Soulbury Newsletter

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CHURCH NEWS

Message from Philip:

It has been great to see the enthusiastic faces of young adults and children on TV and in the press as Pope Francis did his own thing in St. Peter's Square and other places in Rome, and Archbishop Justin Welby on his tour of Norwich, connecting with all sorts of people.

If only there was backing for some of these 'feel good' experiences from within some of the structures of our societies in the West. At best religious education is often just nodded to and religious assemblies are almost non-existent at 11+. And of course so few children receive any encouragement from home, because of fears of 'indoctrination' or lack of knowledge/experience on the part of so many parents.

We give our children sex education almost from the day they can walk, with the effect that we have the highest illegitimacy rate in Europe and one of the earliest start dates for sexual activity(14 yrs & 4 mths) and the fastest spread of chlamydia in under 25's. We understand about healthy bodies with a strong emphasis on good eating and exercise/sport and also training the mind for work etc. but nobody in public life talks about the spiritual health of our nation and if it is alluded to in some way, it is frequently ridiculed as irrelevant or unscientific or just the pet hobby horse of people wearing strange shirts.....

I pray that the new leaders of both the Anglican and Roman Catholic Communions have the courage of their beliefs and become real thorns in the side of our increasingly secular establishment before it's too late and we return completely to some kind of pagan moral black hole from which we came. Rant over! I pray you enjoy a real Spring this year with no mention of droughts! All the best, Philip.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: will take place on THURSDAY APRIL 25TH AT 6.30PM IN THE CHURCH. Everyone is invited and anyone on the electoral roll is entitled to vote.

Message from Christine (Churchwarden):

There is now a real opportunity for younger members of the community to shape the church and everyone's spiritual life, in a way that they would feel comfortable with, so come on, step up to the challenge! We need a new churchwarden. Jane Luxton who, thankfully, is staying on as churchwarden will need help. I am resigning as churchwarden because I am 72yrs old, a bit on the forgetful side and not in the best of health and need a bit of a break.

When I became churchwarden several years ago, I was told there's nothing to do —it's just a title! Obviously that is not quite true but you do feel as though you are doing a job that is worthwhile and needed. I enjoy meeting all the people from other parishes and helping anyone who needs encouragement and support.

Anyone who feels they would like to be on the P.C.C. which meets 4 or 5 times a year, do please come along to the Annual Meeting on April 25th and make yourself known. Anyone who feels they would like to have a go at being Churchwarden or would like more information, do please let me or Jane or, of course Philip know on either 270377, 270493 and 240287 respectively.

SAFARI SUPPER This popular event is being held on April 6th and is a home cooked three course meal for only £12. Ring Jane Luxton on 270493 if you would like to come along.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place 18th March. The date of the next meeting is Monday 15 April at 19:30. All are welcome.

Council Tax Benefits: Our District Councillor has advised that AVDC are making cuts to Council Tax benefits. People who are badly affected can try the benefits helpline on 01296 585618. County Council Elections: Take place on Thursday 2nd May. Soulbury Litter Pick: Organised by June Wright in an endeavour to keep our village clean and tidy. Can you help please? We would appreciate volunteers — the more there are, the quicker the job, so it should not take long. Please call June on 01525 270537 — she can then arrange a number of litter picking implements. Saturday 18th May — meet at the rock in Chapel Hill - 10:00am start.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

BAKE DAY: A total of about £200 was raised - thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.

WORK PARTY: on Saturday April 6th from 10am till noon and 2pm till 4pm.

100CLUB: If you would like to join our club, you need to sign up as soon as possible because the 2013, New Year's draw, starts this month. More information from Elizabeth on 270838.

DAVE HAMMOND MEMORIAL WALK

Departing Market Square Hanslope, Sunday 7th April@10am. The walk is 5 miles long from Hanslope to The Galleon at Wolverton. The walk will take 2- 2.5 hours.

The 1st part is a gentle stroll to Castlethorpe via footpath or road dependant on weather. The distance is approx. 3.5 miles and should take 1.5 hrs. After a short break we will leave the Navigation at 11.45 with anyone walking the second leg only. The Navigation is at Thrupp Wharf Castlethorpe. The 2nd leg is about 1.5 miles and should take approximately 45 minutes arriving at the Galleon in Wolverton @ 12.30.

Anyone is welcome to join us at The Galleon if you are not available for the walk. The Galleon phone number is 01908 312663 .The address is Old Wolverton Rd, Old Wolverton Village, MK12 5NL. Please turn up on the day or contact Tom Henrick on 01525 377636 or tom_henrick@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

SOCIAL GROUP The next two meetings of the Social Group are on Thursday April 11th and Wednesday April 25th at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. New members always welcome. Phone Christine if you need a lift on 270377.

A VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE AND LOCAL DEMOCRACY

I am delighted to report that AVDC has refused consent for the Dorcas Lane Wind Farm application. The refusal was because of harm to Landscape Character, Residential Amenity and unsuitable Access. SDLT is obviously delighted that common sense has prevailed and warmly congratulates the hundreds of volunteers from all local villages who have worked so hard to stop this blight to our communities. Thanks also to all the Parish Councils including Soulbury for their united opposition. The matter may now go to Appeal, but if it does we are ready to fight there with even more reasons for refusal. This time AVDC will be alongside us.

Malcolm Newing (Chair - SDLT)



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W.I. NEWS: Members this month were taken on a journey through the last 400 years from the Elizabethan Era to the present day, using fabric, fashion and furniture as a guide. Our speaker, Dru Ellis, used fabric samples and pictorial examples of furniture and fashion covering the period, from the dark, heavy furniture and fabrics of the Elizabethans to lighter and more stylish products of later years. She explained that because only natural pigments were available in the early years most of the colours in the fabrics were quite muted. However with the influence of French designers and later Oriental input, fabrics became more colourful. The speaker was obviously very knowledgeable about her subject and this was illustrated by her attention to detail.

HAS SOULBURY GOT TALENT?

As you know we are planning an evening of fun and entertainment to celebrate 60 years since the Coronation. Can you contribute? We are looking for a **keyboard player** in particular, and any other talents you may have. You might like to entertain us with a story, a joke, a poem or a particular memory of that year. Don't be shy, please come forward and let Alan Stevens know on 01525 270213.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Despite being low on numbers, the amazing sum of £500 was raised at the recent Race Night to help keep the Club going for another year. It was Red Nose Day, and we had an unexpected visit from Jake the Peg (with his extra leg) aka Rhys Nicholas, who collected £82 for the Comic Relief charity. Mum Michele would like to thank all those who contributed. When summer finally arrives, matches will commence in early May. Fixture details to follow. New players and supporters always welcome.

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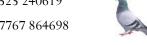
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Sun. 31st Mar. - 11:30am EASTER SUNDAY Sun. 5th May - **10am** Team Eucharist

Sun. 7th April - 11:30am Parish Communion (no Soulbury service) Cheddington

Sun. 14th April - 11:30am Parish Communion

Sun. 21st April - 11:30am Parish Communion

Sun. 28th April - 11:30am Parish Communion Sunday 14th July Village Fete

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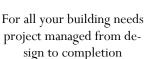
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Tuesdays	2nd, 16th, 30th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	9th & 23rd		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
	6th , 15th, 29th		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Tuesday	9th April	7:30pm	W.I "Colour in the Garden" (Peter Bird)
	11th & 25th	2:30pm	Social Group
Monday	15th April	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish hall)
Saturday	18th May	10am	Litter Pick - meet at the rock in Chapel Hill
Sunday	19th May	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast



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We are hoping to raise funds for a village defibrillator and setup a response team. Soulbury WI have offered to help with the initial meeting, so come along and see a demonstration by a member of the NHS Cardiac Team.

This month's newsletter was paid for from funds

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

Mrs. Bunyan 270461 Mrs. Norman 270483 soulburynews@btinternet.com

LeightonSuper7's



LeightonSuper7's will run a 7-a-side football league on Cedars Upper School's new state-of-the-art artificial pitch.

Monday Nights: Starts 7th January, 7pm-9pm, 7-a-side, mixed-age league, 13 week season, 40 minute matches

Friday Nights: Starts 11th January, 8pm-9:20pm, 7-a-side, veterans league (28+), 13 week season, 40 minute matches

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The choir will be joined by four accomplished soloists and accompanied by harmonium and piano. Come and enjoy an evening of wonderful music in a welcoming venue.

For more information and ticket prices, please contact Barbara Venables - 01296 489988

Bedfordshire Young Farmers are getting ready for action!

The Bedfordshire Young Farmers are gearing up for a day of fun and competition at their annual Country Show and Rally, which is this year being hosted by the Leighton Buzzard Young Farmers' Club on Saturday 18th May at Walducks Farm, Stewkley, by kind permission of the Faulkner family.

The day will be packed with some of the best livestock and animals from the county, a wide range of attractions for all ages, craft, trade and food stands, action in the main ring, floats and young farmer competitions including tug of war, cookery, a flour and water fight, flower arranging, crafts and much more!

Visitors will also get the chance to see some of the most spectacular flower arrangements and creative crafts in the county, by talented local young farmers.

The postcode for the event is LU7 0DL and gates will open to the public at 10am.

For more information email <u>bedsyoungfarmers@aol.com</u>