



SOLBURY NEWS LETTER



We would very much like to include in the newsletter more news about villagers but we need to be told this news. Please do get in touch with one of the newsletter team if you know of anything affecting the village or anyone who lives in it which would be of interest to others. We would particularly like to congratulate any special achievements, announce new births and welcome newcomers to the village.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It was reported that members of the Parish Council had met representatives from the County Council to decide on the type of upgrading to the footway outside the Old Vicarage and along to the church entrance. However it appears there is no funding now for these projects and although the cost of tarmacng the present hard path would be within the possibilities of the Parish Council it was felt to be unfair to the local taxpayer as it was considered the Countys responsibility. This will be followed up.

The Royal Mail representative was fairly optimistic over the possibility of another post box, at the top of the hill on the Leighton Road. He will report again with details. Worries were expressed over parking on the rise of the hill, as many people tended to stop to post letters from their cars.

County Councillor Mrs Brenda Jennings reported that many conditions had been set before permission would be granted for the large transformers needed to upgrade the main railway line. Railtrack had been asked to reconsider the access and its use, the construction materials and height, and particularly the landscape mitigation procedures, which needed to

be in place, before there could be any commencement. This will be a very large addition to the attractive valley. Anyone who would like to know more, may contact Mrs Skeels, 270416.

Luton Airport authority had noted concerns on the changes in flight paths, and would be sending out a further questionnaire.

It was reported that Stockgrove area users group was being set up to establish effective communication between the various groups who use, or have an interest in Stockgrove County Park and surrounding area. A representative from Solbury Parish Council was asked to join the group and was duly appointed.

The District Council have been working very hard to compile an interesting archive of memories and memorabilia from local people in the area.

They are currently looking for interviewers who might enjoy recording and transcribing people's memories and views of living and working in Aylesbury Vale. If you might like to interview local people, or indeed be a local resident who would like to be interviewed please come forward. Also they would like Solbury to have a "Village Page on the Visual Archive" and are appealing for a coordinator of contributions. Is there anyone who would be interest in this? It seems a pity to miss the opportunity. Please contact Liz Miller for details, 270545.

The Parish Council is sponsoring the first big afternoon concert on the amphitheatre on the Millennium Green. This will take place on Saturday July 8th when a choir from Gelli School from the Rhondda Valley will be singing for us, much of it in Welsh. Also there will be other performers, but more details will follow.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be on Monday 15th May at 7.00pm, and will be followed at 8.00pm by the Annual Parish Meeting. This is the opportunity for parishioners to attend and air their interest and concerns and to review the year's activities.



MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The children's playground equipment has been installed and looks good, strong and sturdy. It should soon be ready for use (if the weather would be a bit kinder!), though there is still quite a lot of work to be done on it – digging a drain, weed control, edging laid, building a fence, planting a hedge and putting down soft fall bark. We would be very pleased if anyone feels they could help do some of this work any time. The more help we get, the quicker things get done! Please contact Liz Miller on 270545 or Christine Sheppard on 270377.

We have a cake stall at the Leighton Buzzard May Fair on May 1st Bank Holiday. We would much appreciate anyone baking a cake for us. Please contact Maureen Payne on 270418 or Christine Sheppard on 270377. Thank you.

There are posters up now about the children's painting competition. The title is "The Millennium". It can be a painting, drawing or model of the London eye or The Dome or anything else connected with the year 2000 – a firework picture perhaps. There are three age groups, i) 0 – 6 yrs, ii) 7 – 11 yrs, iii) over 11 yrs. Entries should be in by June 1st and given to Kate Cobb on 270006 at Charity Barn or to any of the trustees of the Millennium Green. The entries will be displayed at the Millennium Green Fayre on June 18th and there will be a prize giving.

Posters are also going up about the Dog Show for the Millennium Green Fayre. The categories are;

- 1) Most Handsome Dog
 - 2) Prettiest Bitch
 - 3) Dog with the Waggiest Tail
 - 4) Best Veteran
 - 5) Best Child Handler
 - 6) Most Unusual Pet
- (for those who haven't got a dog).

There will be an entry fee of £1. Judging and prize giving will take place at the Fayre.

Sweatshirts, polo shirts etc. with the Soulbury Millennium Green logo on are still for sale for the rest of this year. We are still collecting Target Stamps.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Church Cleaning

Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays May 6 and June 3.

Coffee Morning

In aid of the General Funds of the All Saints on Saturday 27th March, raised £157. The PCC thanks those who provided goods for sale and refreshments, also those who came along and supported the event.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This took place on April 10. The PCC remains as previously constituted with the exception that Joyce Kellner has found it necessary to stand down as secretary. Her past services have been very much appreciated. It is intended to distribute a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts with the June Newsletter.

Bishop's Bible Studies

With the Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt Revd Mike Hill on Mondays 8th, 15th, & 22nd May 8pm to 9.30pm (coffee from 7.45pm) at St Michael's School, Stewkley. No need to book, just come! Suggested donation £2 per evening.

Quiz Night and Supper

Tickets are now on sale for the General Knowledge Quiz, to be held at Liscombe Park on the evening of May 19. Proceeds will go to the General Fund. Teams should consist of four people, but do not be afraid to book individual tickets, as teams can be made up on the night. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Contacts are Stan Morris on 270577 or Chris Bryant on 270607.

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 is anxious to hear from anybody who is willing to put on sales or amusement stalls or entertainment. New ideas welcome we well as the old favourites.

Restoration News

The Auction of Promises to raise funds for the Church Restoration and the bells on 1st April was an outstanding success. The magnificent sum of £2148 was raised which was on a par with the three similar events in the last five years. Major contributions came from a weeks accommodation in a holiday flat in Monaco, a framed water colour of the purchaser's house, theatre tickets, the provision of dinner parties, tea at the House of Commons and a day on a sailing boat as well as a miscellany of other goodies.

The friends of Soulbury Church and the PCC wish to thank all those who contributed items for the sale and who came along and bought with such enthusiasm and generosity. Above all thanks to Sheila Morgan, Jane Luxton and Jackie Ridley who worked so hard to get the offers in, produce the catalogue and look after things on the night. To Julian Ridley for keeping track of the cash as it mounted up and finally to the star of the show, Richard Onslow who wielded the hammer without losing his smile.

W.I.

Outing to Windsor

The Women's Institute are organising a trip to Windsor on Tuesday July 11. Cost of the coach is £10 per head, plus optional extra's – which could possibly include a river trip. If you are interested please contact Mrs M Rowe 270355

St Patrick's Night

Many thanks for all those who supported the Women's institute celebration of St Patrick's Night, and who gave prizes for the raffle. A donation of £200 was sent to the Mozambique Appeal.

TRAINING FOR LOCAL FOOD PRODUCERS

Farmers markets are already up and running in Tring, Leighton Buzzard, Bicester, and are being planned for Aylesbury, Buckingham and Thame. To assist those interested in selling produce through a farmer's market, several free one day training courses are being organised in the area. For information contact Sam Diner 01895 351794.

CHARITY COMMISSION SURGURIES

Bucks Community Action will be hosing another Charity Commission surgery on Wednesday 7th June at Beaconsfield. It would be of great interest to any charity trustees, or representatives, and will offer the opportunity for one-to-one discussion with charity commission officers. Please contact Mary Armand 01296 421036.

NHS DIRECT

NHS Direct is a 24 hour, nurse led telephone helpline. Based in Milton Keynes the catchment area now includes Aylesbury Vale. The number to ring 0845 4647.



Letter to the Editorial Committee:
 In response to "Letter Page" correspondence from Women's Fellowship in April's edition.
I also note, the Soulbury Women's Fellowship no longer have any representation on the Newsletter Editorial Committee.

However, I find their question in April's letter a little strange. If I have understood the query correctly, then I was not aware that the volunteers who spend hours every month editing the Village Newsletter, were ever, or should ever need to be, answerable to some sort of "newsletter governing body".

The very fact that these volunteers make such an effort to produce the newsletter for everyone's benefit in Soulbury, gaining nothing from this but the satisfaction of helping others, should surely mean there is really no need for them to be answerable to anyone. They simply provide a platform for individuals or groups in the village to report to the rest of Soulbury.

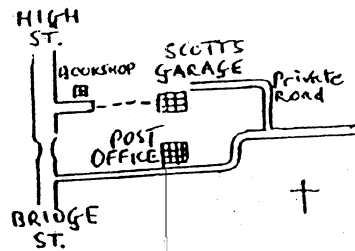
Matthew Miller



Next newsletter editorial meeting will be held at Charity Farm on Monday 22nd May at 8.00pm. Anyone who is interested in joining please come along.

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.




COTTAGE GARDEN NURSERY

The Cottage Garden Nursery opens for the first time on Good Friday 21st April. We sell wild flowers, herbs, grasses, climbers and roses, and cottage garden perennials. We also have a children's plant corner. The Cottage Garden Nursery, Hillside Farm, Ivy Lane, Great Brickhill, Tel: 01525 261581.

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.

 FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY 2000 (In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)			
Thursday	4 th , 18 th		A.V.D.C Waste Paper and Recycling Collection.
Thursday	4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	7.30pm	Bowls Evening.
Saturday	6 th	10.00 – 12 noon	Church Cleaning.
Tuesday	9 th	8.00pm	W.I Resolutions Meetings followed by Cocktails. (Shaken and or Stirred)
Wednesday	10 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Monday	15 th	2.00pm – 2.15pm 2.20pm – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-by High Road. Stewkley Rd Bus Stop.
Monday	15 th	7.00pm 8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting. Annual Parish Council Meeting.
Wednesday	17 th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Friday	19 th	7.30pm	Quiz and Supper night at Liscombe.
Thursday	25 th	8.00pm	Ladies Night at the Boot.



CRICKET FIXTURES MAY 2000

Saturday	May 6 th	Away	Markyate
Sunday	May 7 th	Home	Ebury Strollers
Saturday	May 13 th	Home	Caddington
Sunday	May 14 th	Home	Stoke Hammond
Saturday	May 20 th	Home	Little Horwood
Sunday	May 21 st	Home	Bletchley Printers
Saturday	May 27 th	Away	Leighton Rovers
Sunday	May 28 th	Home	Brooklands



DIARY DATES

<u>JUNE</u>	Sunday 18 th	2.00pm	Millennium Green Fayre
<u>JUNE</u>	Wednesday 28 th	8.00pm	AGM of Soulbury Millennium Green Trust. In Clubroom
<u>JULY</u>	Sunday 2 nd		Open air Service on the Millennium Green
<u>JULY</u>	Saturday 8 th		Concert at the Millennium Green Amphitheatre.
<u>JULY</u>	Saturday 22 nd		Church Fete in the Garden of Bunty and John Pargeter.

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 May		11.30am	Sung Communion in Church
Thursday	1 st June	7.30pm	Said Communion (Ascension Day)
Sunday	4 th June	9.00am	Said Communion
		6.00pm	Evensong

Note: This years United Open Air Service is to be on Sunday 2nd July at 11am on the Millennium Green.

METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday	7 th	10.00am	Mrs J Gregory – Family Service
Sunday	14 th	6.00pm	Mr D Harbey
Sunday	21 st	6.00pm	Rev. B Trudgian – Sacrament of The Lords Supper
Sunday	28 th	6.00pm	Mr R Harris
All Sundays except first in month		10.00am	Sunday Club

Items for next issue by 21th May 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, Mrs Ridley 270 619.