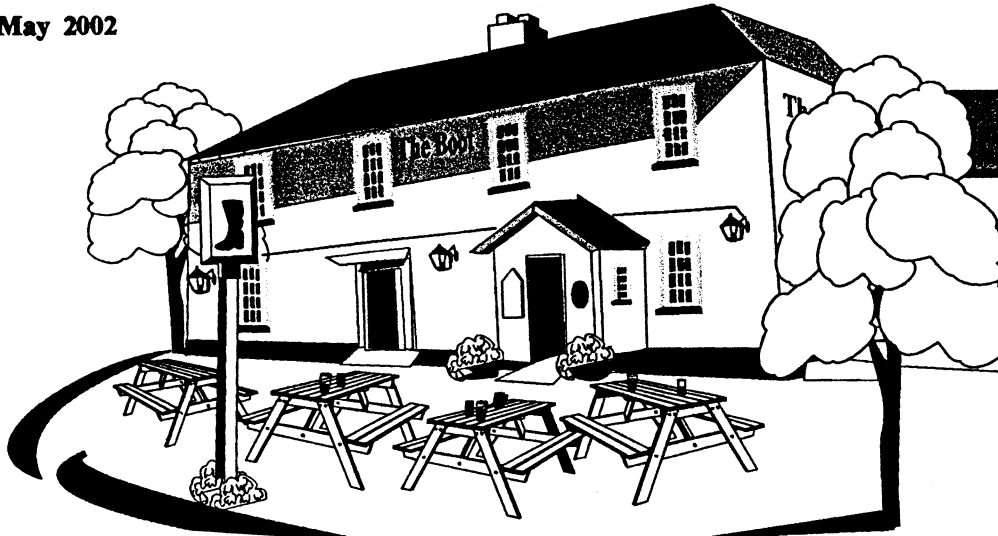


SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The trustees of the Millennium Green would like to thank Atlantis Water Garden Products Ltd of Durrance Farm, Stewkley Rd, Soulbury for donating two pond liner moulds to the Green.

The moulds were very very heavy and it took eight able-bodied men to lift them into position. Many thanks to all those who helped and particularly to Liz Miller who arranged it.

Atlantis will shortly receive a thank-you letter from the trustees and I believe, a home made cake might soon find its way there by way of thanks to the men who delivered the pond liners.

The trustees decided to obtain these pond liner moulds because in previous years it had been observed that the swales dry out quite

early in the season, before tadpoles/froglets and immature newts have had time to develop in adults, so it is hoped that these small deeper ponds will enable them to survive and mature into adults.

The ponds will soon be dug into position, one in each swale. (The trustees decided to move the one, originally destined for the orchard, to the main swale, for safety reasons – little children could have toppled in, maybe, since it was so near the footpath).

It is probably too late to save this year's pond life because it is so dry already, but we hope that in future years we shall have some success in saving the immature froglets and newtlets.

It is with great pleasure that the trustees announce that arrangements are going

ahead for a musical/theatrical performance on the amphitheatre on the Millennium Green in the summer.

It had originally been hoped to do "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat", but problems with performance / production rights look as though this will no longer be possible. However, something of a similar nature will be performed.

The first date you need to put in your diary is Tuesday June 4th. In the British Legion Hall in Heath and Reach from 10am to 4pm auditions will be taking place. If there are any children in Soulbury, who would like to be involved in the production, do please ask your parents to take you along to the auditions. I have been informed that no one will be turned away, so

all that is required is a desire to be involved and helpful, supportive parents to enable children to commit themselves to the Summer School and rehearsals.

The Musical Summer School is to take place in the British Legion Hall in Heath and Reach over a 7-day period starting on Thursday July 25th at 10am till 4pm and from then on at the same time on:

Friday July 26th
Monday July 29th
Tuesday July 30th
Wednesday July 31st
Thursday August 1st

culminating in the performance on the Millennium Green on Friday August 2nd (times to be arranged later)

There is a fee of £115 for the Summer School, which is probably a little prohibitive for some parents with more than one child, but it is necessary in order to cover costs. A minimum number of 25 children is required to ensure everything goes ahead and make it worthwhile. If anyone would like more information, please phone Emma Whittemore in Heath and Reach on 234031.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

It is good news to hear that Rev. Norman Cotton has had his operation on April 8th, has taken a two-week break to convalesce and is now back at work. I'm sure everyone will be very glad

to see him back and be advising him not to overdo things until he's fully recovered.

A reminder about the pilgrimage to the shrine of our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. This year's pilgrimage will be over a long weekend Friday October 11th till Sunday October 13th. Accommodation cost is £65.90 and the cost of the coach will be added later when final numbers are established. If anyone is interested in going on the pilgrimage, please contact Frances Morrow on 01525 378052 in Linslade, because she would like to finalise arrangements as soon as possible.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Following a talk given to Soulbury W.I. by Roy Collis, Regional Co-ordinator of the Royal Star and Garter home, it was decided to hold a fund raising event for this charity.

This will take the form of a luncheon to be held at Liscombe House, by kind permission of Sir Nicholas and Lady Bonsor on Tuesday 10th September.

The guest speaker will be Simon Weston, Falklands War Veteran.

The three-course luncheon provided by W.I. including wine and coffee is £25.

A small number of tickets are still available, closing date 30th June. If you would

like to attend please contact Margaret Rowe on Soulbury 270355.

GOLDEN JUBILEE RAFFLE

All counterfoils and monies together with unsold tickets must be returned to June at 14 Chapel Hill by 30th April. Draw will take place on Monday 6 May at 3pm on the Millennium Green. If wet, in the clubroom. Please come.

JUBILEE BARN DANCE

Tickets now on sale. First come, first served. Adults £10, Concessions £7.50. Children £5. Available from Jackie 270619, Margaret 270355 or Maureen 270418.

S.A.V.E (SAVE AYLESBURY VALE'S ENVIRONMENT)

In May, people from all over Aylesbury Vale are taking action to help improve their local environment and communities. The month is co-ordinated by S.A.V.E. A full program of events will take place during the month, including a Family Fun Day, Environmental Projects, Recycled Clothes Show, Workshops and seminars, Farmers Markets, Cycling Events, Green Fingers Fair and Save Awards.

If anyone is interested in receiving details of when and where these events are taking place please contact Liz on 270545 or Catherine 270674.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

"We are currently recruiting new advisers to join our team. You do not need to have any specific qualifications or experience, but you must be willing participate fully in our training programme, and be prepared to give 8-10 hours a week."

If you would like to find out more about this challenging but rewarding work, call in, telephone or write to:

CAB Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA. Tel: 01525 373878.

MR GEORGE DIMMOCK

It is with great sadness that we learn of the death of Mr George Frederick Thomas Dimmock who lived as a child in Soulbury and whose roots were in Soulbury. His funeral took place on Tuesday April 23rd at All Saints Church and the committal ceremony took place at Crown Hill Crematorium in Milton Keynes. The church was full with over 100 mourners, relatives and friends. The Rev. Peter Lymbery conducted the services.

The Dimmock family came from Stewkley and moved to Battam's Farm on the Green in Soulbury when George was a child. George went to school at Soulbury Endowed School in the High Road, (now a private house), until he was 14 years old. He joined the army at 18yrs of age and fought in France during the

war and was wounded. In 1949, there was a double wedding at All Saints Church when George married his wife Cath and his twin sister Georgina Kirk, who still lives in Soulbury on The Green, married her husband. He was a renowned wicket keeper for Soulbury Village Cricket Club in his younger days, then became an umpire until 1993 and was a vice-president of the club until very recently. His favourite pub was the Red Lion at Hollingdon where he spent many happy hours drinking and talking with friends. Many of Soulbury's older residents will remember him well. We send our condolences to the whole family, to his wife, children Keith and Christine and his twin sister Georgina.

MISSING CLYDE

Have you seen our cat?
3 year old black male with friendly personality.
Last seen morning of Wednesday 10th April.
If you have seen him since, or know where he is now, please call. Please check your sheds and garages.
Helen and David King
Charity Cottage, 17 High Road, Tel: 270258

GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

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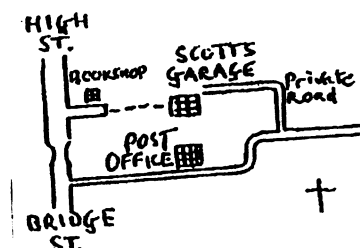
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY 2002 (In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)			
Wednesday	May 1 st	8pm	P.C.C. Meeting
Thursday	May 2 nd , 16 th		A.V.D.C. Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Wednesday	May 8 th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Friday	May 10 th	Please note change of date:	A.V.D.C. Refuse Collection
Monday	May 13 th & 27 th	2pm – 2.15pm 2.20pm – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalow Lay By Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Tuesday	May 14 th	8pm	W.I. Resolutions
Wednesday	May 15 th	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Monday	May 20 th	8pm	Parish Council Meeting

CRICKET FIXTURES			
Saturday	May 4 th	Cranfield University	Home
Sunday	May 5 th	Ebury Strollers	Home
Saturday	May 11 th	Stoke Goldington	Away
Sunday	May 12 th	Stoke Hammond	Away
Saturday	May 18 th	Totternhoe	Home
Sunday	May 19 th	Stewkley	Away
Sunday	May 26 th	Studham	Away

DIARY DATES		
Sunday	July 14 th	Ramble and BBQ will be held on the Millennium Green

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES			
Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley - Tel 240287			
Curate: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard - Tel 371235			
Thursday	May 9 th	7.30pm	Special Ascension Day Service (For those who prefer a daytime service there is one at 10.30am at Great Brickhill. Rev. Peter Lymbery will take both services.)
Sunday	May 5 th May 12 th May 19 th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	May 26 th	11.30am	Trinity Sunday. Note: normal Sung Eucharist. There is no joint Benefice Service at Church of Holy Trinity in Drayton Parslow as in previous years. (Evensong 6pm in Drayton if you would like to go to church of Holy Trinity)

Items for next issue by 19th May 2002 to : Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, or Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOULBURY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE PCC OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOULBURY

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2002, which are set out on page 2, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is our responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiners' report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997
 have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Hills and Burgess

Hills and Burgess

Chartered Accountants

27th February 2003

20 Bridge Street
Leighton Buzzard
Bedfordshire
LU7 1AL

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOULBURY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2002

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

	2002 £	2001 £	2002 £	2001 £
Receipts			Expenditure	
Special Collections	123.87	102.13	Quota	4,641.00
Church Collections	3,641.38	872.32	General Expenses	644.79
Deeds of Covenant	644.52	2,936.65	Stationery	82.82
Total Collections	4,409.75	3,811.10	Insurance	1,622.12
Bequests	30,792.82	-	Heating/Lighting	171.12
Fees	925.00	518.00	Charitable Donations	220.00
Interest	675.92	201.76	Repairs and Maintenance	204.36
Tax Refunds	420.25	822.87	Fete	181.46
Donations	1,483.31	716.23	Harvest Supper	128.74
Fete	1,286.31	1,049.59	USPG	123.87
Harvest Supper	625.05	505.95	Photocopier	-
Coffee Mornings	413.81	398.06	Merchandise	379.31
Quiz	-	301.00	Accident Claim	-
Sale of Goods	87.32	61.85	Gas Installation	335.64
Grass Cutting	500.00	1,440.00	Village Jubilee Fund	500.00
Mursley Trail	-	16.00	Conservation Assessment	327.83
Easter Lilies	-	28.00		
Coil USPG	-	44.02		
Total Receipts	41,619.34	10,614.23		

	2002 £	2001 £	2002 £	2001 £
Total Receipts	41,619.34	10,614.23		
Excess Receipts over Payments	32,056.28	2,536.65		
Cash, NWB/CBF at 1st January	7,945.45	5,408.80		
Cash, NWB/CBF at 31st December	40,001.73	7,945.45		

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2002

	2002 £	2001 £
Assets		
Cash	41.80	1.87
Net West Bank	6,763.28	181.85
Church Board of Finance	33,196.65	7,761.73
Total Cash	40,001.73	7,945.45

It is estimated that there is £520 in tax to be recovered from the Inland Revenue as at 31st December, 2002 (£227 at 31st December, 2001). A claim will be made in April 2003. Goods for sale purchased at a cost of £200 are held in stock.

The PCC is committed to paying £2,000 towards the costs of providing kitchen and toilet facilities inside the Church.

Church furnishings are included in the Inventory and vested in the Churchwardens on special trust.

Annual Report On the Proceedings of the PCC for All Saints Church, Soulbury, and Activities of the Parish Generally.

All Saints Parochial Church Council has the responsibility with the incumbent Norman Cotton and the curate Peter Lymbery of promoting the ecclesiastical parish in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral Social, evangelistic and ecumenical.

Membership: The Rev Norman Cotton (Incumbent)

The Rev Peter Lymbery (Curate)

Mrs. Chris Bryant (Treasurer)

The Hon Lady Bonsor (Secretary)

Churchwardens: Mr. Chris Bryant, Mr. Harry Ayris

Sidespeople: Mrs. Brenda Howell, Mr and Mrs. Chris Bryant, Mr. John Sadler,

Mrs. Hilary Ashburner

Executive Members: Mrs. Iris Ayris, Mrs. June Linney, Mrs. Christine Shepherd,

Mrs. Joyce Kellner.

Deanery Synod Representative: Mrs. Joyce Kellner

There are 25 members on the electoral roll, of which 5 are not resident in the parish. Usual Sunday attendance was approximately 20, but this figure increased at festivals.

Review of the Year

The PCC met 9 times throughout the year including the AGM on April 2nd.

The following Baptisms took place:

Oliver David Mead 3.3.02

Samantha Jane Wighton 9.6.02

The following Marriages took place:

David Rodney Siltrow and Samantha Ward 3.8.2002

Graham David Knights and Teresa Jane Lymbery 7.9.2002

Garth John Mirams and Claire Edwina Collins 21.12.02

The following Funerals took place: Please pray for the souls of:

Elsie Annie Green 27.8.2002 (died 17.8.02)

George Arthur White 4.10.02 (died 26.9.02)

Peter William Bone 28.3.2002. (died 20.3.02)

Spencer Robert Flack 11.3.02 (Died 23.2.02)

Frederick Arthur Duncan Fountaine 7.1.03 (died 25.12.02)

We record the death of George Dymoke in April 2002

The following were confirmed by the Bishop of Buckingham, Mike Hill

on March 3rd 2002

Michelle Karen Wilde

Karen Dawn Bodily

Richard Token Walpole.

Christine Shepherd was approved as the Parish Representative for the child protection issues. For only the second time since 1972, when the resident vicar retired, there was a Midnight Mass service on Christmas Eve which was attended by 64 people. We welcomed three servers: Jade, Becky and Alastair.

On October 3rd 2002, with the Bishop's Authority, Peter Lymbery was granted his 5 year licence as assistant Curate for Soulbury, Stewkley and Drayton Parslow. The Bishop also gave authority for Christine Shepherd and Nadine Bonsor to administer the Chalice at Holy Communion. Hilary Ashburner is to become the new Sacristan, and Harry Ayris is to prepare for the Services.

There have been considerable changes, modernisations and improvements in the Church and churchyard. These have been noted in detail in the minutes of the PCC, but they can be summarised in the following list: Flag Pole, Kitchen and Toilets, New Carpet, Heating, Redecoration Work and Painting, Renewal of Church Fence (discussions under way) and Removal of Ash Tree in Churchyard.

Financial Report

The sad loss of two long-standing members of the congregation has, however benefited the Church, through very generous bequests. The money from one will provide a substantial portion of the cost of a new disabled toilet and kitchen facility at the back of the Church. The balance of costs will come from The Friends of Soulbury Church. The PCC has decided to use the other bequest to provide a modern heating system within the Church, which will not only provide a comfort for the congregation, but will also help protect the fabric of the Church from damage by the damp, for many years to come. This meant that 2002 was a financially comfortable year, but we must not be complacent! Soulbury is to face a massive increase in Parish share of over 36% the fourth highest rise in the Deanery. This rise will be staggered over three years, but this still means we need to find an extra £900 in 2003. The storm damage to two windows on the south side of the tower resulted in an insurance claim. The claim was settled very quickly and the repairs will be made early in 2003. We take this opportunity to remind everybody that anybody who donates to the Church through the collection at services or by occasional donations, can, if they pay tax in any shape or form, give us the opportunity to claim back 28p in the £1 from the Inland Revenue. All that is necessary is a simple declaration. There is no commitment to a fixed amount or period of time. Contributions to the Friends of Soulbury Church can be made in the same tax efficient way. A breakdown of the fund-raising can be made by looking at the Treasurer's Report, which is attached. During the preparations for the marriage of Gwyneth and Maurice Hawkins (May 2003), and while discussing the new carpet for their wedding, we have to note the following:

a) our gratitude for their generosity in paying for a substantial amount of the new carpet, which we will benefit from, long after the date of their wedding. The new colour (red) will be different, but will suit the Church beautifully.

b) Due to the removal of the old blue carpet, some very fine Victorian tiles were uncovered, and after much discussion, it was decided to leave these uncovered for all to see and admire.