

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL

Someone in the village has been writing letters in the name of the Soulbury Parish Council. This has caused issues with the people receiving the letters. These letters have not been sent or signed by the Parish Council .

The Parish Council have informed the police and they will take the matter up.

Children's Playground

The Parish Council is considering moving the Children's playground from Mount Pleasant to the Millennium Green, subject to legalities being given clearance. If you have any comments regarding this move, please send them in writing to any member of the Parish Council.

Golden Jubilee Fountain Clean up

The Parish Council has planned to continue with the work on the Fountain. This time we are going to get the water flowing from the fountain into the trough, this will involve digging a trench behind the fountain.

We also plan to drain the trough and tidy up around the Fountain. Please come along and help on Saturday 10th April at 10:00am.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Can you join us for a spring clean of Soulbury? We will meet at the Stone at the top of Chapel Hill at 10am on Saturday April 17th, AVDC will provide bags and some pickers. If you have a florescent tabard please wear it. We will collect the rubbish from the verges when we are finished and arrange for disposal. The Old Cottage will kindly provide coffee during the morning.

POLICE NOTICE

It is an offence if your dog fouls on public land and you fail to remove the faeces. Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, failure to clean up dog fouling is an offence subject to a maximum fine of £1000. Local authorities can also give offenders the option of paying a fixed penalty of £50 rather than going to court.

Dog faeces carry harmful infections, the most widely known being Toxocariasis. Human Toxocariasis is potentially a serious infection and is a direct consequence of soil or sand contamination with faeces carrying eggs of the parasite. The parasite can only infect humans if swallowed. Once swallowed, the infection can last between six and 24 months. Frequently the infection is through the hands, but can also be with the dogs themselves or through inanimate objects such as wheels of toys, soles of shoes, etc. Many infected soil samples are found in children's play areas and in the streets and as a result of this, Toxocariasis is mainly found in children between 18 months and five years. Eye disorders are the most commonly reported complaint associated with Toxocariasis, although other symptoms are vague aches, dizziness, nausea, asthma and epileptic fits. PC Jared Levens, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

CHURCH NEWS

Services : During Holy Week, there is a special service for the benefice on Maundy Thursday, April 1st at Stewkley Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Benefice Changes : Over the last few months, our P.C.C. has been involved with meetings and debates about the future of our benefice. Last Sunday, March 21st a vote was taken in which a quorum of members voted unanimously for a Team Ministry to be formed to serve the community. If this is agreed with other parishes and also by the hierarchy of the Church, then we will join with seven other local villages, Stewkley, Cublington, Aston Abbots, Wingrave, Wing, Cheddington and Mentmore where the Team will operate. The decision is not yet finalised but if it goes ahead, we would have two full time vicars and a House for Duty (unpaid) priest who would work together to serve all the churches in these parishes. It will also mean that we can advertise a post for a priest to take over from the Rev. Michelle Morton and he/she would be based at Stewkley in the vicarage. As you probably know, the Rev. Ian Ogilvie who takes our services at the moment is only here temporarily until a replacement is found for Michelle. Team ministries have been set up all over the country and, as I understand it, work extremely well. In the situation in which the Church finds itself these days with dwindling numbers of priests and small congregations, it seems like a sensible way to plan for the future in this rural area. Resources and duties will be shared and the people from different villages will get to know one another better and help one another. It should be a great opportunity to encourage the young to become members of the Church and perhaps bring about change for the good of all.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

QUIZ AND SUPPER EVENING:

On Saturday April 17th at 7.30pm in the Club Room there will be another of our popular quizzes. Tickets cost £10 each; the food is always good; tables are made up of 4 people and everyone has a good time. Please bring your own drink and glasses. If you would like to come along, please phone Elizabeth on 270838 or Christine on 270377 to reserve a place. If you are not a foursome, we can arrange for you to have other people to make up a table.

There are a few bags of flour left over from the Bake Day we held recently, some white and some granary. If you would like to buy this flour straight from Heygates Mill to make your own bread, please phone Christine on 270377.

The 100 Club has not got as many members as usual this year. If you would still like to join, it is not too late, though you will miss out on the first three draws. No 23 won this month. Phone Elizabeth for a form on 270838.

SSAFA

The Soldier, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association, SSAFA Forces Help, the oldest of our military charities, reached its 125th anniversary this year. As the number of fatalities and serious injuries sustained in Afghanistan continues to rise, SSAFA still plays a vital role in helping service families to come to terms with loss and life-changing injuries. Its two Norton Homes allow injured troops to spend time with their loved ones away from the hospital environment.

Other forms of support include teams of social workers and health professionals, respite homes for families in difficulty, a housing advice service and holidays for disabled children. Anyone with any length of military service, however long ago, and any of his or her dependents, qualifies for help throughout their lives. Teams of expertly trained caseworkers are located in every county and city area in the UK. In Bucks there are about 45 caseworkers who handle up to 400 clients a year, but probably help more when you consider the relief for other members of the families. SSAFA Bucks is here for Bucks People.

SSAFA needs help – in three ways :

More clients. Despite constant publicity, it is suspected that there are more people in the community who could benefit from the help that SSAFA has to offer. So if you know of someone who could benefit – please get in contact.

More volunteers. Whether for casework or other roles in publicity, fund-raising, counselling or general help as a home visitor – all are welcome.

Donations. These would be gratefully received. Cheques should be made payable to SSAFA Forces Help Bucks and sent to Edward Pepper, 7 Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. MK18 3AP. For all other queries please call 01844 218349, in confidence.

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



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| Friday | 2nd April | 11:30am | Good Friday Service (Rev. Peter Lymbery) |
| Sunday | 4th April | 11:30am | Holy Communion - Easter Sunday (Rev. Ian Ogilvie) |
| Sunday | 11th April | 11:30am | Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie) |
| Sunday | 18th April | 11:30am | Holy Communion (Peter Lymbery, Colin Smart & guest Preacher) |
| Sunday | 25th April | 11:30am | Holy Communion (Peter Lymbery and Colin Smart) |
| Sunday | 2nd May | 11:30am | Holy Communion (Peter Lymbery and Colin Smart) |

Free Shed for Collection

Do you require a wooden shed, 10' x 6'?

Needs re-felting and already dismantled.

Contact Barbara Lyddon on 01525 270615.

Mutual Exchange

Are you considering moving this year?

If so, I have a lovely 1 bed ground floor flat in Linslade - close to the shops and bus/train station. Suit senior citizen or commuter. I am looking for a 1 bed property - village location.

Contact Elaine on 01525 854571

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Tuesdays | 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th | | Toddler Group | |
| Wednesdays | 14th & 28th | 11:15am- 11:35am | Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop | |
| Thursdays | 1st, 15th, 29th | | AVDC Refuse Collection | |
| * Friday * | 9th April | | AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass |  |
| Saturday | 10th April | 10:00am | Jubilee Fountain Clean-up | |
| Monday | 12th April | 7:30pm | Parish Council Meeting | Clubroom |
| Tuesday | 13th April | 8:00pm | W.I. - Nepal (Culture & Beauty) - Mrs J Messenger | Clubroom |
| Saturday | 17th April | 10:00am | Soulbury Springtime Litter-Pick | |
| Saturday | 17th April | 7:30pm | Millennium Green Quiz and Supper | |
| Thursday | 22nd April | | AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection |  |

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