

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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Hallowe'ene
"May all the Witches
that here are seen
Bring you good luck
on Hallowe'en."



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Housing Officer had checked the boundary fence between the Millennium Green and the ends of the gardens of the houses from Andrew's Close up to the top of the Green, and it was reporting its state to the decision-makers on Aylesbury Vale District Council. Whatever the outcome it is agreed to be in a hazardous state and the Millennium Green Trust has been advised to put up a notice to try to dissuade people from climbing over the fence and entering that way, pointing out the risk of injury.

S.R. Dillamore Ltd have completed the refurbishment of the War Memorial in the churchyard and have received payment of approximately £1,800.

The Three Locks Public House has again submitted proposals for re-organising the parking of cars on the site. The Parish Council were anxious that the main entrance and exit should be off the Great Brickhill Road and not off the A4214.

The Chairman had received a request for a netball post to be erected in the children's playing field, and it was agreed that more details should be collected by the clerk, as to this possibility.

The local highway grass cutting contractors had mown down a recently planted young tree and its stake on the Wing turn at the last grass cutting. The Clerk was

directed to ask for a replacement cost.

The Parish Council were pleased to hear that the Millennium Green Trust had decided to install electricity on the site, and it was agreed that some financial contribution would be made to the project.

It was pointed out that the Silverlink coaches carrying weekend passengers had specified routes which avoided Soulbury. However each weekend these coaches have been coming through on a regular basis. If residents wish to object, a telephone call to Silverlink giving the name of the bus company and, if possible, the vehicle registration number should help to stop this.

The Clerk had received information on 'Stride for Life', a fund raising event for Cancer Research UK to be held at Willen Lake on Sunday 13th October. For more information phone 0845 602 1940.

A.V.D.C. Health and Leisure department are looking for new walk leaders to assist on their programme of guided walks in the holidays.

These popular free walks take place in the summer and at Easter and are led by volunteers with a knowledge of the footpaths within their local area. If anyone is interested in leading a walk please contact Phil Black on 01296 585183.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on October 21st.

SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN

It's time once again to sign up to the 100 Club. It runs for a year from October to October and costs £1 a month. Do support the Millennium Green by joining the club and filling in the form at the back of the Newsletter. At this time last year we had 66 members, so this new year it would be nice to have some new members and maybe have more than 66 - maybe even 100, so that it was a real 100 Club. The prize every month would then be £50!! The winner in September was June Cleveland from Chapel Hill.

There is a little table outside 4 Andrew's Close, just as there was last year, with fruit and vegetables for sale, all fresh and organic and cheaper than supermarkets. There are plums, apples, beans, cabbages, cucumbers and other produce, some of which comes from the Millennium Green and some courtesy of Liz and Dave Miller.

The Trustees have been discussing ideas for free events and fund raising events for next year 2003. We hope to have a quiz in February and at Easter, an Easter bonnet parade with an Easter egg hunt. In late June, the Trustees would like to try the Barbecue and Ramble idea again combined with a pet show and photo competition. The photos would have to be of the Millennium Green at any time of the year, so people who are interested in entering the competition can get their cameras

out now, in order to take advantage of the seasonal changes and get shots of the Green in autumn, winter, spring or summer.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

The Parochial Church Council held a meeting in the Club Room on September 4th, where the Reverend Norman Cotton welcomed everyone especially the new Secretary, Lady Nadine Bonsor and the new treasurer, Mrs. Christine Bryant. It was decided a co-ordinator for the fete was required to enable the fete to be organised more efficiently next year. The fete had taken place on Saturday 31st August in the delightful grounds of The Cottage, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pargeter, on a lovely sunny afternoon. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Pargeter, to The Great Horwood Silver Band and their secretary Mrs. Beryl Lack, to the tea and refreshment helpers, to Lionel and the Lions Club of Leighton Buzzard, to all the stall holders, to everyone who donated thing and to those who organised games like golf and skittles. The sum of £1,100 was made for the Church which was very commendable.

There is a problem in the Church with the paint on some of the interior walls. These walls have only recently been painted and mouldy patches have appeared in several areas. The P.C.C feel this is simply not acceptable, so the paint manufacturer and the architect have been contacted in the hope that the matter can be resolved soon.

Quotes for installing a heating system for the Church are being obtained. It is hoped that some of the money from the very generous legacy from Mr. John Richins will go towards paying for the heating

system. The Cricket Club will be contacted about the seat which, it is hoped, can be installed in memory of John Richins somewhere near the cricket pitch, because he used to like to watch matches and go along for a chat.

Please note that there is a special Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial on Sunday 10th November at 10.50am followed by a short service in the Church from 11.10am.

There are also two 6pm services, an Evensong on November 3rd and a Holy Communion on November 10th. We rarely have evening services so, if Sunday morning is a difficult time for you, try coming along for a 6 o'clock service. It might fit in better for some people.

MEETING ON THE BY-PASS

The Extraordinary Parish meeting was well attended by interested villagers and was addressed by Stephen Orchard, the area manager for Aylesbury Vale Transportation Services.

He very clearly laid out the timescale for the plans, and explained how the financial arrangements were making progress. The first section of the by pass from Slad Farm to Fenny Stratford will be started on October 7th, this will involve the railway line crossing and is being financed by Shanks. It should be finished in 12 months. The rest of the £35 million project is moving forward with compulsory purchase orders due out shortly and the public inquiry expected in 2003. Work is expected to start in 2005.

Councillor Brenda Jennings offered to keep the Parish up to date with progress reports from the engineers and designers on the County Council.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Friends of Soulbury Church are offering Soulbury Christmas cards for sale. The cards show a photograph of the Church in the snow with families sledging in the field in front. The cards are available at 20p each (with discounts for larger orders). They can be personalized by the inclusion of your own Christmas message and family details at a extra cost of 5p per card. For more details speak to Stan Morris on 270577 or James Fairbairn on 270674.

Examples of the cards will be available for inspection in the Church or can be obtained from Stan or James.

All the sale proceeds will go to the Friends restoration fund – there are no production costs involved.

SOULBURY ENDOWED SCHOOL CHARITY

GRANTS FOR EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the above charity will consider applications for grants to assist in education at the next meeting to be held in November.

Persons wishing to make an application must be resident in the Parish of Soulbury and must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years on 31st December 2001, subject to the discretion of the Trustees.

Applications must be sent in writing to the Clerk of the Trustees, A.J. Pargeter at The Cottage, Soulbury, LU7 0BU by 31st October 2002.

CRIMESTOPPERS FOCUS ON BOGUS CALLERS

One crime which causes huge distress and is becoming more common is "distraction burglary". A person posing as an official, usually from one of the utility companies (water, electricity, gas, telephone etc.), calls at the door. They start chatting to the owner and gain entry to the house to

"read the meter" for example or to "do a safety check". Once left alone, they can help themselves to purses, wallets, handbags, jewelry and other valuables. Sometimes there is even an accomplice who sneaks in while the first criminal is talking to the owner and, unseen, has free rein to wander around the rest of the house.

Many victims of this type of crime never report it to the Police. They believe that they were in some way responsible for the crime, since they let the stranger into their house.

This is where Crimestoppers comes in. Anyone with information about any crime can tell Crimestoppers anonymously on the Freephone number:

0800 555 111

They will not be asked their name, the call will not be recorded or traced and they may be eligible for a reward should their information lead to an arrest and charge. In the Thames Valley last year, over 1,000 people called Crimestoppers to give information about a vast range of crimes. 140 suspects were arrested and charged as a direct result of these calls, making the Thames Valley a safer place for us all.

Advice from Thames Valley Police

When someone knocks at your door, make sure you know who they are before you let them in. A genuine caller will never mind if you ask them to wait outside while you telephone their office to check.

IF IN DOUBT - KEEP THEM OUT

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CHARITY SUMMER BALL 2003

Paul and Sam Mardlin are very kindly organising another Summer Ball for next year 2003. The date chosen is Friday July 4th, so those of you who are planning your social calendar for next year, can now put this date in your diaries. The venue has yet to be decided upon, but if you would like to reserve tickets do contact Paul and Sam on 270292 and they will put your names on the list

EARTHWATCH ADVENTURES

On Friday 8th November at 7.30pm, Liz Miller will be giving an illustrated talk on her recent trip to Iceland and her earlier experiences in Belize studying manatees. Everyone will be very welcome, refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle. For more information, call Liz on 270545

CAN YOU HELP?

Is there anyone willing to give a lift to a young male student attending Aylesbury College on Wednesdays. Please ring 270218

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY PERSON NEEDED

Early morning newspaper delivery person required. Must be 13 years old or over, or maybe a retired lady or gentleman. Please ring Chris 240353

FOUND

A walking stick with a flower design, just below the Boot. Contact 270545

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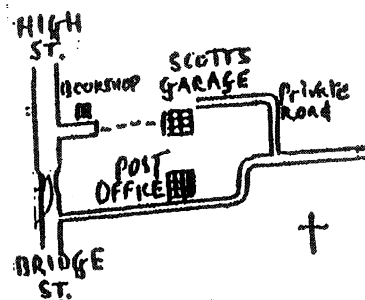
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated

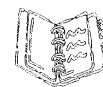


Thursday	October 3rd, 17th & 31st		A.V.D.C Waste Paper & Recycling Collection
Tuesday	October 8th	8pm	W.I. Scents & Aromas (Mr. J Bailey)
Wednesday	October 9th	2.30pm	Social Circle
Monday	October 14th and 28th	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library Bungalows Lay by High Road Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Wednesday	October 16th	7.45pm	W. Fellowship
Monday	October 21st	8pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday	October 26th		Safari Supper
Friday	November 8th	7.30pm	Illustrated talk on Earth Adventures by Liz Miller

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

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



Sunday	October 6th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	October 13th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	October 20th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	October 27th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	November 3rd	11.30am 6pm	All Saints Day Sung Eucharist Evensong
Sunday	November 10th	10.50am 6pm	Remembrance Sunday At War Memorial followed by 11.10am service in Church Holy Communion

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



APPLICATION FORM FOR THE SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST "100" CLUB

Registered Charity No: 1070738

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL:

DATE:

CHQ/CASH AMOUNT:

(Cheques payable to Soulbury Millennium Green Trust)

CHQ NO:

SIGNATURE:

E-MAIL:

We need as much support as possible, so please ask your family, friends and work colleagues to join. Please complete this slip and send to Soulbury Millennium Green Trust, Meadowside, 67 High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BT

Thank you for your support