

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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We would like to wish our readers a very Happy Easter and send a special thank you to those who came forward to volunteer to deliver the newsletter following our appeal.

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MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The 100 Club has reached 100 subscriptions! That's fantastic and thank you to all who joined. 32 was drawn as the lucky number in February, followed by 27 in March. The coffee morning was again very well supported and a total of £42 was raised from the raffle and the sale of refreshments and goods. Thank you also to those people who donated items for sale. Jane and Nan both enjoy putting on the coffee mornings; it's nice to see people enjoying a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcome so perhaps see you at the next one on 12th May?

At the last meeting, several key dates and activities were agreed for the coming months so please make a note for you diaries. Coffee mornings on 12th May and 23rd June, the School Competition on 26th June, a scavenger hunt and BBQ on 14th July, Bingo and hot supper on 16th November and Burns night on 8th January. Looking further ahead, the biggest event will be the Green's 10th Birthday Party on 6th September 2008.

The fencing and gate that was destroyed in the very high winds has now been replaced and all looks very neat and tidy. As soon as the wet spell is over it is hoped to start the grass cutting season and get the short grass area, orchard and pathways cut so as to make life easier for those who like to walk in the grass.

The daffodils are looking lovely outside the entrance, Gilli planted those and it was nice to see such a splash of yellow. A few have been picked for people's enjoyment, but that is OK and there are still plenty to see. You can always donate any spare bulbs you may have – they will happily be planted.

For the newcomers to the village, and others who may like to know more about the Green how it came to be, then the website is now available through www.soulbury.org or www.jpgraphics.co.uk.

Nan would like to thank those who attended the coffee morning and purchased a Teddy Bear to help raise funds for the Bierton Hill Day Centre. The funds raised are to purchase Music Therapy equipment that is a very beneficial and enjoyable activity for adults with learning disabilities. Nan would also like to thank those who have kindly collected and passed on their aluminium foil and cans, which is recycled and also helps to raise funds for the Day Centre. If you would like to pass on your foil and cans then please contact Nan on 01296 681898.

CHURCH NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place at 7:30pm in the church on Wednesday 4th April. Everyone is very welcome to come along. The church is in dire need of more members. The regular congregation is so small, 14 as a general rule, that the church will be unable to continue financially. The Parish Share amounts to over £7000 a year, with insurance costs of over £2000. A congregation of 14 people cannot be expected to afford this – so help is needed. More information about the situation will be available in next month's newsletter.

This year's Mothering Sunday Service was a joint event at St. Michael's Church in Stewkley. It was delightful, and even though some Soulbury residents were disappointed that there was no service here, some residents including a couple of families did attend. The Church was full and there were lots of children and a few mothers that were given lots to do. The Rev. Michelle Morton conducted the service, during which she made everyone realise and appreciate how much mothers do for their families, not for money but for love.

On 24th March the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary, Chapter of St. Osyth came to sing their Office. There were about 20 members of the Guild, mostly men, who sang the service in plain song. It is unusual these days to hear this sort of singing, so it was quite a treat, and reminiscent of childhood church services and ancient rituals. This Guild was founded in 1898 to help altar servers deepen their spiritual life. We do not have any altar servers but the Rev. Peter Lymbery is a long time member of the Guild. Many thanks to all those who came along and to the refreshment ladies for providing such good tea.

Last year saw a very successful Easter Egg Hunt for children after the Holy Communion Service. It is planned to do the same again this year, so families come and along and bring your children and grandchildren.

WI OUTING

All are welcome on a trip to Broadway in the Cotswolds that has been arranged for Thursday 17th May 2007. Leaving Soulbury at around 09:30 and arriving in Broadway by 11:45. Starting with a Flower Demonstration and buffet lunch, there will be time after lunch to look around the lovely shops before leaving for home. The cost is £28 per head, all inclusive. A £5 non-returnable deposit secures your place. Please ring 01525 270604 or 270355.

RACE NIGHT

Soulbury Village Cricket Club are to hold a fund-raising Race Night on Saturday 21st April. First race 8 pm, in the Clubroom. Entrance £6, which includes a hot supper. Please call Chris Bryant on 01525 270607 to book your place to join in the fun.

BOOK CLUB

The group will meet on Wednesday 25th April at 2:30pm at Hillcroft, the home of Rita Marks. Discussion this month will be on the novel "English Passengers" by Matthew Kneale, winner of the 2000 Whitbread Book of the Year.

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

We need a new home and archivist for the 300 or so Soulbury newsletters which have accumulated over the years. Is anyone interested in taking on the task? You just need to keep a copy of the newsletter each month and store the files (currently five). There is currently a batch missing so if you happen to have any of the issues from June 1996 to November 1997 (241-256) and would be willing to have it filed away for posterity then please get in touch on 01525 270545.

HAROLD MILLER

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Harold in Luton & Dunstable Hospital on 14th March. He and Beatrice lived all their married life in Chapel Hill, Harold having spent his childhood in Heath and Reach. His stories of local life before and after the war, and his amazing memories of his time in the army from 1945-49 were legendary. He leaves no relatives but we send condolences to Beatrice's surviving family. The funeral took place on 28th March, donations in lieu of flowers may be made through Dillamores to either the Alzheimer's Society, All Saints Church or a charity of your choice.

DOGS! I'M BOVVERED—ARE YOU?

As a Soulbury resident I am taking the initiative to speak on behalf of many in our village who like me feel infuriated at those dog walkers who will not clean up after their dogs. This problem is particularly bad around Andrews Close, the bus stop area where our children wait for the school bus and grassy area in front of The Green. We residents are fed up with your lack of consideration so we are putting you on notice that we are prepared to use the law against you to make you pay for this flagrant show of irresponsibility, care or concern for your neighbours and others in our community. Most of our village dog walkers/owners are responsible and clean up their dog's mess but there is still a minority in Soulbury that need to be taught a lesson. If you become known then a decision to prosecute will be made, so please scoop your dog's poop you may regret it if you don't!

YES I AM! (James Mansfield)

As newsletter typist (and dog owner) it is disappointing that scarce column inches have to be used again to cover the subject of dog poo and I do get comments from residents/friends that it does put them off reading the newsletter. However it is a village newsletter and over the last few months it has been encouraging to see different people contributing articles and we do try to include as much as we can. As the writer above states, the majority of dog owners are responsible - I usually have a selection of poo-bags in my pocket even when I don't have the dog with me! As a point of interest there is a maximum possible fine of £1000 for not "scooping" - although "fly-posting" carries a maximum fine of £2500 so perhaps the poster that has appeared on the telegraph poles should be better identified.

CHURCH FETE

Advance warning that the Church Fete is planned for Saturday 7th July. It is to be held at the Old Vicarage by kind permission of Dr and Mrs Owen. The organisers would be very grateful for any help with stalls and new ideas for games.

If you have had a tidy up and clear out of any toys, books, CDs, tapes, bric-a-brac etc. then these would be gratefully received by the PCC. Home-made jams, cakes, pickles, raffle prizes, plants or any other donation would be very welcome. Thank you.

SAVE THE FOUNTAIN?

Would anyone in the Parish of Soulbury be interested in saving the fountain at "fountain bends" from total decay? Perhaps the fountain could be reassembled on or near The Green, or if this isn't possible for one reason or another perhaps you have another idea? Please contact Norma Kempster on normakempster@tiscali.co.uk

SAFARI SUPPER

The organisers of the Safari Supper would like to thank everybody who cooked such delicious food and to John Pargeter for allowing the final course to be held in his barn. Nearly 70 people thoroughly enjoyed the evening especially the noisy and lively ending. £980 was raised for the church.

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Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday from 3-7pm.**

**Own car essential as
duties would include
collection from school,
after school clubs etc.
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Looking for a Babysitter ?

- Emily lives in the village, contact her on 01525 270674
- Alternatively contact Alistair Brown on 01525 270648
- Abigail also lives in the village, contact her on 01525 270674

Visiting Feet

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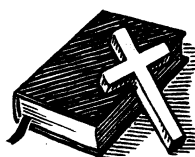
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Email: charles@charleshillgardensvs.co.uk

or visit Hill View Cottage, Bragenham Lane, Soulbury, LU7 0EE

Part-time Office Assistant Required

A part-time position (with flexible hours) has become available at the
offices of TJC in Hollingdon. If you are interested please call 01525
270741 for more information.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES



Priest in Charge : Michelle Morton : The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel. 240287

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



Sunday	1st April	11:30am	Holy Communion - Palm Sunday (blessing & procession)
Friday	6th April	11:00am	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross
Sunday	8th April	11:30am	Holy Communion - Easter Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday	15th April	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd April	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	29th April	10:30am	Benefice Sunday, Drayton Parslow (no service at All Saints) Note Time
Sunday	6th May	11:30am	Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday	4th April	7:30pm	Parochial Church Council - AGM	Church
Tuesday	10th April	8:00pm	WI - Mouth & Foot Painting Artists (Keith Jansz)	
Friday	13th April		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass - note day	
Monday	16th April	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Saturday	21st April	8:00pm	Cricket Club Race Night	Clubroom
Wednesday	25th April	2:30pm	Book Club	"Hillcroft"
Thursday	26th April		AVDC Collection for Recycling	
Thursday	3rd May		District and Parish Elections	

Thank you to Mr & Mrs John Pargeter for kindly sponsoring this month's Newsletter.

If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication by 22nd April, please contact:

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Mrs. Bunyan 270461

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or email : soulburynews@dsl.pipex.com

What is missing in the Parish of Soulbury?

Your chance to get involved and improve the facilities is coming.

We have an opportunity to improve the Parish and Village facilities and we request your help.

What would I have to do?

Help to put a plan together involving everyone in the community, including the young, elderly, disabled, minorities, disadvantaged, the church, traders, local businesses, groups, clubs and organisations.

Why?

To influence decisions made by parish, district and county councils as well as private and public service companies.

“Organisations offering grants to rural communities will want to see written evidence of need, community consultation and plans for implementing the projects before they will consider offering funding”.*

The village plan should be put together by the people within the parish and covers, transport, facilities, environment and other issues which you bring forward.

The plan you make is for now and the future!

Who will be on the team and decide what can be done?

You and your neighbours can all have an input and make up a team of around ten people.

I am interested, what do I do next?

1. Watch out in the Soulbury Newsletter next month for meeting dates.
2. Register your interest with any of the Parish councillors.

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