

# SOLBURY NEWSLETTER



## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June & Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2002

The meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September was attended by thirteen villagers and many ideas were discussed. In particular the discussion involved the way money is to be raised to cover the costs of the various activities, which were felt to be suitable and likely to please, and also what lasting momento should be chosen. It was felt that more opinions from those who are going or not going to take part from the village would be appreciated, so we have prepared a questionnaire. There will be a further meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October. The outline plan of the two-day's activities is as follows:

A flower festival is to be set up in the church on Saturday for Sunday and Monday, and a large marquee will be set up on the Millennium Green, also on Saturday, for use both Sunday and Monday. It is also planned to provide some portaloos on the Millennium Green throughout these days.

### SUNDAY

*Morning:* - Special Church Service on the amphitheatre (marquee if wet).

*Afternoon:* - Open air concert on amphitheatre (marquee if wet).

*Evening:* - Barn Dance and Pig Roast in marquee.

### MONDAY

*Morning:* - Displays (?), and road closed on The Green all day! (Hopefull!).

*Afternoon:* - Fancy dress Street Party on The Green. Special teas and games for children. Teas for O.A.Ps. Brass band from Halton?

*Evening:* - Great Village Disco for children from 6-8pm, adults from 8-? pm.

Both the Barn Dance and Disco would have a bar. The questionnaire should be returned by 17<sup>th</sup> October to Paul, 85 High Road; or Maureen, 23 The Green, or Beth, The Old Cottage, Hollingdon. It maybe of interest to note how the village celebrated the Silver Jubilee in 1977. Funds were raised in advance by a Fish & Chip Supper, Ladies Football Competition, a Bingo Evening, and a sale of craft work. Over Sunday, Monday and Tuesday the celebrations included: a Thanksgiving Service, a Barbeque and Dance with a DJ, a Bonfire, Church bell ringing, Tree Planting Ceremony, Tug-o-War on The Green, children's Fancy Dress Competition, Races, Children's Tea, and presentations by Lady Bonsor to Soulbury residents who were in the village in the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, 1897, and to children under 16. Also a 'Soulbury Past and Present' Exhibition was held in a large tent, with Tombola and various side shows and refreshments.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Clerk reported that not all the Councillors were covered on the present insurance policy as those over 75 needed a Doctor's Certificate, and over 80s were not insured by the company at all! This was felt to be very unsatisfactory and a new company had been sought, and was now to be used.

The accounts for 2000/2001 were approved; it was noted that the Clubroom repairs, the roof and the new boiler, had cost more than £4500 last year so the expenditure was slightly more than had been budgeted for.

The War Memorial renovation is likely to cost over £1000, but more quotes were being sought. The Council wished to thank the members of the village who had tidied up the Memorial and its surroundings so nicely throughout the year and especially for the period around Poppy Day.

The County Council are to carry out repairs to the kerbing by the bus stop in Stewkley Road, and have promised to resurface Chapel Hill on next year's budget. The Chairman had received complaints of noise pollution from traffic on the Stewkley Road. This was caused by the large vehicles from Hollingdon Depot especially early in the morning. The matter will be discussed with Bucks County Council Highways Department.

The Clerk has received a report on the recent Rural Tenants Panel Meeting; if anyone would like to see this or attend one of their meetings along with Margaret White, please contact Liz Miller (270545). A recent initiative by the A.V.D.C group concerned with environmental issues was reported. The possible provision of a community chipper/shredder was an exciting idea but needed considerable thought as to its practical usage. There would be

more discussion on this and other composting, recycling and environmental issues. Jon Sheppard spoke on the need for the village to form an action plan on the locality, as many wildlife sites of considerable importance were threatened by our modern land use. Two fields which were listed as having plants of national significance by our country recorder six years ago have since been ploughed up, there is still one field remaining which desperately needs management conservation if it is not to be lost also. If the whole parish was surveyed and these important features recorded, then landowners and parishioners would know what was worth saving and could manage activities accordingly. The Council will discuss this further.

### *The Playground*

The account for the cost of the topsoil, which was dropped at the playground entrance, was settled this month. The Council would like to thank Mr Nick Krzeminski for moving the topsoil with his machinery, so that the children could construct a bike track to their liking around the edge of the ball area of the playground.

Since then there has been unacceptable digging of holes by these cyclists in places on the playground, which makes the area unsafe for other users. The Council have filled in the holes and hope that the cyclists will refrain from doing it again.

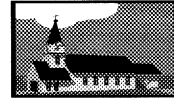
### *Village Flagpole*

As the Chairman felt there was considerable support for a village flagpole he had offered to set up a 'Chairman's Fund', Mrs Margaret Rowe (270355), 31 The Green, had agreed to act as treasurer, and donations could be given either to her or to Mr Alf Peacock (270541), 9 Stewkley Road. The cost of setting up a flagpole on the site suggested in the churchyard would be in the region of £350.

### *A Reminder*

That our local police officer is PC Graham Briginshaw, and he can be

contacted on 01296 396163, or at [graham.briginshaw@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:graham.briginshaw@thamesvalley.police.uk)



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

### *Church Cleaning*

Help would be appreciated from 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays 6<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### *Church Fete*

The Fete on 1<sup>st</sup> September was blessed with good weather and we managed to raise, apart from the Centenary Year, a record sum of £1532. Once again the Secklow Brass gave a magnificent performance throughout the afternoon. Our grateful thanks to Margaret and Doctor David Owen for the use of the Old Vicarage and to all those who helped in a multitude of ways as well as to those who supported us by their attendance.

### *Quiz Night*

A reminder that there is to be a General Knowledge Quiz at Liscombe House by kind invitation from Lady Bonsor. The date is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. Supper will be included and the cost is £5. Please make your reservations with Norman on 240287 or Stan on 270577.

### *Bicycle For Sale*

We have a gents bicycle for sale, left over from the Fete. It is in reasonable condition but wants a bit of work. No reasonable offer refused. Please contact Dr. David Owen on 270305.

### *Friends of Soulbury Church*

The Friends have two fund raising projects in the pipeline. On Saturday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> there is to be a Safari Supper. There will be a three-course meal and coffee all for £10 per head but you do need to take your own wine. This is a chance for you to meet your neighbours. Please ring Jackie (270619), Jane (270493) or Sheila (270175) for more information.

The second project to boost funds is a repeat of the hilarious School Dinners Evening of 1995 at the Old School. The date is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November and details are available from the phone numbers listed above.



### MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Most people will know by now that the Trustees of the Millennium Green have decided to postpone the Buffet and Games Evening planned for October 5<sup>th</sup>, until next year. This decision was made after looking at the diary dates in September's Newsletter and noticing that there seemed to be too many activities all at once in September and October; what with the Harvest Supper, Safari Supper, Quiz Evening at Liscombe Park House, the School Dinners Evening and the Cricket Club Race Night.

We have postponed it till February 9<sup>th</sup> 2002, so please everyone put this in your diaries and come along then to support us and have an enjoyable evening.

Our little white table, with fruit and vegetables for sale, is again in operation so do pop along and see if there's something that might tempt you.

A mouth organ was found on the Millennium Green, if anyone owns this or know whose it is please could you phone Christine on 270377.

The new 100 Club Draw will take place later on in October to allow as many new members to join up as possible.

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAY FOR SOULBURY

Jenny Webb will again be organising a holiday club day for Soulbury children on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October in the Chapel schoolroom from 10am to 12 noon. The activities will be suitable for ages 5 - 12 years and

will include some cooking and outdoor events (weather permitting).

### BIRTHDAYS

We have not had much response to our request for details of children's birthdays and special anniversaries. Please give one of the Newsletter team a ring if you would like to have any dates included.

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go to Mrs Mary Walker and family, whose son Ben is recorded as missing as a result of the terrorist disaster in New York.

### WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome to the village Phil Cirkovic, who has come to live in Chapel Hill.

### RACE NIGHT

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Soulbury Village Cricket Club is to hold a Race Night in the Clubroom. As many will have noticed, there has not been any cricket played on the Soulbury ground this year. This has been due to the Foot and Mouth crisis and measures to prevent possible spread of this virulent disease. Only limited access has occurred to perform essential maintenance and grass cutting. The total lack of 'home' games has meant a drain on club finances and this event is being held to pay essential bills prior to the 2002 season.

The evening consists of horse racing on video, and betting on the tote. Horses can be purchased in advance at a cost of £4 each. Winning owners receive a cash prize. Cost of entry is £5, which includes a hot supper. Please contact Chris Bryant for an entry form on 270607.

Your support is appreciated and we hope we will be able to welcome all to home matches next season!

SVCC would like to express their thanks to other local clubs for loan of ground and facilities - especially Stoke Hammond, and also Mentmore & Eddlesborough.

Also, congratulations to the Club for being winners of Division 4 of the new Marrant Four Counties League. Next year, promotion to Division 3! Also, to Brian Mead who was interviewed by Peter Baxter of the BBC cricket commentary team about the problems caused by the Foot and Mouth crisis. This was broadcast during the break for lunch on the first day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Test Match at Headingley.

### STOCKGROVE PARK

Sheridan Williams who lives in Stockgrove, has asked us to bring to readers attention his new website about Stockgrove Park. [www.clock-tower.com/stockgrove](http://www.clock-tower.com/stockgrove)

### BOOKS OF QUALITY

Are you concerned about your children's reading? Are you interested in contemporary fiction, poetry and drama for adults? Then visit Hillcroft, 11 Stewkley Road, Soulbury between 12noon and 8pm on either:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October,  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October,  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October,

to view a range of books by publishers such as Faber, Bloomsbury, Walker and Oxford University Press; discounts between 15-50%. For further details, please contact Rita Marks on 01525-270687 or at [ritaspratley@aol.com](mailto:ritaspratley@aol.com)

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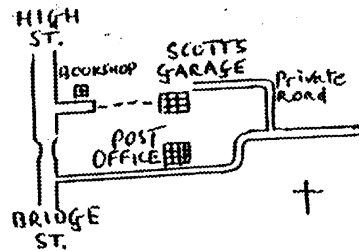
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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2001

(In the clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	Church Cleaning
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>		Safari Supper
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> , 15, & 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm - 2.15pm 2.20pm - 2.35pm	Mobile Library - Bungalows Lay-by Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	W.I.
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Social Circle
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Millennium Green Trust Open Meeting
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>		AVDC Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Jubilee Celebrations Meeting
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Evening at Liscombe Park House
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , & 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls Evening



### DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>		School Dinner Evening
NOVEMBER	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>		SVCC Race Night
NOVEMBER	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Coffee Morning for the Church

### 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 October		11.30am	Sung Communion in Church
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am	Patronal Festival Service

### METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Rev. A Cowburn
All Sundays except first in month		10.00am	Sunday Club

Items for next issue by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2001 to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674 or to [Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk](mailto:Debbie@dbegroup.co.uk)