

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



The Cuckoo  
In April,  
Come he will.  
In May,  
Sing all day.  
In June,  
Change his tune.  
In July,  
Prepare to fly.  
In August,  
Go he must!

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## MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

People will possibly have seen the lovely coloured photos of several Soulbury children in the local Leighton Buzzard Observer newspaper. Emily and Jessica Stevens, Joe Churchill were featured on the front page, with Daisy, Phoebe and Hope Axtell-Powell pictured inside, all looking magnificent in their Easter Bonnets.

The weather was great, and people sat about on the grass or on benches or chairs provided by the Miller family. The Easter Bonnet Parade began at 2 o'clock and it was evident from the start that there are some very creative and imaginative children and parents in our village. The first prize, a family ticket to the famous Roald Dahl Museum in Aylesbury was won by Daisy Axtell-Powell and second prize was won by young Joe Churchill from Chelmscote. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Alf Peacock was the judge and Daisy was presented with a winner's pennant - a white, yellow and green one with lambs on (kindly donated by Rayroy Products Ltd).

The Easter Egg hunt was a great success - the children spent the time hunting for little pink, blue and purple eggs all over the Green and the older children hunted for painted hard-boiled real eggs. Each child was given an egg-box carton which they had to fill with the eggs they found and then take it to the organiser, Mrs Sam Stevens, who would then exchange the carton for a big chocolate egg that the children took home.

Many thanks are due to Sam Stevens, particularly for organising it all, and her husband Richard (not Alan as printed in the Observer - my fault - apologies Richard). This is the first time the Millennium Green Trust has tried this event and it is hoped that it will become a tradition in future years and that even more children and adults will join in next year. It's a free community event and is just the kind of thing the Trustees are keen to encourage.

The Evening Quiz and Buffet was also very entertaining and enjoyed by everyone there. The Trustees would like to thank Mr Len Albon, from Laburnham Cottages,

for all his hard work and for the very professional way the quiz was organised. The Buffet was great with plenty to eat - quiches, sandwiches, sausage rolls, dips, ham, cheese, chicken and other bits on sticks and some delicious cakes, raspberry and strawberry tartlets as desserts. Many thanks to everyone who gave so willingly of their time and donated food. This was a fund-raising event for the green and we made approximately £180. Well done everyone.

The next community event planned for the Millennium Green is the Barbecue and Ramble with a Pet Show, along with a Photo Competition, on Sunday 20th July, so put this in your diary and start taking photos of the Millennium Green if you haven't already done so. The photos must be of the Green at any time of the year - of trees, flowers, birds, general views, or close ups of people enjoying themselves or working on the Green.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services were well

attended. About 50 people were in the church on Easter Sunday for a joyful celebration. On Maundy Thursday, there was a Said Eucharist at 7.30pm attended by a handful of people, 7 or 8, and on Good Friday we had a meditation and the 14 stations of the Cross at 11 o'clock in the morning. It was a quiet, sad time for reflection on the mystery of the Easter story.

The Parochial Church Council held a meeting in the church on Tuesday 22nd April to discuss the following items: the heating system, church cleaning, new carpet, yew trees and the broken down fence between the churchyard and Church Paddock.

Churchwarden, Mr Chris Bryant, has produced a detailed plan of the proposed heating system. He explained that it was a powerful system, similar to the one in All Saints Church in Wing, that it had two boilers and a 7 day time switch and he showed where the radiators, which would be painted a discreet brown colour, would be positioned. It was agreed by everyone present that this proposal should be adopted. Since the Diocesan authorities have also agreed to this proposed system it was decided to proceed and seek three tenders, as is customary, so that if all goes according to plan it is hoped the system will be up and running by next winter.

As most people will already know, the blue carpet round the altar and chancel has been taken up and removed to reveal some forgotten

Victorian floor tiles. They are especially attractive so it has been decided to keep them uncovered. However, there is to be a new carpet, very kindly donated by Gwyneth Gauntlett, in the nave, a dark red one, to be laid shortly by John Lewis in time for the grand wedding on Saturday 17th May at 2pm of Gwyneth and her partner Maurice Hawkins, both recently arrived in the village and living in Dean Farm Lane.

Since the church now has a kitchen and a toilet and these floor tiles that need cleaning, it was decided to advertise in this newsletter for a cleaner. In spite of a great deal of time and effort on the part of the vicar, the churchwardens and the secretary, the PCC has been unable to determine the ownership of the fence which is leaning at a 45° angle and needs repairing and goes along the edge of the churchyard on the south side. A meeting is to be called shortly for all interested parties to attend when it is hoped a satisfactory solution can be arrived at.

#### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH CLEANER REQUIRED**

1 or 2 hours per week for All Saints Church. £5 per hour. Telephone Norman on 240287 or Peter on 371235 for further details.

#### **PHOTOCOPYING HELP REQUIRED**

The Soulbury Newsletter is in great need of several volunteers to alternate in copying the newsletter each

month. Do you have access to a photocopier at work, or have friends or family that do? Or perhaps an individual or business group would be in a position to sponsor the cost of printing? If you can help or have any other bright ideas, please contact Liz Miller on 270545.

#### **SUMMER CHARITY BALL**

Tickets for the Summer Charity Ball, which is to be held on Friday 4th July, are fast disappearing. There are only three tables left available for reservation. If you would like to go and have not yet got round to booking a place, please do it as soon as possible or you might end up being disappointed. Phone Paul or Sam Mardlin for more information or to reserve a table on 270292.

#### **LOCAL ELECTIONS**

A brief reminder that the local elections are taking place on 1st May and the Clubroom will open between 8am and 9pm for voting.

#### **LISCOMBE QUIZ NIGHT**

A quiz night to raise funds for the Church is to be held at Liscombe House on Friday 16th May at 7.30pm. Teams of four at £5 per head, to include supper. To book tickets, please contact Mr Chris Bryant on 270607 or Mr Stan Morris on 270577.

#### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OUTING**

The W.I. has organised an outing to The Royal Show at

Stoneleigh in Warwickshire and a few places are still available. A deposit of £5 is required. For further information or to book, please contact Mary Giles on 270568.

#### **RUBBISH CLEARANCE**

We would like to express our thanks to those people who cleared the rubbish from the ditches running from the cricket field to the Hollingdon turn on Monday 7th April. Many thanks to Trevor and Albert of TJC Ltd, Norman of Fixright Scaffolding Ltd and to the young volunteers from First Avenue. During the hour spent clearing they collected eight barrow loads of rubbish. Also, thank you to Liz Miller for speaking to the companies and turning up on the day to help with the clearance.

#### **NORA ROGERS**

We were saddened to learn of the death of Nora Rogers on 22nd April 2003. Nora lived for many years in Andrews Close until ill health necessitated her move into residential care. We extend our sincere condolences to Nora's family.

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#### **LIFE COACHING**

Jim Brown is a personal life coach who lives and works in Soulbury. He will help you set goals for a better life and help you achieve them. He offers free trial sessions with no obligation and can be contacted on 01525 270136 or email on [goals@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:goals@tiscali.co.uk)

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### CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday	3rd May	Stewkley	Home
Sunday	4th May	Ebury Strollers	Home
Saturday	10th May	Stoke Goldington	Away
Sunday	11th May	Stoke Hammond	Away
Saturday	17th May	Totternhoe	Home
Sunday	18th May	Stewkley	Away
Saturday	24th May	Bye	
Sunday	25th May	Studham	Home
Saturday	31st May	Eggington Foresters	Away

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(In the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday	1st May	Election Day	8am - 9pm
Monday	12th & 26th May	Mobile Library	
Tuesday	13th May	W.I. Resolutions with Italian Supper	8pm
Wednesday	14th May	Social Circle	2.30pm
Monday	19th May	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
Wednesday	21st May	W. Fellowship	7.45pm
Thursday	1st & 15th May	AVDC Waste Paper & Recycling Collection	
Friday	30th May	AVDC Waste Paper & Recycling Collection	
Friday	9th & 30th May	Refuse Collection	
Friday	16th May	Quiz at Liscombe House for Church funds	7.30pm

### DIARY DATES

Tuesday	1st July	W.I. Outing to The Royal Show
Friday	4th July	Summer Charity Ball
Sunday	20th July	BBQ, Ramble & Pet Show

### ALL SAINTS SERVICES

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

Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery, 7 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard - Tel: 371235

Sunday	4th May	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Sunday	11th May	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Saturday	17th May	WEDDING	2pm
Sunday	18th May	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Sunday	25th May	Sung Eucharist	11.30am
Thursday	29th May	Ascensian Day (WING CHURCH)	9.30am
Sunday	1st June	Sung Eucharist	11.30am

**Items for next issue by 20th May to : Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, or Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk**