
Soulbury Parish News



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Dates for your diary



May 2017

Garden waste (brown bin)		Mon	8th, 22nd
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Thurs	11th, 25th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Thurs	4th, 18th
W.I.		Tues	9th
Social Group	2:30 pm	Thurs	3rd 17th and 31st
Book Club		Weds	10th
Soulbury Breakfast		Sun	14th
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Mon	15th
Copy date for articles		Sun	21st

Soulbury Millennium Green and village events 2017

Schools Festival	Weds 14th June
Soulfest 2017	Sat 8th July
Music on the Millennium Green	Sun 23rd July
Church Fete	Sun 6th August
Bonfire Night	Sat 4th November

Church News - Philip's message

Dear friends,

Lots of groups of mums-to-be and new mums have traditionally met together to discuss everything from where they are in the process of motherhood to the state of the world and everything in between. Once upon a time it would have been over a pot of tea and a slice of Victoria sponge. Now it is more likely to be a Costa coffee and an almond croissant.

May ends with a special Christian festival called The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. This day tells the story of when a young girl called Mary, from Galilee, went to meet her older cousin, Elizabeth (who was declared to be barren), who lived in the hill country of Judea to the south because both have discovered they are pregnant with babies who were going to be very important in the life of the people of the Jewish faith and the fledgling society which became Christianity.

The Bible passage comes from the Gospel of Luke 1:39-56 and includes the beautiful passage known as the Magnificat which begins: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour....." which the Church traditionally uses in evening prayer.

As we rejoice in all the new life around in the natural world let us pray for all new mums in all sorts of circumstances.

God Bless.

In remembrance

Our condolences go to the family and friends of Gordon Critchley from the Three Locks Golf Club who died recently. The funeral was held in Drayton Parslow and was very well attended.

Friends of Soulbury Church

Don't forget the next Parish breakfast on 14th May, 9:30 am to 12 noon, where a full English breakfast including tea or coffee will only cost you £6. The money raised helps to keep the church in good repair. Please come along and support us. You never know when you might need the church for a match, hatch, or dispatch!!

We need your help, please

I would like to have a tea in the church sometime in the summer, possibly the weekend of 30th June/1st July. To get grants towards the replacement roof on the church we need to show that the church is important to the village life and this seems a good way to do it. Would anyone be able to help organise, serve, make cakes or think of any other social events we could hold in the church?

Please ring on Jane Luxton on 01525 270493 if you can help.

All Saints' Church Services

Team Rector: Rev. Philip Derbyshire, The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel 240287

Team Vicar Wing & Wingrave : Rev. Helen Barnes

Team Vicar Cheddington with Mentmore : Rev. Gill Rowell

Sunday 7th May	Little Saints	10:30 am
4th after Easter	Coffee	11:00 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	Family Service	11:30 am
Sunday 14th May	Parish Communion	11:30 am
5th after Easter		
<i>Rev. Philip Deryshire</i>		
Sunday 21st May	No service	
Sunday 28th May	Parish Communion	11:30 am
7th after Easter		
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Parish History

We are in the process of putting a new website together for the Soulbury parish. Within in this there will be a section on the history of the parish. Research has started on the internet but we were wondering about documents and photos that might be in the attics and files of the parish residents. We have found Domesday Book entries where Soulbury is recorded as Soleberie, Anglo Saxon in origin meaning 'stronghold in a gully'. So, if you have anything that is relevant between then and now, please let us know. We can get it copied/ scanned for inclusion and you can have it back.

Social Group

The Social Group got together twice in April. On the 4th, 10 of us enjoyed a good lunch at Dobbies and 14 came to the Parish Hall on the 19th when Robert Woolhead produced great cakes. It was so good to welcome Wendy Taylor who was enjoying some precious off duty time, and Alan Stevens came up with a fun quiz on Cockney Rhyming Slang which we adroitly cheated our way through (we're good at porkies!), followed by a gossip fest. Philippa Weeks Cooper managed to join us for the last few minutes and it's good to know she's back in Soulbury.

Next get together is on 3rd May, then again on 17th May and 31st May. These are all Wednesdays and all in the Parish Hall.



Millennium Green News



Work on the Millennium Green is continuing but we have had an accident with the new mower, i.e. it was damaged putting it back into the container. It is now in Mursley at the mower doctors. Let's hope it gets well soon!

The Easter Egg Hunt went very well on Easter Saturday and was very well attended. Many thanks to all those who helped, by manning the tea tent and supplying cakes. It was really nice to see so many residents attending. Our next function will be Soulfest in July, so plenty to do before then.

www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk

Appeal

Each year the accounts for the Soulbury Millennium Green are audited. This has been done in the past by Graham Catchlove, past treasurer of the SMG and career accountant. Graham has since moved out of the village and retired so is no longer able to carry out this necessary piece of work. We are now looking for someone who could take this over. The financial year ends 30 April (the audit does not have to be done by then I hasten to add!) so if there is anyone out there, or you know a 'man (or woman) who can' will you please get in touch with Wendy Taylor. She will be very pleased to hear from you.

Soulfest 2017

Each year a percentage of the proceeds from Soulfest is donated to charity and we would like to involve the parish in deciding which charity this should be. Please let Wendy Taylor know the name of your favourite charity you like to see supported by us. All the names sent to Wendy will be put into a pot and one will be drawn at the next Soulbury Millennium Green Committee meeting on 22 May 2017



Women's Institute

Members and a new visitor were welcomed to this month's meeting by our President, Jean Housley. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and the matters arising were discussed. Everyone agreed last month's speaker, Tony Easton, who gave us a very new solution to the Glenn Miller mystery disappearance, had been enthralling. Six members will be attending the AGM in Aylesbury at the Waterside in May, always a great day. We were reminded to put our names down for the annual outing in July, this year of course we are off to Highclere, home of Downton Abbey. Next month we will discuss the Resolutions which are to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in June and which relate to the Alleviation of Loneliness and the banning of Microfibres. Happy Birthday wishes were given to four of our members.

Two teams of Soulbury members joined in the 3-Counties Quiz in Buckingham in March and did creditably – we hope they will fight again next year!

Jean Housley then introduced our speaker for the evening, Celia Feetham who gave us a fascinating talk on "Modern Medicines from your Garden". Celia is a keen gardener and a qualified Pharmacist. She had a different medicinal plant for each month of the year, ranging from Chrysanthemums in January – used as an insect repellent, Witch Hazel in February, an astringent, Snowdrops in March – used in the treatment of dementia, and so on through to December, whose plant was yew, which is used in several anti-cancer drugs. Her enthusiasm was infectious and we were all very intrigued with the development of drugs from these well known garden friends. Some of the plants had been used by ancient civilizations as well as Mediaeval monks. We were all surprised by some of the links from these old favourites to high powered modern drugs. Celia was thanked for her very

interesting and absorbing talk and we all then enjoyed delicious refreshments. The raffle was drawn and the meeting closed.

Our May meeting is on Tuesday 9th May, when we will be discussing the Resolutions put forward this year. Members were also reminded that we are having a “Bring and Buy” at the May meeting, so please don’t forget to bring along anything you think might be enjoyed by other members, e.g. jewellery, bags, scarves, clothing, etc.

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Tuesday 18 April 2017. There were 20 Soulbury parishioners present. Apologies were received from John Day. Neil Blake was present. Minutes of meeting on Monday 20 March 2017 were approved. There were no matters arising. Various accounts were paid.

It was confirmed that 6 schools were attending Schools Festival on 14 June on the Millennium Green.

One planning application was discussed:

Land beside The White House, High Road, Soulbury: The Parish Council objected to the revised plans on the same basis as the objections given for the original planning application plus the new garages were encroaching onto farmland. It was observed that despite the Parish Council’s objection the original plans were passed by AVDC Planning. John Spires will advise the planning dept appropriately.

Childrens playground: grass needs a finer cut. It was observed that the first cut of the year was always difficult. Re. the lease renewal, ball is in AVDC court at the moment and is in hand with our solicitors.

Grass cutting: it was observed that during each of the last two cuts, debris (stones/ wood) have been hurled by the mower and broken a car and a kitchen window. Repairs are in progress. Grass cutting company will address this with operator.

Neil Blake said: Vale of Aylesbury local plan to council in July. No change to work on unitary issues. Government IT Dept wants to meet AVDC to provide good services. It was noted that local election candidates are on the parish noticeboard. Neil was asked about the standard of the bus service and fears it would get worse. Neil asked for all comments to go to Janet Blake, District Councillor, but he pointed out that contracts are constantly up for re-negotiation and with money constraints the service suffers.

Parish Hall: Problem with black marks in ladies toilets. Gutters need cleaning out. Sliding doors within the hall cause issues. These items will be addressed.

SMG: Charity Commission website still has Christine and Jon Sheppard as Trustees when the SMG is now a single trusteeship, the trustee being the parish council. It was suggested that the solicitors should have advised the CC of the change. John Spires will follow up. Easter Egg Hunt was well supported. 70 tonnes of top soil was delivered and has been moved to various sights on the SMG. Mower needs repairing and is with RGC in Mursley. Andrew Irvine of New Southgate Millennium

Green visited and spent time with various members of the committee and helped shift some of the top soil. Commented on how good the SMG is.

Public participation: Resident from Laburnum Cottages was concerned about housing proposed at the back of these properties. A meeting with the land owner was suggested and accepted as a good idea. It was pointed out that at this stage talks with planners were not even at 'outline stage' so it would be good to meet when more info was available.

Exit from Laburnum Cottages is very dangerous. The suggestion of a mirror to aid residents was thrown out by Transport for Bucks. However, Parish Council agreed to pursue it further and will report back.

Date of the next meeting: MONDAY 15 May 2017 at 7:30 pm

Please note: the Parish Council meeting is always held on the third Monday of each month except August when no meeting takes place.

Soulbury Village Cricket Club

By the time you read this, the first friendly match will have been played – weather permitting! Matches in May and early June as follows:

Sat 6th May 13:30 away v Wing & Wingrave @ Ascott House cricket ground (league)

Sun 7th May 14:00 away v Drayton Parslow

Sat 13th May 13:30 away v Wilden (league)

Sun 14th May 14:00 no match

Sat 20th May 13:30 home v Thurleigh (league)

Sun 21st May 14:00 home v Stoke Hammond

Sat 27th May 13:30 away v Studham

Sun 28th May 14:00 away v Stewkley

Sat 3rd June 13:30 home v MK New City 2nd XI

Sun 4th June 14:00 home v Ebury Strollers

Sat 10th June 13:30 away v Elstow 2nd XI

Sun 11th June 14:00 home v Drayton Parslow

The team has worked hard with their preparation of the ground, and practice nets have been erected. Anyone interested in playing or helping the Club in any way, please contact the Captain on 07771 738546.

Perhaps bear this in mind when listening to all the election rhetoric:

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