

OVER 50?

If you are over 50, male or female, would you be interested in joining a social group? Wine Tasting nights, music evenings, social walks and days out. If you are interested then please call 01525 270585 or email the newsletter address at the bottom of this page. Thank you to those people that responded last month - hopefully a few more will express an interest this month.

LACK OF TALENT

Unfortunately it appears that Soulbury has no talent! Due to a lack of entries the "Soulbury's Got Talent" night on 2nd August has been cancelled.



CRICKET FIXTURES

www.soulburyvcc.org.uk

Saturday	2 nd August	Home	Stewkley	League
Saturday	9 th August	Away	Biddenham	League
Saturday	16 th August	Home	Mentmore	League
Sunday	17 th August	Away	Ivinghoe & Pitstone	Friendly
Saturday	23 rd August	Away	Studham	League
Saturday	30 th August	Away	Aston Clinton	League
Sunday	31 st August	Away	Drayton Parslow	Friendly



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	3 rd August	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10 th August	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	17 th August	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24 th August	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	31 st August	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	7 th September	11:30am	PET SERVICE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fridays	1 st , 15 th & 29 th	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursday	14 th August		AVDC Collection for Recycling	
Tuesday	19 th August	11:00am	Children's Entertainment	
Friday	29 th August		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	
Monday	15 th September	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Hamilton and Mr & Mrs Housley for kindly sponsoring this month's newsletter.

If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication by 24th August please contact:

Mrs. Bunyan 270461

Mrs. Norman 270483

or email James Mansfield-Sturgess at soulburynews@dsl.pipex.com

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

This year's Children's Entertainment is scheduled for 19th August at 11am in the Clubroom. As alterations may be taking place please keep an eye out for notices in the village should an alternative venue have to be advertised.

Did you know that Bucks County Council operates a permit scheme at the household waste recycling centres? Most householders do not require a permit however if you need to dispose of asbestos or use a large trailer or certain types of vehicle then you will need a permit. More details can be found at www.buckscc.gov.uk/wastepermit or contact 01296 387828 or waste_strategy@buckscc.gov.uk.

PARISH PLAN

By now you should have received your parish plan questionnaire. It is in your interest to complete this, so that your views can be taken into account when deciding on future developments in the parish. Please help the collectors by having your completed questionnaire ready and waiting for them - thank you!

THE GREAT SOULBURY SCARECROW HUNT

Saturday 20th September: 12noon - 5pm

Now the summer school holidays are here it's time to plan and begin making your scarecrow.

Don't forget that you need to ' earmark ' that vital outfit - (not Dad's favourite gardening trousers, please, nor Mum's best hat!) - so that your scarecrow will be a real star on the day. Registration forms are coming in already (terrific scarecrow names!) and it looks set to be a great family fun day. So download a form from the village website (www.soulbury.org), complete and return it to rattieh@tiscali.co.uk or follow the instructions on the form for posting. If making a scarecrow is new to you, GREAT! - it's new to us too, but it's great fun and lots of laughs.

So get involved: invite family and friends to help, and join you for a great afternoon out scarecrow hunting. Refreshments/cream teas will be served in church so you don't have to rush home and make tea for everyone, and double your fun by entering your own scarecrow.

CHURCH NEWS

There have been several Holy Baptisms during the month of July. On Saturday July 12th the Rev. Peter Lymbery baptised little Remy Charles Warren Gilbert, born on May 21st 2007. The family live at The Granary, Liscombe Park, Soulbury. It was a joyous, happy occasion with over 40 people, friends and family attending.

Then on Sunday July 13th, four more people were welcomed into the family of the church. The Rev. Michelle Morton conducted a new type of service in which the meaning of baptism was clearly explained both for the newcomers and for those who are already members of the church. Emily Stevens and her sister Jessica and their mother Samantha Stevens of The High Road Soulbury, together with Alicia Chettle also from the High Road were baptised at the font, undergoing a complete dowsing of the head by Michelle. They ended up with very wet hair but seemed to rather enjoy it. It was a good and memorable occasion.

Michelle will be preaching for the first two Sundays in August and then she and her family will be off on holiday for three weeks. The Rev. Peter Lymbery will kindly take over Michelle's duties while she is away. There will be no Family Service this month. But, on Sunday September 7th Michelle will be holding a PET SERVICE for everyone including children and families (This will count as the Family Service for September). Do come along with your pets - cats, dogs, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs and the more unusual animals like lizards, snakes (though I do believe Michelle is not overly partial to snakes !!) and even horses and maybe a cow or two. Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday September 21st with Harvest Supper on Monday September 22nd. More details about these two events will follow in next month's newsletter.

A reminder about the Great Big Scarecrow Hunt on Saturday September 20th. You can begin collecting materials to make your scarecrow and thinking about the design thereof. Is it going to be a man or a woman etc.? Teas and refreshments will be served from 12 noon onwards. For more information, please phone Mrs Brenda Howell on 270307.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The next meeting of the Millennium Green Trust will take place on Tuesday 26th August in the Clubroom at 7.30pm. Do come along if you can and if you would like to become more involved. The winner of the 100 Club Draw for June was No. 34, Julie Booth of Wrenlace Stoke Hammond.

Some dates for your diary:

The trustees will be holding a Quiz and Buffet Evening in the Club Room on Saturday 4th October and on Saturday November 22nd they are holding a Bread and Cake Making Morning in the Clubroom. Refreshments, coffee and teas will be served as well. More details nearer the time.

SSAFA www.ssafa.org.uk

The Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association has a major national role in the provision of facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of severely wounded men and women. Accommodation is also available for the long term care of elderly ex-servicemen, and for brief periods of respite for people facing particularly stressful situations at home.

These national initiatives are complemented by local networks of volunteer caseworkers who are trained to respond to the wide range of practical, financial and emotional problems that commonly arise within the ex-service community. In Buckinghamshire there are about 40 caseworkers who currently handle about 300 cases a year.

We would welcome more volunteers and more clients. National estimates suggest that the military charities reach a disappointingly small proportion of the ex-service people and their dependants who would qualify for support.

If any readers, through either professional or social contacts, become aware of an ex-service family who might qualify for help they are invited to bring SSAFA to their attention and suggest that they telephone the contact number below. All cases are handled in the strictest confidence throughout. Potential volunteers are also invited to use the same contact number, 01296 688996 (Mr Tom Ridgway)

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

Aylesbury Vale District Council is taking part in a pioneering scheme to help reduce its carbon footprint.

The council has been chosen to participate in the Carbon Trust's ambitious Local Authority Carbon Management (LACM) programme, which aims to cut carbon dioxide emissions and reduce energy bills. AVDC is one of 62 local authorities from across the UK to take part in the latest phase of the programme, which will see participants collectively cut their carbon footprints by 518,000 tonnes and energy costs by £50 million per year. The council aims to reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by 22% by 2013. As well as producing financial savings for the Council, and environmental benefits, it will also save Council taxpayers' money.

The Council has already put in place measures to reduce its carbon footprint. Examples include installing a major renewable energy ground-source heat pump in the new Aylesbury theatre and trialling energy saving measures in Council car parks and the Aqua Vale and Swan leisure centres.

The Council has set out its main priorities for the next three years in the new Corporate Plan. The four main targets will be:

Thriving Communities – we will make sure that our communities are vibrant, inclusive and safe. More people will be encouraged to take part in leisure and cultural activities and we will work with key partners in order to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Quality Growth and Regeneration – we will aim to achieve targets for building new and affordable homes. We will build the new theatre and regenerate Aylesbury town centre. We will support new and growing businesses to help provide more jobs across The Vale.

A Great Environment – we will increase the rate of recycling and composting thus reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill. We will improve street and environmental cleanliness.

A Council of which to be proud – we will improve customer satisfaction with the Council by improving access to all services and set Council Tax increases to no more than 4%. We will review our services to give customers what they really value.

Voter registration forms will be arriving soon. Please complete and return the forms as soon as possible. If you don't register to vote you will be liable to a fine of up to £1000.

The Community Chest grants fund has just celebrated its 1st birthday. The fund, which was set up when the Council's housing stock was transferred to the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust, has awarded grants totalling over £500,000 to more than 70 local organisations. The scheme is due to run for another nine years and has £4.5m still to spend.

For further information on the above, or other, topics visit the Council's website at www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk

Neil Blake – District Councillor for Great Brickhill Ward.

01525 261288 or e-mail: ncbdomino@btinternet.com

BREAKING NEWS.....

Just as the Newsletter was being typed - news started coming in about the future of The Boot, more next month (hopefully!)

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