

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Message from Philip:

Dear Friends, August is traditionally the month of rest (schools, colleges, parliament, even some industries closed in order to catch the best weather). It's also known as the 'silly season' in journalistic circles---stories about daft things going on, mad things which have been said by celebrities, zany photographs etc. Anything really to lighten the load (why do we have so little 'good news' reported?) It's also a time to move on/move up. In a school I was once connected to moving up to the next school was known as 'shuffle up day'. Moving up, starting afresh, can be a daunting experience even though we do it quite regularly: at 3/5/11/16/18/21 and so on, depending on how our educational life is scheduled.

But however daunting these times of transition are they are necessary. My own vocation as an Anglican Priest is one of moving on from time to time and this is actually a good thing for all concerned. I remember a Parish in north Kent which had the same Priest for over 30 years and his father had been Vicar for about 35 years before that! So 65 years of the same family and style. No wonder the Church was truly stuck once the son retired and it took two short incumbencies (terms of time served by a Vicar) amounting to a total of 10 years to clear the log jam. We need to remember that Jesus and the 12 disciples achieved all they did in just 3 years.

Having the wisdom to know when to move on (retire?) is a great gift and one we've seen recently exercised by Pope Benedict and previously by Nelson Mandela - if only more leaders in all areas of life knew when to stand down and do other things. That is not to dismiss older peoples' gifts and abilities - it's about timing not chronology. If you're having a mini 'retirement' (a holiday) this August do enjoy, be safe and come back refreshed for the 'term'.

God Bless you, Philip.

SOCIAL GROUP

The next meetings will take place in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday July 31st, Thursday August 15th and Wednesday August 28th. A few weeks ago the members of the Social Group had a very enjoyable outing to World's End Garden Centre near Wendover where we wandered round admiring plants and flowers and then had a free lunch in their very good restaurant. After lunch, some people went on to the Goat Centre near Stoke Mandeville where there was a lovely Arts and Crafts exhibition.

Last week we were visited by a nurse Jomon Sonia from Bucks Health Care who gave us a short presentation on how not to fall over and how to get up again once you do find yourself on the ground, a nightmare scene for a lot of elderly and, not so elderly people!! We were urged to take all sensible precautions to prevent falls. In September, a 12 week course called GET FIT, AVOID FALLS will be running in Winslow and some of the members of the Social Group are interested in going along to see what they can learn. (details of when, where and at what times will be printed here in the newsletter at the beginning of September). If anyone else, who does not come to Social Group, but who would like to know how best to prevent falls and is interested in coming along, please ring either Christine or Elizabeth on 270377 or 270838 respectively.

VILLAGE FETE

Everyone said this year was the best ever, in the beautiful setting of the garden & orchard opposite The Boot, thanks to Bunty & John Pargeter and the co-operation of Ian & Heather Parrott. Rev Philip Derbyshire said a few words to get the proceedings underway. The glorious weather helped make the day, as did the band, "Sir Jester" who provided excellent entertainment at the last minute when the scheduled act had to pull out. There were many of the usual stalls, fun and games for the children and a fun dog show proved very popular. Welcome refreshments were provided by The English Tea House courtesy of Sue Hogg and her team with home-made cakes provided by Soulbury ladies & gents and all profits to the fete, a Pimms bar & bar-be-que. The Bouncy Castle proved a success. Pony rides were provided by Jo Jameson from Wiggington near Tring. Thanks to Stuart & Anne-Marie of The Boot for all their help and our local PCSOs Paula and Tina for coming along, your time was much appreciated too. Grateful thanks to Buttles (builders' merchants) for their generous donation and all those who donated raffle prizes, including Tillsworth Golf Club. Last but not least, thank you to Joe Stone for bringing his old Fire engine.

The enormous success of the event was all down to the forward planning and hard work of the committee - most of whom had never been involved with the organisation of a fete before. Thank you to the volunteers who ran the stalls and everyone for turning up, buying from the stalls and taking part in the games.

It was exhausting, especially for those organising & putting up gazebos / tables etc & clearing up, but all worth it and an event I think we can all be very proud of. Well done everyone!! The money raised, which provisionally stands at about £2,500, will go towards the day to day running of our Church.

Soulbury Bake-Off Judging by Margaret Rowe & Rev Philip Derbyshire

Adults: Any Decorated Cake

1st: Julie & Becky who produced a superbly decorated cake inspired by the sheep in the field PLEASE CONTACT fete@soulbury.org TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE! 2nd: Margaret Owen

Under 16s: Victoria Sponge

1st: Josh Jones, 2nd: Rowena Mosley

Under 10s: Cup Cakes

1st: Dewi Jones, 2nd: Shaun Tuffnell, 3rd: Freya Mosley.

CRICKET CLUB

The club is making the most of the summer weather this year, with matches every Sunday, everyone welcome. We are also planning a Quiz on Saturday 14th September at the Pavilion, with refreshments and prizes. More details next month, but please make a note in your diary.

4th August	Village Alliance (H)
11th August	Stewkley (A)
18th August	Drayton Parslow (A)
25th August	Buckingham Second XI (A)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 22nd July. There will be no meeting during August and the next meeting will take place on Monday 16th September 2013 at 19:30. All are welcome.

Playground: The replacement metal goal posts are now complete and will be installed on the Mount Pleasant playground. Thank you to Maurice Cross for making these so quickly.

Community Public Access Defibrillation for Soulbury Parish: You will have read in last month's newsletter the importance of having an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) in various locations within the Parish for use by you should the need arise. We sincerely hope that the need does not arise. However, statistics show that a very low percentage of people survive a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) due to lack of attention given in a quick and short window of time immediately following a sudden cardiac arrest – time is critical. The Parish Council would like to increase awareness within the Parish regarding SCA and the use of an automatic external defibrillator and how you may be able to save a life. It will be worth it should the need arise.

One Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) costs approximately £2000. This will include awareness sessions, which we will encourage you to attend. Last month we requested donations to help with the cost and to date have received £680. We hope to receive enough from residents to fund one AED and the Parish Council will fund a second AED. We will investigate a further source of funding for the third AED. Before purchasing an AED for Hollingdon and Stockgrove, we need to find an appropriate location for each. AED are positioned externally, usually on a building and are kept in a highly visible weatherproof cabinet. They can be accessed 24/7. Locations are registered with the ambulance service. The location will require an electrical connection, as the weatherproof cabinet is heated, using a minimal amount of electricity. Also, there may be some signage. The location of the Soulbury AED will be on the outside wall of the Parish Hall. For Hollingdon and Stockgrove we are looking for an appropriate location which is easily seen, close to the road for easy access and an electricity supply, perhaps even a sturdy gatepost with electric lighting, or a house or garage wall. If you are willing to accommodate an AED to the perimeter of your premises in Hollingdon or Stockgrove, please contact Vic Wright or Alan Stevens. For donations, please write cheques to "Soulbury Parish Council" and hand them to a Parish Councillor or post to Victor Wright, 14 Chapel Hill, Soulbury LU7 0BZ (Tel: 270537) or Alan Stevens, Stapleford Mill Cottage, Stapleford Lane, Soulbury LU7 0DS (Tel: 270213).

The Parish Council would like to thank the people who have donated already.

W.I. NEWS

The WI meeting this month was slightly less formal as we did not have a speaker. Our president, Gay Henrick welcomed the members and proceeded to deal with the business of the evening. As we had an open meeting last month, there were a few items to cover which had been carried over from the June meeting.

Several members were wished a Happy Birthday and amongst them was one of our founder members, Eva Timmins, who has recently celebrated her NINETIETH BIRTHDAY! She attended the very first meeting of Soulbury WI held in May 1975 and has been coming to our meetings regularly ever since.

The rest of the evening consisted of a celebration supper in her honour and the members all enjoyed a slice of her birthday cake

On July 16th a group of our members with husbands and friends spent a most enjoyable day at Burghley House in Lincolnshire.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 10th, topic to be announced.

MARGARET BUNYAN

We are pleased to report that Margaret is making excellent progress, and is currently in The Knolls, Leighton Buzzard.



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VILLAGE CHRISTENING

A few weeks ago we were delighted to welcome two brothers ("The M-S Boys") into the Church at a Christening and joint Holy Communion Service. There were about 150 people present and some 30 children, all of whom were very well behaved. The normal congregation were joined by the families and lots of friends of James and Simon, who have lived in the village for 9 years now. The Reverend Derek Witchell from Wing took the service in his usual friendly and relaxed manner which helped create a very joyful, happy occasion. The boys, family and friends will have the memories of the christening day for the rest of their lives.

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Sun. 4th August - 11:30am	Common Worship	Andrew & Leslie Berry
Sun. 11th August - 11:30am	Holy Communion	Valerie Rushton
Sun. 18th August - 11:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Derek Witchell
Sun. 25th August - 11:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire

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Wednesdays	14th & 28th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Tuesdays	6th & 20th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	13th & 27th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Mondays	5th & 19th		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
	15th & 28th	2:30pm	Social Group



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