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# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

**MILLENNIUM GREEN**

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has shown appreciation and given many words of encouragement for the work taking place on the Millennium Green. Nan, Steve and Jane have enjoyed having the company of so many of you and your dogs while working. Many many thanks to Sheila, John, June, Bob, Mrs Quantrill and Mary all of whom at some point picked up a paintbrush, used shears, a hoe or a rake to give us a helping hand. We worked hard, had great fun and got a lot accomplished in spite of the many tea and biscuit stops! We are hoping to have the painting of the play area fence completed in time for the fete. Many hands make light work, and as we have found out it can be fun. It is good to see the enthusiasm for the Millennium Green growing strong.

If you would like to lend a hand for an hour or so please phone Jane 270532 or Christine 270377. You do not have to do anything you don't fancy. Some of the tasks needing to be done are grass raking, path sweeping and a bit of hand weeding around the benches and within the play area.

The Millennium Green orchard trees have done very well this year and there will be a good crop of plums ready for picking in the next week or two. So, if you would like some, feel free to help yourself – watch out for wasps though! There are also plenty of blackberries and sloes to pick, but you would have to check those out for yourselves as to their ripeness. We encourage parents to make their children aware of the pitfalls of eating unripe fruits.

Fete preparations are well in hand. Again many thanks for all the offers of help, to man stalls, games and refreshments. Please remember to get your photos and paintings to Jane at 4 Andrews Close before Saturday (28th August) otherwise they may not be displayed.

We would like to see lots and lots of people at the fete on 11th September: please bring your children and visitors, (properly controlled dogs very welcome). There will be lots to see and do, and if the weather is kind then it will be a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS**

On Sunday 15th August, Norman Cotton took his last service at Soulbury before his retirement. Not as many as expected attended the service – probably as the date had been brought forward. He preached an updated version of his first sermon in the benefice, bringing his well thumbed bible that lacks a cover, and ends mid-sentence where the last pages have been lost. This illustrates that you should not judge a book by its cover – people are not always as they appear. Also the lack of ending shows that nothing is certain. The Church did not stop at the end of the Bible, but will always carry on developing and changing its understanding.

Norman's farewell gathering for Soulbury & Stewkley took place in Stewkley village hall on Sunday 22nd August. The room was packed with as many as fire regulations would allow! Entertainment was provided by a number of villagers, including the orchestra, some amusing readings and a little known mediaeval dance called by John Kemp and accompanied by Jonathan Ginn on the fiddle. It was a jolly evening, but tinged with sadness at the impending departure of Norman and Maureen. A collection had been made round the two villages and Norman was presented with a cheque to help build a conservatory when they move to Steeple Claydon. His quiet efficiency and understanding will be greatly missed in all three parishes.

Sunday 15th August saw the last time that the Rev. Norman Cotton conducted a service in Soulbury. From 22nd August he is on holiday, and then has a month of retirement leave. This is to allow him to pack up his house and prepare for his move. Norman therefore formally retires on the 24th October, although he is unavailable up to this time. Between now and then services are being covered by the Rev.

Peter Lymbery and other local priests. On 25th October the interregnum starts and at this point we can start looking for a new vicar. It is expected that the existing three parishes will stay much as they are, and a new vicar will live in Stewkley. The process of advertising for a Vicar, selecting from the CV's and interviewing can take some time. The selected person then has to settle their affairs and move. It is unlikely that this process will be complete before next Easter. During this time the Church Wardens, supported by the Ordained Local Minister (Peter in Soulbury's case) and the Rural Dean, take a greater responsibility in the parish. If during the interregnum you need to contact All Saints Church then the Rev. Peter Lymbery (01525 371235) or the Church Wardens, Harry Ayris (01296 688759) or Chris Bryant (01525 270607) are the contacts.

**THANK YOU FROM NORMAN & MAUREEN**

We have been touched that so many people both inside and outside of the church have sent cards and best wishes to mark Norman's retirement and we would like to thank each and everyone for their care.

A party was laid on by Soulbury and Stewkley churches on Sunday 22nd August. This was a very enjoyable and memorable experience and it was wonderful that so many people wanted to share it with us.

Words seem inadequate to express our thanks for the generosity of people who contributed towards the cheque that was presented to us. We were and still are overwhelmed by the sheer size of it.

It is difficult to express our feelings adequately, but thank you all for a wonderful present and a wonderful twelve years.

*Norman & Maureen Cotton*

**RACE NIGHT**

Leighton Buzzard Lions Club are holding a charity Race Night on Friday October 8th in the Clubroom. Tickets are £5 each which includes a hot supper. All profits will go to local Lions charities. Tickets and information available from Chris Bryant (01525 270607) or email: race@lblions.com.

**WELCOME**

We are pleased to welcome to the village (rather belated – sorry), Mrs Maggie Smith who has come to live in the High Road.

**MR STEPHEN HALL**

We are sorry to hear of the death of Stephen. He was born in Soulbury 48 years ago, living in Ivy Cottage, Stewkley Road. Stephen moved to France owing to ill health a few years ago. We extend our condolences to his two sons Michael and Danny, his mother Joyce, sister Maureen and family.

**VALE VOLUNTEERS**

The long summer holidays are over and the children are back in school, there will be many mums (dads and grannies!) who have a somewhat empty feeling – is the house just too quiet?!

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**SAVE MEETING**

Save Aylesbury Vale's Environment (SAVE) are holding their regular monthly meeting in September at the Civic Centre in Aylesbury in the Wendover Room at 6.45pm. There will be a presentation on 'Implementing Solar, Thermal & Electric Solutions in the Home'.

Anyone interested in this important subject, or wishing to become involved with the promotion of environmentally friendly good practice in the Vale would be most welcome to attend. For more information contact Rob Smart 01296 585147.

**PROPOSED WESTERN EXTENSION TO THE LONDON AIRPORT CONTROLLED AIRSPACE**

A public meeting has been arranged by the Leighton Town Council at the Library Theatre at 7.30pm on the 16th September. Representatives from the Airport, PAIN and PAVAN will attend.

**CAR CRIME**

Sometime in the early hours of Monday morning a car parked near to The Boot was broken into. We ask that everyone be extra vigilant of persons and/or vehicles not local to the village in order that we may prevent future acts of theft and vandalism.

**CRICKET FIXTURES**
Sat Sept 4th New Bradwell (home)
Sun Sept 5th Ebury Strollers (away)
Sat Sept 11th Stoke Hammond (away)
Sun Sept 12th Cublington (home)
Sat Sept 18th Gt Horwood (away)
Sun Sept 19th Mentmore (home)
Sun Sept 26th F.M. Arthurs (home)

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES

*All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated*

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| Friday | Sept 10th & 24th | Mobile Library<br>Bus Stop, Stewkley Road | 1pm to 1.15pm |
| Wednesday | Sept 8th | Social Circle | 2.30pm |
| Friday | Sept 24th | Macmillan Coffee Morning | 10am – 12noon |
| Wednesday | Sept 15th | W.F. | 7.45pm |
| Monday | Sept 27th | Parish Council Meeting | 7.30pm |
| ~~Thursday~~ Fri | Sept 3rd | Waste Paper & Recycling Collection | |
| ~~Friday~~ Thur | Sept 16th & 30th | Waste Paper & Recycling Collection | |
| Saturday | Sept 11th | Millennium Green Fete | 2pm |

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

*Curate: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard, Tel: 01525 371235*

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| 5th Sept | 11.30am | Sung Eucharist taken by a visiting priest |
| 12th Sept | 11.30am | Sung Eucharist |
| 19th Sept | 11.30amd | Harvest Festival & Baptism |
| 20th Sept | 7.30pm | Harvest Supper – Tickets from Mrs Chris Bryant 01525 270607 |
| 26th Sept | 11.30am | Sung Eucharist |
| 3rd Oct | | No service in Soulbury as the Rev. John Hibbard takes his first Communion service as a Priest in Stewkley at 10.15am |

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# Millennium Green

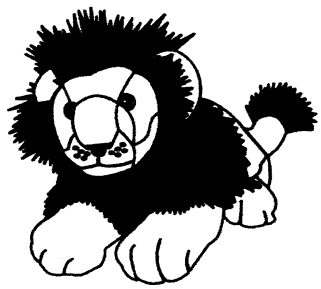
# Fete

## 11th September

## 2.00pm start

## Rides on Lionel the Engine

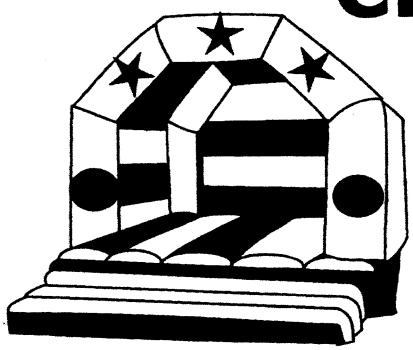
## Bird Display



## Bouncy Castle

## A Display by the Thornhill Majorettes

## Stalls; Toys, books, videos CD's and more...

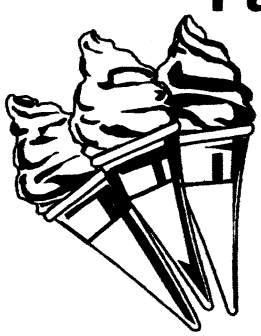


## Tombola

## Live Music

## Games

**Prize Presentation for Painting and Photo competitions.**



## Refreshments

## Ice Cream

## Raffle

By coming along and enjoying the afternoon's fun you are activley helping to secure the Millennium Green's future.

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