

Soulbury Parish News



March 2020



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Dates for your diary - March 2020

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Brown bin		Weds	11th, 25th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Weds	11th 25th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Weds	4th 18th
<u>For Hollingdon and Dean Farm Lane only</u>			
Brown bin		Tues	10th, 24th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Tues	10th, 24th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Tues	3rd/17th/31st
W.I.		Tues	10th
Social Group	2.30 pm	Weds	4th, 18th
Book Club		Weds	11th
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Mon	16th

**Copy date for this magazine will always be 21st of the month.
Please diarise this as I will not be chasing anymore.**

Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events 2020

Village Litter Pick	Sun 15th March
Parish Breakfast	Sun 22nd March
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat 11th April
Town and Parish Council Elections	Thurs 7th May
VEDay75	Fri 8th May
Open Gardens	27/28th June
Soulfest	Sat 11th July
Family Bingo Night	Sat 19th September
Bonfire Night	Sat 7th November



All Saints' Church Services

Team Rector: Vacancy
Team Vicar Wing & Wingrave : Vacancy
Team Vicar Cheddington with Mentmore : Vacancy

Services for March 2020

Sunday 1st March	Family service with coffee	11.00 am
<i>Lay led</i>		
Sunday 8th March	Team Eucharist	10:00 am
<i>Rev. Roger Hale</i>		
Sunday 15th March	No service in Soulbury	
Sunday 22nd March	Parish Communion	11:30 am
<i>Rev. Ian Ogilvie</i>		
Sunday 29th March	Parish Communion	11:30 am
<i>Rev. David Holloway</i>		
Sunday 12th April	Easter service at Stewkley	10:00 am

Soulbury Parish Breakfast

The next breakfast will be on 22nd March - MOTHERS DAY - come along and celebrate it with a hearty English or Continental breakfast. Bring the Bucks Fizz with you!!!!

Easter Egg Hunt

This event is taking place on the Millennium Green on 11 April from 2 pm - 4 pm. Tea tent will be available which will also supply squash to the kids. This year we are running a 'best painted egg' competition so there is plenty of time for you to get thinking about designs. Depending on entries we will split the competition into age groups. So get your kids and their school friends painting eggs. Indeed, get teacher to organise this in school. Entry is free for both the competition and egg hunt. See you there!

Marquee for hire



Have you considered using the Soulbury Millennium Green for events and functions? There are many facilities on the SMG to make your event a success which includes a 12m x 6m white marquee. To hire this marquee the cost is £150 per event. So please consider the SMG for parties, children parties, birthdays, barbecues, wedding blessings, etc. Contact Alan Stevens or Wendy Taylor to discuss.

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Soulbury Parish Hall

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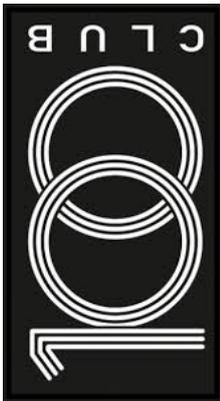
Soulbury Millennium Green



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So much rain! we have had but luckily no-one in the parish has suffered damage compared to those in the west and up north.

The rain has caused us some concern though as the path up to the far end of the green has flooded recently. Last week we had the community lads digging out a soakaway to try to overcome the problem. Unfortunately it was not 100% successful and the following week it was just as bad. Are we downhearted? Definitely not and we are still working on the problem. Mind you the rain has been exceptional and the pond looks good when it's full, one day we'll get the liner in.



100 Club

Winners in 2019

January	Jean Housley
February	Vickly Rolls
March	Peggy Stevens
April	Julia Foulsham
May	Peggy Stevens
June	Jean Housley
July	Christine Sheppard
August	Miranda Storey
September	Chris Atkins
October	Barbara Wray
November	Tony Quartly
December	Christine Sheppard



Women's Institute



The February meeting of Soulbury WI was held at the parish hall on Tuesday 11 February. After welcoming members the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Our most sincere thanks were given to Tony Crack for his excellent talk in January which was enjoyed by all of us and our visitors so much – in particular we think the gentlemen visitors enjoyed the delicious refreshments! Jean told us that unfortunately Jean Haines is now back in hospital and we will keep in touch and let everyone know how she is doing. Please remember that subs are due if you haven't already paid, please. A warm welcome was given to Val Blackshaw who has now joined us as a new member – Val previously belonged to Stoke Hammond W I – and also we are very pleased that Jackie Crack has rejoined this year.

Four members who went along to the 'Whattalife' lunch and concert in Newton Longueville in January agreed it was a really superb day. The concert was performed by a fantastic singer who talked and sang through the life of Kathleen Ferrier, accompanied by a really excellent pianist. Kathleen Ferrier died at the very young age of 42 but managed to fit in a lot of wonderful performances in her lifetime and travelled the world. There was a lovely lunch served before the concert and it was a very enjoyable day. This was the first event of the Centenary Year for Bucks Federation and was a great start to this very busy year.

Two members attended a sewing and painting of collages course at Denman college recently and told us how fantastic it had been and showed us the results of their efforts. They impressed on us what excellent courses were available at Denman and although they do seem expensive, there is so much offered and, of course, we do have a Bursary available so think seriously about a visit.

Members were reminded of the various upcoming events in the county. There will, of course, be a lot of events coming up in 2020 as this is the Bucks Federation Centenary year.

Happy Birthday wishes were given to Sheila Day. 40 Year Certificates were presented to Margaret Rowe and Andrea Hamilton.

Jean then introduced our speaker, the Poet Laureate of Milton Keynes, Mr Mark Niel. Mark was a truly entertaining, funny and impressive speaker who kept us all totally entertained with his clever and heartwarming poems. He told us of his very low key start at gigs from which he has managed to move up the ladder. Mark also has put some of his poems to music and when he had finished his talk, opened the floor for questions. Following this really enjoyable talk refreshments were served.

As we had not been able to discuss the Resolutions at our open January meeting we then discussed this year's proposed Resolutions which were as follows:

1. Stem cell donation
2. Female crash dummies
3. Ending slavery
4. Talking about death
5. Protection of the world's helium supply

Each resolution was gone through and a final vote was taken which resulted in 16 votes for Stem cell donation; 4 for female crash dummy use and none for any of the remaining 3. The result of the vote will be sent to County and we will be advised of the final decision in the near future.

The raffle was drawn and the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 March.

Advertising Rates

To advertise in this magazine the rates are as follows:

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Advertisements will appear in b/w in the booklet format and full colour in the ePub format and on the new parish website due to go live 21 April.

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Social Group

The Social Group had another very pleasant afternoon last Wednesday. Unfortunately our leader Elizabeth has health problems and has asked me to take the reins for the time being. This I have done but with the help of Wendy who has set up a spread sheet to keep account of our funds, just so that we all know where we are. Meanwhile we wish Elizabeth a speedy return to rude health.

SOULBURY LITTER PICK - SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2PM

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**MEET AT THE VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2020 - 2PM**

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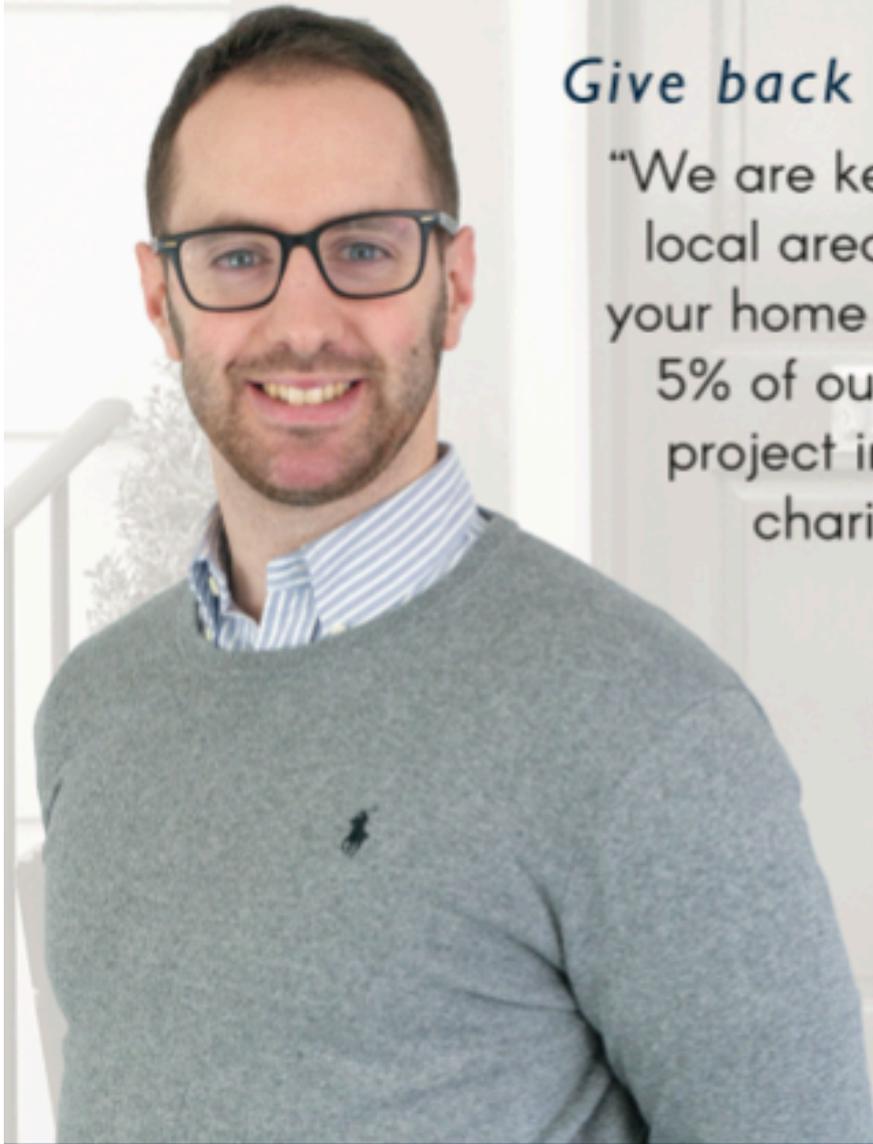
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Quiz Night



Our Quiz Night was held on 22 February - but you know that cos it was on the front cover of this very publication!

A great night was had by those participating in taxing their brains. Our quizmaster was James Mansfield-Sturgess who really got us all thinking. First we had a list of anagrams, the answers to which were cocktail names. For some reason the assembled multitude thought I would be good at that! Note to self: hide the drinking habit!!! My team did OK there it has to be said. We could all understand the questions (in the past this has not always been the case but James has sorted that for us) and we were all able to have a reasonable go at answering them. At half time supper was served and, wow, the catering crew did not disappoint. Chicken casserole, lamb casserole (containing a bottle of red wine I am led to believe - sorry, forgot, I should be hiding the drinking habit!), lentil bake, jacket potatoes and all the trimmings. Desserts - well what do I say, apart from here I go again - chocolate trifle with lots of brandy, marvelous! Fruit flans, St Clementine gateau, apple crumble to die for and fruit salad.

We ended the evening with a raffle - loads of prizes - and £104 in the Soulbury Millennium Green coffers.

The hardest questions of the whole evening were:

1. How do we encourage more people in the whole parish of Soulbury to join in.
2. What do they want to see at such an event.

Answers on a postcard please.



Soulfest 2020

11 July from midday to 9 pm

Arrangements for this year's festival of music are well underway. The organising crew comprise Michele Nicholas, Greg Bard and Jim Whiting. 7 bands are already lined up together with a DJ who will hold the event together.

There will be the usual BBQ, bar, tea tent and street food providers. A small retail 'village' is to be set up so if you know of stall holders wanting to ply their wares at Soulfest please contact Michele.

This year we are offering three levels of sponsorship:

Bronze: sponsorship of individual areas such as the BBQ, bar, main stage, childrens activities and tea tent. Sponsors will have their corporate name/logo displayed in the area they sponsor. Use of sponsors lounge at the event with free bar. Cost: £250.

Silver: sponsorship of event with company name/logo in all public areas plus the use of corporate gazebo (3 sq m). Plus all Bronze benefits. Use of sponsors lounge at the event with free bar. Cost: £500

Gold: title sponsor of the whole event. Corporate logo on signage on all approaches to the village and outside the event. Area to promote company. Plus all Silver and Bronze benefits. Use of sponsors lounge at the event with free bar. Cost: £1,000.

To discuss sponsorship please contact Nigel Kemal.

To keep up to date with news on the event please see the Facebook page created for the event at 'Soulfest 2020'.

Ticket prices are £5 in advance and £6 at the door on the day.

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Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 17 February 2020. There were 9 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllrs Ben Everitt, Neil Blake, Maurice Cross and Victor Wright. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on Monday 20 January 2020 were approved. There were no matters arising. It was suggested, however, in the light of the report last month of yet another RTC because of ice between the 3 Locks and Stoke Hammond that we approach Cllr Janet Blake to help in the quest to make this area of road more safe. Various bills were paid.

Planning: Dairy Cottage annex - Jane Bonsor attended the meeting and explained the reasoning behind the need to acquire this legal document. AVDC Planning raised the issue. It appears the usage over the last 10 years was not in line with the planning approval received and since the Bonsor family had bought the properties back recently this misalignment between planning approval and actual usage raised its ugly head. Consternation about this was aired but Jane assured those present the reason for buying the properties back was to prevent any further undue development.

No further movement on Green Farm.

Children's Playground: Whilst Cllr Blake did not attend he did email the Council with information relating to this area. It read:

I've had a meeting with two officers from AVDC in respect of the recreation ground at Mount Pleasant. We met on site and I showed them around and outlined the plans for the new play equipment.

The first problem is that they are reluctant to grant a lease of more than five years. This would clearly conflict with the requirement of securing S106 monies. I've asked them to go away and think about this because five years is far too short. They said that they wouldn't want to jeopardise the land's use for housing by granting a long lease.

That leads to the other problem in that there is a feeling that VAHT wants to construct some old people's bungalows on site. I pointed out that the NPPF seeks to protect existing open space and recreational land (paragraph 97 of the NPPF). Such land shouldn't be built on unless an assessment has been undertaken which shows that the land is surplus to requirements or if alternative land is made available to replace the lost facilities.

So, to say that a longer lease can't be issued because of the potential for housing is, therefore, against the NPPF - as explained above.

These comments have been passed to the officers for their consideration and I'll let you know their thoughts as soon as they get back to me.

Grass cutting: Church yard mowing handed over to the Church.

District and County Councillors were not present. .

Parish Hall: The decoration work will be carried out in August.

SMG: Footpath from orchard to stage area floods in the area by the children's play area. Soakaway dug but did not resolve the issue. Work continuing. Quiz Night on 22 Feb.

Public Participation: Greg Noble of Stoke Hammond PC asked for support to put pressure on Canal and River Trust to move vehicles from bottom of Bragenham Lane by the canal which are churning up the edges to the road and making it difficult for farm vehicles to get through. The vehicles belong to residents in boats on winter moorings. David Kellner highlighted that parishes are getting together to tackle issues with the District and County Councils. We all have the same issues but it would be better to have strength in numbers rather than individual parishes going it alone. Apparently we were invited to attend a meeting but we never showed. David was asked to ensure we are informed so we can send a delegate as it all makes complete sense.

AOB: None.

**Next meeting will be held on
Monday 16 March 2020 at 7:30 pm**

Elections

Please note that on 1st April the Bucks County Council changes to a unitary authority. This means there will be elections this year, including Parish Council elections. So, if you feel you would like to be involved with the Soulbury Parish Council here is your chance to do it. Cllr Vic Wright and Parish Clerk John Spires have all the information and forms required so please contact them direct.

**Town and Parish Council elections are on
Thursday 7 May 2020.**



Cricket Club News



Soulbury Cricket Club has started pre-season practice nets as the 2020 season approaches. The club is fielding two Saturday league teams this year - as well as the Sunday friendly side - for the first time in its history. The club is encouraging anyone who fancies having a go to come along.

Every Saturday from 11:00 -12:30 at Cottesloe School in Wing. All ages and abilities welcome!



An exciting change is coming to Vale Lottery.

From Tuesday 31st March 2020, Vale Lottery will be rebranded to become **Buckinghamshire Lottery**.

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Safer Buckinghamshire Survey

In line with the creation of the new Buckinghamshire Council, the new Safer Buckinghamshire Community Safety Partnership will come into effect in April 2020. The partners include Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, the health service and probation service in Buckinghamshire and the new Buckinghamshire Council.

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The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Clubroom on Tuesday, 15th March at 8.00 p.m., preceded by a Parish Council Meeting which will commence at 7.30 p.m.

It is interesting to note that those of us living in villages with an elected Parish Council have a privilege which is not granted to people living in larger urban communities and cities. We have the right by law once a year to attend a public meeting at which we can question our Parish Councillors on any aspect of village affairs, such as footpaths, planning applications, administration of the Clubroom, provision of playing fields and allotments, or any of the many other matters with which they care concerned. This is a very valuable right and a small example of our democratic processes which have derived from the meetings of the elders of the village which took place almost from the foundation of the community in Saxon times. Surely, therefore, all electors should attend these unique occasions if at all possible.

The 'FIRST REPORT 1973-1977'. Buckinghamshire County Council has just published its first report to ratepayers. Copies have been circulated to District and Parish Councils, Schools, Libraries and Voluntary bodies. In addition, a limited number are available on request, at County Hall, Aylesbury.

Silver Jubilee

The Fish and Chip Supper, our first fund raising venture for the Silver Jubilee, was most successful and resulted in a profit of £61 towards the final sum which will be needed.

We hope to raise more money at the Easter Monday Ladies Football Competition at Cublington. In connection with this, may we please ask that any lady who would like to play in the Soulbury team contacts Mrs. Margaret Rowe at 33 The Green, telephone 355, as soon as possible.

May we also ask for contributions for the Cake Stall and small cakes for the Refreshment Stall as well as volunteers to help with the latter. We have arranged for the Sale of Work, which was mentioned last month, to be held at Cublington on Easter Monday, so please help us to have a good display of times for this stall. There will be a Bingo evening in March - watch out for posters!

The provisional programme for the Jubilee period is given below. This is by no means final, and will be subject to alterations and further suggestions.

Sunday, June 5th -	Specially appointed Jubilee Service in the Church.
Monday, June 6th -	Barbecue, Bonfire and Dance in the evening.
Tuesday, June 7th -	The start of Jubilee Day will be marked by the ringing of the church bells at 9.00 a.m. Later in the morning there will be a tug-of-war and other field events. In the afternoon there will be a children's fancy-dress competition family races, teas, side shows, a Soulbury exhibition and the presentation of Jubilee Souvenirs to children under 16.

Mr. Wilson Parrot is very kindly allowing us to use the cricket field for all these activities.

May we please ask again for your oddments of wool - no matter how short. They may be given to Mrs. Rowe, 33 The Green, Mrs Kellner, Upper Hollingdon Farm or Miss Booth, 7 Chapel Hill.

We extend a very warm, if belated, welcome to Rosemary and Charles Dowell who have come to live in The Forge.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: The Rev. N. Burrows,
The Manse, Stewkley. Tel: 251

Sunday	6th March	2.30 p.m.	Rev. N. Burrows	Family Service
Sunday	13th March	6.00 p.m.	Mr. Roads	
Sunday	20th March	10.30 a.m.	Mr. H. Scott	
Sunday	27th March	6.00 p.m.	Mr. P. Venn	

Bible Study Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

7th March - 11 The Green	21st March - 10 High Road
14th March - 25 The Green	28th March - 27 The Green

Sunday School

6th March - Family Service
13th, 20th, 27th March at 2.30 p.m.

All Saints Parish Church

Vicar: The Rev. P. Drake,
The Vicarage. Stewkley Tel: 287

Sunday	6th, 13th, 20th 27th March	11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	27th March	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Monday	14th March	8.00 a.m.	Annual Parochial Church Meeting Election of Officers - in the Clubroom

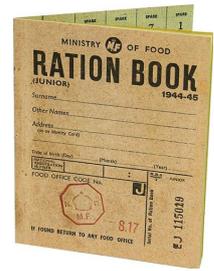
COMING EVENTS

Friday	4th March	2.30 p.m.	Women's World Day of Prayer at St Michael's Church, Stewkley.
Tuesday	8th March	8.00 p.m.	<u>Women's Institute</u> : Miss Mountain - Horticulture Competition: Compose a limerick.
Wednesday	9th March	2.30 p.m.	<u>Social Circle</u> Mrs. Ginn. We ask all members to bring their hyacinth bulbs with them.
Monday	14th March	7.30 p.m.	Annual P.C.C. Meeting
Tuesday	15th March	8.00 p.m.	Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday	16th March	8.00 p.m.	<u>Women's Fellowship</u> : at the home of Mrs. Szostek, 32 Lime Grove, Linslade.
Wednesday	30th March	8.00 p.m.	<u>Soulbury Gardening Association</u>

All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.

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VE Day75



It has been agreed at the Parish Council Meeting that we, as a parish, will join in with these celebrations. How much of the planned activity we take on is still up for discussion but suffice to say for now it looks something like this:

Friday 8 May

3pm Battle's O'er and VE 75 Years

Pipers from around the world will open VE Day. Then the nation's toast to the heroes of WW2. It is hoped that customers in thousands of pubs in UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man will take part by raising a glass at 3pm.

6.55pm Cry for Peace around the world

Town Criers around the world starting in New Zealand, performed 7pm local time. For info as we don't have a crier.

7.00pm Ringing out for peace

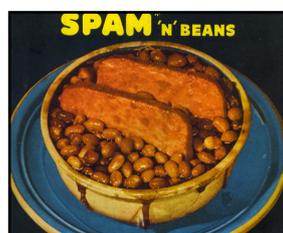
Bells in churches and cathedrals will ring out after which parties and celebrations are anticipated.

It is proposed that Soulbury will register our participation. It has been considered that we use the millennium green for our celebration. Details of this will be advised when we know them.

The pageantmaster, Bruno Peeke, suggests that parties and celebrations are also held on 9th.

The events last until the Sunday 10th nationwide with church services and commemoration at 10:30 am on the Sunday.

I have repeated the above for information with the addition that we are arranging a street party on the Millennium Green on Saturday 9th May which will be themed back to VE Day in 1945. So please look out your wrap around pinnies (aprons to those of the modern world!) head scarves, any other fashions of the time and food, of course, from those times too, so please look out your old recipe books for bread and dripping, corned beef hash, bubble and squeak, faggots, cake making (not forgetting the eggless fruit cake!) and join in the fun.



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