

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Philip's Message: Dear friends,

Over the past few years we've seen the disintegration of Yugoslavia (there are some young people who won't even remember that country), the falling apart of the Soviet Union into its old ethnic groupings (Russians, Latvians, Georgians etc.) and the splitting of Sudan into north and south. Some of this is about wanting to renew identity, some of it is about not being able to get along with former countrymen.

After a period of holiday for millions and then the Commonwealth Games in Scotland, there will be the vote on independence for Scotland on September 18th. It is an interesting vote because it is for anyone resident in Scotland, irrespective of ethnicity or religious affiliation: that's good. Many Scots of course don't live in Scotland and therefore will not get a vote. Some of the most passionate nationalists haven't lived 'at home' for decades for practical and personal reasons. I can see no advantages for anyone at the break-up of the Union, which was achieved after centuries of struggle and difficulties that were overcome. The state of the world at present shows us a need for greater cooperation and mutual support. They are of greater importance than ever. We and the Scots may rib each other about our social characteristics but on the whole this is good natured and even affectionate. I fear a yes vote may raise issues which have been long dealt with and don't need resurrecting just to satisfy the vain ambitions of one or two politicians.

The Gospel tells us to seek brotherhood with our fellow human beings and to seek more creative ways to deal with our differences than war and separation: when will we ever hear? God Bless and have a great break if you're going away. Philip.

Social Group: Dates for next meetings are as follows: Wednesday August 6th and Wednesday August 20th at 2.30pm. Please phone Christine on 270377 because we are not sure yet where we will be holding these get-togethers because the Parish Hall is going to be re-decorated.

Book Club: The next meeting of this group will be on Thursday August 14th at the home of Rita Marks, Hillcroft. Please phone Rita for more information on 270687.

WILSON PARROTT Wilson Parrott has died peacefully at home, at the age of 93. He was born in Soulbury, and went to the village school, and then on to The Cedars School, in Leighton Buzzard. He farmed all his working life in Soulbury, and was a strong supporter of village life, and in particular Soulbury Cricket Club, who have played on his field for many years. He was also their President for many years. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS As the good weather continues what better time to relax and watch some village cricket! Please note that the Tri-Village Twenty20 tournament, cancelled due to bad weather in May, has been rescheduled for Sunday 24th August. The villages competing will be Soulbury, Stoke Hammond and Drayton Parslow. All welcome, refreshments available. Fixtures in August:

Sunday 3rd August home v Stony Stratford 2nd XI
Sunday 10th August away v Stewkley
Sunday 17th August away v Drayton Parslow
Sunday 24th August Tri-Village Twenty20 competition
Sunday 31st August home v Ebury Strollers

Most matches commence at 2:00 pm, except the Twenty20, which will commence in the morning, about 10:30 (see website to confirm www.soulburyvcc.org.uk). All welcome.

The Cricket Club would also like to send their condolences to the Parrott family on the death of Wilson, who was their Club President for many years. A one minute silence was kept in his memory before the match on Sunday 27th July.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 21st July. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16th September at 19:30. Please note the change of day. No meeting during August. All are welcome at September meeting. **Parish Hall:** The Parish Hall committee have advised that the interior of the hall will be decorated during August, which is the least busy time.

Lights Out: 'Lights Out' is an invitation to everyone in the UK to turn off their lights from 10pm until 11pm, leaving on a single light or candle for this shared moment of reflection and bringing one's own personal thoughts to the occasion. In a dramatic nationwide event, the UK will plunge into darkness between 10pm and 11pm on 4th August 2014: upon this darkened canvas single lights will appear across the four nations, marking the hour that Britain entered World War 1 one hundred years ago. The war memorial at All Saints Church, Soulbury, will be lit by candlelight between 10-11pm to commemorate the start of World War 1.

Parish Council Wine & Cheese evening: Friday 12th September – please come along to a Wine & Cheese evening being held in the Parish Hall. We aim to have representation from local organisations, such as WI, Church, Bell Ringers, Cricket Club, Millennium Green, Book Club, Social Group, Community Police, Parish Hall Committee, Parish Council Allotments and Parish Council Committee. It is intended to be an informal evening, where you can chat to people and find out what goes on. You may want to start a social/leisure group yourself and find out whether this interests local residents. Come and have a chat over a glass of wine/soft drink and a nibble of cheese. All are welcome.

Millennium Green: Work is in progress to put the MG back to a safe, usable environment. Presently, there are diggers and tractors traversing back and forth. All we need are a few more willing hands. Have you got an hour or so to spare at any time? If so, why not give Jon a ring on 270377 and see what you can do. The MG is for everyone not just dog walkers. Many people are unaware that the first Saturday of each month was a working day on the MG and this turned out to be productive and enjoyable. We aim to get back to this successful pattern of work days, so please bear this in mind – do as little or as much as you wish. We will publish the dates each month under Diary Dates as a reminder. However, one is not restricted to work days, so phone Jon for any other time you can spare. For the future we have plans for a barbecue area to be installed for everyone's use and we will be holding a firework night on the 1st November. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see on the MG, please let us know via the Parish Council. The recent Soulfest was a success and we hope it will become an annual event for the future on the Millennium Green.

Short mat bowling: Following a note in last month's Newsletter, it is good news that there is interest in short mat bowling, so the equipment is staying and we are going to try and give it a go and hope that the activity takes off. If you are interested, please contact Christine on 01525 270377.

Parish Councillors: Victor Wright 270537, Maurice Cross 270503, Alan Stevens 270213, Margaret Rowe 270355, Ian Culley 07787 784750, David Kempster 270080, Valerie Redbart 270246

W.I. NEWS Our WI meeting this month was an open meeting and was very well attended by the village. The speaker was Dr. Michael Fopp whose talk was entitled "London Transport at War" This gave us a very interesting and detailed insight into all the preparations made by London Transport even before the commencement of World War II and also how all the eventualities were covered during the War. WI will be taking a break during August, so our next meeting will be on September 9th when the speaker will be Paul Rabbits with a talk entitled "A Life in Landscape".

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Soulbury held its first family music festival 'Soulfest' on Sunday 20th July at the playground in the village, raising money for Soulbury Millennium Green. Headlined by fabulous local band The Misfitz, the afternoon started with relaxing summer sounds from a string quartet, and the children also had their own musical fun provided by Al the Music Man!

There were lots of other children's activities including the 'sponge stocks', goal shoot and loom bands, letting parents relax and enjoy the bar, supplied by Soulbury Marquees, BBQ and afternoon teas provided by the Tea House. One parent commented "It was a wonderful afternoon, fun and chilled."

The event was blessed with warm summer sunshine and well attended by the local community. Organisers would like to thank Butties Plc who provided sponsorship for the event and staff for the BBQ, and to Sainsbury's for their support. We hope this will be the first of many Soulfests that the village hosts. Look out for more village events soon!

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Sun. 3rd Aug - 11:00am	FAMILY WORSHIP	Family Services start at 11am with Refreshments
Sun. 10th Aug - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Ian Ogilvie
Sun. 17th Aug - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Roger Hale
Sun. 24th Aug - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 31st Aug - **10am**	Parish Communion	St Michael's, Stewkley (NO SOULBURY SERVICE)

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Tuesdays	5th & 19th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	12th & 26th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Wednesdays	6th & 20th		Social Group, phone Christine for venue
Saturday	2nd	10am	Millennium Green Working Party
Monday	4th	10pm	LIGHTS OUT hour
Friday	12th Sept	7:30pm	Parish Council Wine & Cheese, Parish Hall
Tuesday	16th Sept	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall



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DORCAS LANE WIND FARM UPDATE **PUBLIC INQUIRY DRAWS TO END...NOW THE WAITING BEGINS!**

The Public Inquiry hearings by the Planning Inspectorate into the Dorcas Lane wind farm Appeal took place over 8 days in late June/early July. Over this period the Planning Inspector heard a mass of evidence from Force 9 Energy and EDF who appealed for consent to build the wind farm, as well as from AVDC together with SDLT, who both opposed it. Evidence was taken from several Expert Witnesses and Legal Counsel for each of the three parties contesting the case.

The 3rd Party representation/Public Day also ensured that the Inspector heard from over 50 local residents expressing their opposition to the development, all of whom presented powerful evidence of the real harm it would cause. We trust that, as required by the Government, the Inspector will attach significant weight not only to the many valid planning objections but also to the thousands of petition signatures and letters of opposition submitted. We were delighted that our constituency MP, the Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP, also made time to attend the Inquiry, where he defended the democratic rights of his constituents in a powerful speech.

After receiving final written submissions, the Inspector, Ms Jessica Graham, will now submit a report and recommendations to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt. Hon Eric Pickles MP, who will announce his decision. We do not have a definitive understanding of when this will be, but our best indications are that this can be expected early in 2015.

The shadow of this development will thus hang over us all for several more months but we remain confident that all those who have united in opposition to it will finally be vindicated.

WOODSTOKE REVISITED

Some 500 villagers celebrated the end of the Inquiry with us at this year's Woodstoke Revisited on Saturday 5th July in Stoke Hammond. Luck was on our side, with the early morning rain clearing up to give us a warm and sunny day. The musical feast was diverse, covering everything from Folk and Jazz right the way through to guitar-heavy rock anthems courtesy of The Zombies guitarist Tom Toomey. The mood was always changing, with Opera singer Richard Stark bringing a classical style to the afternoon before the evening culminated with a great set from Sir Jester, who got everyone up dancing with a fantastic repertoire of up-beat cover songs.

The day was a real success and once again we raised several thousands of pounds toward the SDLT fund, helping us toward our budget target to finance the great expense incurred by the Public Inquiry. The contribution both from the local community and our supporters further afield cannot be over-emphasized. In the last 3 years we have raised in excess of £140,000. This has been a gargantuan achievement, clearly reflecting the anger the local community feels toward this ill-judged development and the enormous generosity of many, many people who donated - big or small - to the battle to fight it.

The SDLT Executive Committee would like to express its sincere thanks to everyone who has supported us over the last 3 years. We believe we are on the verge of a great, final victory that will not only see the end of the Dorcas Lane wind farm application but also spell out a clear message to other would-be wind farm developers that neither AVDC nor villagers in Aylesbury Vale will let them ride rough-shod over our countryside, destroying our landscape and quality of lives. We are very confident that the next time we have cause to write it will be with some truly wonderful news!

This article has been written by Stop Dorcas Lane Turbines action group. If you would like to find out more or make a donation please visit www.stopdorcaslaneturbines.com or www.facebook.com/SDLTurbines. You can contact us via email stopdorcaslaneturbines@hotmail.co.uk.