

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Philip's Message: Dear friends, As I write this we are experiencing Spring---misty mornings, sunny days, the birds chirping happily away and so on. Everything seems so much more positive with more daylight and warmth, even though our weather often keeps a surprise up its sleeve!

Lent as a season is a bit 'wintry', a kind of prelude to the spring-like joy of Easter. Everyone gets very excited about Christmas but Easter is really the supreme season of the Christian year when we mark the great triumph of Christ rising from the tomb. He re-enters our world having fought the darkness of sin and death and proclaims by His very presence that humanity has a future if we can accept the free gift of God's love for us displayed by Jesus' death on the cross and victory on Easter Sunday. This is the real meaning of Easter---but I personally don't have an issue with hope being represented by chicks or bunnies, as long as we don't fool ourselves that that is all it's about! In a world of so much negativity I commend to you the great hope of the Easter season. God Bless, Philip.

Family Services: The first Family Service, held on March 2nd was very encouraging for those of us who had helped publicise it. Many thanks to those of you who came along to support it and of course many thanks to Philip and his wife, Joy, for organising it. The Mothering Sunday Service will follow the same pattern, with refreshments served at 11.00 am before the service at 11.30 am. The next Family Service will be on Sunday April 6th at 11.00am and follow the same pattern as previously. We had four families on the first day with seven children. We hope to see you all again at the next services. Everyone is welcome – the services are for everyone, whatever age you are!!

CRICKET CLUB NEWS Preparation is well underway to make 2014 a memorable season. The pavilion is being spruced up and work has started to make the ground ready. Please support the RACE NIGHT to raise much needed funds for the Club. This will be at 7:30pm on Saturday 5th April at Stoke Hammond Sports Club, Braggenham Side. Hot supper available. Just turn up! NO NEED TO BOOK, but please buy your horses in advance @ £5 each. Contact 150years@soulburyvcc.org.uk or see Village website www.soulbury.org or Cricket Club website www.soulburyvcc.org.uk for form.

Other important events:

Sunday 13th April: Golf Day at the Three Locks Golf Club.

Sunday 4th May: 150 year rematch v Stoke Hammond.

Sunday 27th July: Chairman's v Captain's XI

Saturday 4th October: Dinner & Dance in the Players' Suite at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel at the MK Dons Stadium. Menu & booking form available, Contact 150years@soulburyvcc.org.uk

The **Dave Hammond Memorial Walk** will be on Sunday April 27th. It will take place in the Olney area. If anyone is interested please email : val@soulbury.org

We are sorry to report the death of **Helen Winsor**. Our thoughts are with the family at this time.

**Soulbury Litter Pick reminder: Saturday 5th April
10:00am – meet at the rock in Chapel Hill.**

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS As you will probably have seen, the trustees have felt it necessary to close the Green temporarily, while contractors are on the site and works are taking place, as it is considered dangerous, especially for children. It seems rather unfair for the regular dog walkers who are very unlikely to fall into a ditch but these days, with people so ready to sue and blame authorities and insurance worries for the trustees, it seemed there was no alternative but to close the Green. We hope very much that the site will be open and things back to normal soon.

NEW TRUSTEES: We are looking for new trustees to join the board, so if you are interested, please phone Christine on 270377 or Elizabeth on 270838. You could come along to the next meeting to find out a little more about what it entails – about 6 meetings a year, fund raising events and maintenance work, getting your hands dirty! and mowing grass. If you are interested in any of these aspects, do phone one of the above numbers for more information. We are especially interested in people who have knowledge of the natural environment and wildlife.

BAKE DAY: On SATURDAY APRIL 12TH, the Trust is organising another popular Bake Day from 10.00 am till 1.00pm in the Parish Hall. Anyone wanting to practise making their own bread or beginners wanting to learn to make bread is invited to come along and try their hand at becoming a master baker! CAKES AND BREAD WILL BE ON SALE ON THE DAY. PLEASE ORDER IN ADVANCE. PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS: LOAVES –WHITE, WHOLEMEAL OR GRANARY £2.50 CAKES – VICTORIA, LEMON OR COFFEE SPONGE £4.00 CHOCOLATE SPONGE £4.50

Phone any one of these numbers to order bread or cakes: Liz Miller on 01525 376198, Elizabeth Caplan (270838), Christine (270377).

Children's playground – The Parish Council have managed to get funds to cover a large part of the cost for the groundcover and drainage to the playground containing the wooden apparatus. This has come from AVDC Community Chest and AVDC 106 money. This is thanks to the tenacity of Cllr Alan Stevens.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 17th March. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd April at 19:30. Please note the different day. All are welcome.

Automated External Defibrillators: We have now ordered the defibrillators and are awaiting delivery.

Speed Watch: We have ten volunteers to man a speed watch and have decided to go ahead in the hope that we can encourage a few more people before it is set up. If you can contribute a few hours of your time to cover a couple of two hour shifts per week (probably at peak times) please call Cllr Vic Wright on 01525 270537 or send an email to junewzone-speedwatch@yahoo.co.uk

Bus Service: We would like to explore the possibility of an improved bus service in the village, but before approaching any transport organisation we need to be clear whether residents would support a bus service. When we have this information, we can decide how to go forward. If you are resident in the village and would use a bus service on a continuing regular basis, please let us know. Email your name to junewzone-busservice@yahoo.co.uk If you do not have access to email, call 01525 270537 and leave a message stating your name.

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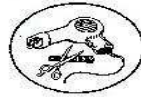
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W.I. NEWS Our talk on March 11th was on The Alexander Technique given by Carole Da Silva. We were shown how our posture can effect on our general health in way we sit, stand and walk. It can be used by all walks of life. We are all trying to do everything properly now. Our next meeting is on April 8th Chris Ward the flora and fauna of Milton Keynes.

LOCAL POLICE: PCSO Natalie Hall attended the Parish Council meeting and introduced herself. She is our new PCSO based at Wing. Many of us will know PCSO Tina Hobson. Natalie and Tina have now swapped areas. Should you need to contact Natalie, please dial 101 and ask for PCSO C9458 Natalie Hall.

Whilst at the meeting, Natalie advised of a scam whereby people are posing as police and extracting money from elderly people. What happens is: a fraudster telephones you claiming to be from your bank or the police. They tell you that your bank card details have been used fraudulently. They suggest that you hang up and ring the bank/police back to ensure the call is genuine. **DON'T BE FOOLED** – they stay on the line. They then tell you to read out or key in your PIN. Next, they send a taxi/courier to you to collect your bank card. With this and your PIN, they spend your money.

The bogus police that have been scamming the Soulbury area are claiming to be from Hammersmith Police Force, but be aware they could be claiming to be from a different police force each time.

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Sun. 30th Mar. - 11:00am	Mothering Sunday	Sat. 19th April - 8:00pm	Easter Eve Vigil (Stewkley)
Sun. 6th April - 11:00am	FAMILY WORSHIP	Sun. 20th April - 11:30am	Easter Sunday Communion
Sun. 13th April - 11:30am	Palm Sunday	Sun. 27th April - 11:30am	Parish Communion
Thurs. 17th April - 7:30pm	Maundy Thurs. (Stewkley)	Sun. 4th May - 11:00am	FAMILY WORSHIP
Fri. 18th April - 2:00pm	Good Friday Meditation (Stewkley)	Family Services start at 11am with Refreshments	

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Tuesdays	1st, 15th, 29th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	8th & 22nd		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	8th	7:30pm	W.I. - Orchids & Owls, not Concrete Cows
Wednesdays	2nd, 16th, 30th		Social Group
Tuesday	15th April	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall)
Saturday	5th April	10am	Litter Pick

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Dorcas Lane Wind Farm Update

Inquiry Update

A lot has been going on “behind the scenes” over the last couple of months. In February we submitted our Statement of Case to the Planning Inspector – this outlines our reasons for objection to the Appeal. In March we met with the Planning Inspector Jessica Graham, AVDC and the Appellant for a Pre-Inquiry Meeting. This was the first time we have met Ms Graham and the purpose of the meeting was to discuss procedural and administrative matters relating to the Inquiry and to identify the nature of the evidence to be submitted. Ms Graham also requested that a paper copy of all documents be held in AVDC’s office to enable the public to study them. The next deadline is the 11th April for the Statements of Common Ground (i.e. confirmation of the areas which are not in dispute between AVDC, SDLT and the Appellant) and then 27th May for the Statements of Proof, which are the more detailed evidences supporting the reasons for objection to the Appeal.

Ms Graham also re-affirmed the dates for the Public Inquiry as being 24th-26th June and 1st-3rd July at AVDC’s Oculus - however it was agreed that due to the number of expert witnesses it was likely that at least 2 additional days would be required.

Fund-raising Update

The next event in our diary is a fun one for the whole family – an Easter Egg Hunt. It takes place on Saturday, 19th April from 1-3pm with the Hunt starting and finishing at the Stoke Hammond community centre on Bragenham Side. You simply follow the clues around the village and at the end each child will receive an Easter egg as a prize. Also at the community centre there will be tea, coffee and cakes on sale, face painting, lucky dip and a kids’ bric-a-brac stall. At 2.30pm there will be an Easter bonnet competition - so make your own bonnet before you come and join in the parade to see if you win! Entry to the hunt costs just £5 per child and we would love to see as many families from all the surrounding villages as possible. You can buy tickets in advance from Alison Sheehan on 01525 270023 or from the Stoke Hammond village shop. Alternatively you can pay on the day. Also, we are looking for donations for the kids’ bric-a-brac stall so if you have any unwanted toys or games that you can donate then please contact Alison.

And don’t forget that we are currently selling tickets for the Comedy Night on Friday 16th May. Tickets cost £15 each and at the time of going to press we only had a few left so if you haven’t got yours yet please call Alison Sheehan on 01525 270023.

Here are all the event dates for your diary:

SDLT FUND RAISING EVENTS 2014

- **An Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 19th April from 1-3pm. The format of this event is to involve as many children/ parents from all the villages and the start will be from the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond.**
- **A Comedy Night on Friday 16th May at the Three Locks Golf Club.**
- **WoodStoke Revisited on Saturday 5th July behind the Community Centre**

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