration is by the voluntary agreement of parents. Bucks CC and social services would like to know if your child has any of the following conditions:

- Physical disability

- Significant visual or hearing impairment
- Developmental delay and learning disabilities
- Significant speech or language difficulties
- Social communication disorders
- Severe mental health conditions
- Chronic ill health

If you want to know more contact The Planning Database co-ordinator, Bucks Planning Database For Children with Disabilities, room 511 County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury Bucks HP20 1YU. Tel: 01296 382356 or 383036.

#### **CHILDREN'S CYCLE AWARENESS COURSES**

Buckinghamshire County Council are currently seeking volunteers to assist in running Cycle Awareness courses in this area. The courses are offered to children aged 10 and over and are run through the local school or by an experienced tutor during the course.

For further information or to book a place on a Training Course, please contact the local Road Safety Officer – Val Goldie at Aylesbury Vale Area Office, Environmental Services Department, The Winslow Centre, Park Road, Winslow, MK18 3RB

#### **HOW SAFE IS YOUR RCD AND EXTENSION LEADS**

During 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March take your extension leads and RCD's (Residual Current Devices) to Trading Standards, 5-7 Walton Street Aylesbury, between 10am and 4pm. Leave them there and they will be given a free rigorous electrical safety check. A report on each test will be available.

For further information call 01296 383212.

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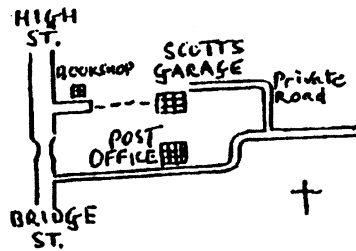
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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH 2001**

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

<b>Thursday</b>	March 1,8,15,22,29	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
<b>Thursday</b>	March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>		A.V.D.C. Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
<b>Saturday</b>	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12 noon	Church Cleaning
<b>Monday</b>	March 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 - 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows lay-by, High Road, Stewkley Road Bus Stop
<b>Tuesday</b>	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	W.I. – Crop Circles
<b>Wednesday</b>	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Social Circle
<b>Tuesday</b>	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Newsletter Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
<b>Saturday</b>	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12 Noon	Coffee Morning



**DIARY DATES**

<b>Saturday</b>	May 19 <sup>th</sup>		Safari Supper
	July		Pig Roast

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES**

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

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

<b>All Sundays in March except Mothering Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		11.30am	Sung Communion in Church
<b>Sunday</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Family Communion Service for All Ages

**METHODIST CHURCH**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Circuit Service at Trinity, Leighton Buzzard
<b>Sunday</b>	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Mr K. Edlington
<b>Sunday</b>	March 18 <sup>th</sup>		No Service
<b>Sunday</b>	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Rev. K Salter – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
<b>All Sundays in March</b>		10.00am – 11.00am	Sunday Club – for information Tel- 01525 759968

Items for next issue by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2001 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.  
Or email: debbie@dbegroup.co.uk



The Friends of Soulbury Church are offering summer bedding plants at competitive prices. All profits from the sale will go towards the restoration fund. PLEASE RETURN THE ORDER TO JAMES FAIRBAIRN AT CHARITY FARM THE GREEN SOULBURY BY THE END OF MARCH. If you need further order forms for friends or work colleagues please contact James Fairbairn on 270674.

ORDER FORM

BEDDING PLANTS	Colour	Number in tray	Cost per Tray	Total trays required	Cost
Dahlia	Mixed	15	£1.70		
Stock	Mixed	15	£1.70		
Aster	Mixed	15	£1.70		
White Lobelia	White	15	£1.70		
Sweet Williams	Mixed	15	£1.70		
Lobelia	Blue	15	£1.70		
Trailing Lobelia	Blue	15	£1.70		
Nemesia	Mixed	15	£1.70		
Ageratum	Blue	15	£1.70		
Mesembryanthemum	Mixed	15	£1.70		
French Marigold	Mixed	15	£1.70		
Petunia	Mixed	15	£1.70		
Tobacco Plant	Mixed	15	£1.70		
Pansy	Mixed	15	£1.70		
Begonia	Mixed	6	£1.70		
Busy Lizzy	Mixed	6	£1.70		
Salvia	Red	12	£1.70		
Geranium	Mixed	6	£2.25		
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>£</b>

The date for delivery will be confirmed in due course - expected late April or early May.

Name	
Address	
Telephone number	