

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message

Dear friends, April traditionally has a more gentle character than March, although with current weather patterns who knows? Two things come to mind immediately to me when I hear the word April---"April Showers" the song and my A level English Literature studies, especially Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. "Whan that Aprille with its shouers suiter" or words to that effect. 'When that April with its sweet showers comes along, people started going on Pilgrimage (in this case to the shrine of St.Thomas a Becket at Canterbury Cathedral in the Middle Ages). There are 23 characters in the book, including Geoffrey Chaucer himself and all have to tell a tale on the journey from Southwark in south east London to the city of Canterbury to while away the time. It was also a competition and the spinning of the best story got a prize of a free meal at the Tabard Inn at the end of the return journey. A bit like distracting children on a long car journey by playing I Spy! April was a good time for the journey - longer daylight hours, warmer, probably no snow and only gentle showers. In modern times in the northern hemisphere the Spring has also become the time to launch new military offensives, hopefully avoiding the quagmires of WWI. April is also the time when grass needs urgent attention and work can begin in earnest in gardens. "The Garden of the Beloved" is a lovely book written by Robert Way and illustrated by Laszlo Kubinyi about a disciple (unnamed) wandering through a garden and encountering caterpillars, worms, strange birds, moths etc. and deals with many of life's issues via an allegory of faith, love and the search for God.

"The rapturous nightingale sings; Wooing the rose; In the midst of the Garden newborn; But only the gardener knows; Of the labour that brings; To the Garden its beauty; he toiled all day in the heat; And his feet; Have been wounded by many a thorn". (The Diwan of Zeb-un-Nissa, quoted by R.Way)

So enjoy April, the garden and a good read, God Bless, Philip.

**CONCERT:** Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Ridgeway Chorale on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the church at 7.30pm. Proceeds will go to the general running of All Saints' Church which is in a bit of a bad way financially, since the numbers coming to church have dropped considerably lately. It is difficult to see how we can go on much longer to open the church for a congregation of 7 or 8 people. DO PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH.

**SUPERFAST BROADBAND - WHEN?** It is impossible to get direct and accurate information from BT or Open Reach regarding if or when, all or part, of Soulbury is due to be upgraded. Those interested in Soulbury "catching up" could consider e-mailing our AVDC councillor who is in contact with BT.  
[nblake@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:nblake@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

**MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS:** New people have recently become involved with the work on the Millennium Green and exciting things are happening. The chickens are in a new run with a lot more space and are laying eggs again. Plans are afoot for a shipping container to be bought and placed on the concrete base next to the shed, so we can store our ride-on mower, Allen scythe and grass cutters in a more secure place that will deter thieves. If you would like to become involved, please phone Alan on 270213 or come along on Saturday mornings. We would also like to grow vegetables near the chicken run on raised beds in the near future.



## Wanted by the Parish Council on the occasion of the Queen's birthday

The oldest Resident within the Parish  
The person who has resided the longest in the Parish  
The newest Boy and the newest Girl residing in the parish

Do you know these people? If so please advise The Parish Council or email [Alanstevenup@aol.com](mailto:Alanstevenup@aol.com)

**SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB** will be playing in the Morrant Four Counties Cricket league again this year in Division 5 on Saturdays throughout the season with friendly matches on Sundays. Weather permitting, play commences on afternoon of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April with a friendly against Leighton Town at their Bell Close ground.

### Saturday league matches:

30 <sup>th</sup> Apr: Away	13.30	Thurleigh 2nd XI
7 <sup>th</sup> May: Home	13.30	Thurleigh 2nd XI
14 <sup>th</sup> May: Away	13.30	Milton Keynes 2nd XI
21 <sup>st</sup> May: Home	13.30	North Crawley 3rd XI
28 <sup>th</sup> May: Away	13.30	Lidlington

### Sunday friendly matches:

23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr: Away	13.00	Leighton Town 2nd XI (Saturday)
1 <sup>st</sup> May: Home	14.00	New Bradwell
8 <sup>th</sup> May: Away	14.00	Drayton Parslow
15 <sup>th</sup> May: Away	14.00	Steppingley
22 <sup>nd</sup> May: Home	14.00	Stewkley
29 <sup>th</sup> May: Away	TBA	Drayton Parslow : Twenty20

Please remember the Race Night which will be held in the Clubroom on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please support your local village cricket team by coming along. Cost is £10 per person, to include a hot supper. Horses can be purchased in advance for £5 – you choose the name. Contact Mrs Chris Bryant [mrschris@soulbury.org](mailto:mrschris@soulbury.org)

*All old spectacles and hearing aids can be recycled through the local Lions club. Please pass on to Vic Wright or Chris Bryant.*

## A Choral Evening

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**W.I. NEWS:** The March meeting took place in the village hall with Jean Housley presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and correspondence dealt with. Everyone agreed that last month's open meeting had been a great success and it was encouraging to see that so many people attended. Maybe we can repeat the idea in the future. After completion of the business, Jean then introduced our speaker for the evening, Elizabeth Knight. Her topic was "Lace Making for TV's Victorian Farm", and she told us how she received a phone call "out of the blue", asking if she could teach Ruth Goodman the art of lace making for the Victorian Farm series on television. We were treated to a most amusing and entertaining account of all the ups and downs she encountered, from finding a suitable pattern to use for the lace, to having to use candle or natural light as the only light source, there was no electricity in the farmhouse and a cable had to be run in from an adjoining property so she could make a cup of tea during rehearsal breaks! Unfortunately due to timing issues Elizabeth did not get to appear on TV but as she said she has all her memories. She was thanked for her most informative talk by Andrea Hamilton after which refreshments were served. Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> when the speaker will be Geoffrey Gudgion and his topic will be "Writing and Other Lunacies"

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:** A meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Apologies: Mr. Alan Stevens, Mr. Ian Culley, Mr. John Day, and Mr. Neil Blake.

**Finances:** approved. **Planning:** Cedar Lodge, Soulbury – No objection **Children's Playground:** Nothing to report

**Grass Cutting:** First cut of the year had been made **Parish Devolution:** After discussions with other Parish Councils, it was agreed that we sign.

**Public Participation:** There were residents in Stockgrove concerned about a second much larger wind turbine being proposed at Checkley Wood Heath and Reach, three metres higher, and a 70% larger rotor than the other one, which seems out of use a lot of the time. We will speak to planning and see if we can get some information.

**Millennium Green:** The boys are doing a brilliant job. They are planting annuals around the new bonfire site.

**Any Other Business:** The lorry company at Hollingdon Depot will be leaving at the end of March to a new home in Milton Keynes. I know that we shall be pleased to have some peace from their rumblings, but the company has been generous to Soulbury Parish Council in donating towards a defibrillator, and other events. **The Mead:** It is noted that the large mound of earth is still causing concern.

**The Stone, Chapel Hill:** We have received a complaint from a member of the public regarding damaging his car on the Stone. ([See the article in the Leighton Buzzard Observer](#))

**Queen's Birthday Celebrations:** On April 21<sup>st</sup> on the Green there will be awards to the longest living Soulbury resident, the longest living Soulbury born resident, and the youngest boy and girl residents. If you know anyone you think qualifies for one of these please contact Vic Wright 270537. Donations to this event would be gratefully received. Anyone wishing to help with the food (savoury finger food only) please contact Margaret Rowe 270355.

**Litter Pick:** Date to be confirmed

**Date of next meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016



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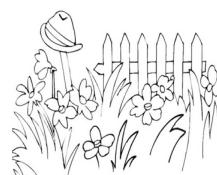
**Soulbury Open Gardens**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

Calling all Gardeners!

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Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Family Service, 11:30am	Refreshments from 11am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish Communion, 11:30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish Communion, 11:30am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Roger Hale
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish Communion, 11:30am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Family Service, 11:30am	Refreshments from 11am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy



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Mondays	<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Tuesdays	5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesdays	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Club Race Night
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm W.I. - "Writing and Other Lunacies"
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting - Parish Hall
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30pm Queen's Birthday Celebration, Village Green
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	1:30pm Church Lane - Open Garden (see page 2)

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