

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message



Dear friends, What a time to be alive! New government, Labour Party in total disarray; Scotland, Ulster and London wanting 'in', everyone else 'out'. The recent EU referendum has exposed some very ugly sides to our society and will probably take some long time to mend.....

In December 1623 the great priest-poet John Donne was struck down with a mysterious illness and wrote 23 meditations called Devotions upon Emergent Occasions. Number XVII includes the immortal phrases: "No man is an island, intire of it selfe" and "for whom the bell tolls". Donne speaks of feeling part of all humanity, irrespective of nationality or race and it seems very apt at such times as we are living in now, when unscrupulous individuals and groups seek to use difference to fracture our communities and set people against each other for their own gain. Donne again: "any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind".

God Bless, Philip

OPEN GARDENS: After many months of hard work and bad weather, we had the most successful opening yet and raised £3482 in aid of the church. Our visitors enjoyed the gardens, our plant sales and, especially, the tea and cakes! Thanks must go to everyone involved from the roadsign makers to the washer uppers, but especially to the gardeners of the 10 wonderful gardens. Rosemary & Jax

BATTLE OF BRITAIN DAY: On 15th September a talk on the Battle of Britain by Dr Michael Fopp, former Director General of the RAF Museum, is to be held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm in aid of the church. Tickets are £5 inc refreshments. Apply 01525 270067.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS: There are very few butterflies on the Green this year, quite a few cabbage whites, the odd speckled wood, meadow brown and some ringlets. There are no grasshoppers, nor crickets so far. I think it must be the bad weather we had earlier in the year.

SCAM WARNING: There have been a number of incidents where workmen have knocked on doors claiming to be working for the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust.

They have offered to do work for other houses, charging a fee and asking occupants if they have any money.

If you have anyone come to the door offering services that you have not requested then do not engage in conversation and call the non-emergency police number (101) or if you feel threatened call 999 - DO NOT LET THEM IN. Please report any such incidents to the Police.

SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

Well summer has finally arrived, so why not come and watch some cricket!

Saturday league matches:

30 th July	13:30	Home to Lidlington
6 th August	13:30	Away at Great Brickhill 3rd XI
13 th August	13:30	Home to Stewkley
20 th August	13:30	Away at Eggington 2nd XI
27 th August	13:30	Home to New Bradwell 2nd XI
3 rd September	13:30	Away at St Andrews

Sunday friendly matches:

31 st July	14:00	(H) to Captain's v Chairman's XI
7 th August	14:00	Home to Mursley
14 th August	14:00	Home to New Bradwell
21 st August	14:00	Home to Cublington
28 th August	14:00	Away at Stony Stratford 2nd XI
4 th September	14:00	Home to Studham

New players are always welcome. Please contact our Club Captain, Nick Mead 07771 738546.

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

GENTLE REMINDERS: Before lighting a bonfire would residents please take into consideration the type of material being burnt, the direction of the wind and the time of day. A little thought for your neighbours goes a long way, especially if they don't have to re-do washing that has been hanging out to dry! Also, please keep dogs on leads when walking through fields (and remember to pick up). Thank you.

SPONSORED RUN: Ele Parrott and Emma Beasley have finished their run across Wales and England. Covering 322 miles in 13 days between them meant the girls were very excited to see the pier at Clacton On Sea! They would like to thank everyone who has supported them along the way and for all the incredibly kind sponsorship that the people of Hellingdon and Soulbury have donated. This has helped them to smash their target and have now raised over £4000 for Action This Day Kenya. Thank you!

W.I. NEWS: The monthly meeting for July was held in the parish hall with Jean Housley presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and matters arising dealt with. Members were reminded of the barbecue to be held at the home of Gay Henrick in August. It was then time for some of our talented members to show off examples of their many skills. These included millinery, patchwork, decorative bow making, a simple table runner and the lovely effects one can achieve knitting with specialist yarns, as well as a simple way to make a flower holder. What a wonderful selection of skills!

There is no meeting in August, so our next meeting is on Tuesday September 13th when the speaker will be Peter Barrett whose topic will be "The Story of Punch and Judy". Our outing to Northampton in July was very well attended. We first visited 78 Derngate, a house once owned by W.J. Bassett-Lowke, and whose interior was redesigned by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Although the house has had several other uses since the owners moved out in the mid 1920s, many of the original features have been preserved. After a delicious lunch provided by the staff at the house, we moved on to the Shoe Museum. Here over 1500 pairs of shoes were displayed ranging from early Roman sandals to the very latest in footwear. A most enjoyable and entertaining day, appreciated by everyone. Grateful thanks to Chris Bryant for arranging the trip.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: Report of Soulbury Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th July in the Parish Hall with in excess of thirty parishioners present.

The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing his anger and disappointment at the comments that had been aimed at him and the Council. Some of which had been libellous as they were in the public domain i.e. on Facebook. He requested that the meeting be conducted in a civilised manner.

Apologies received from Mr. M Cross. The minutes of the last meeting were approved subject to one correction, that of Wendy Taylor's surname.

Finances: The Clerk reported the receipt on £1782 VAT refund. Regular payments were approved with further payments for grass cutting.

Planning Applications: Clover Hill Cottage, approval of matters relating to appearance, landscaping layout, scale and demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4 bedroom house. No objection.

Hillcroft Industrial estate, The Wickets approval of previous plan as 2007. Approved

Dean Farm Lane, Outline planning permission and change of use, for two dwellings. The Council abstained from making a decision as too many factors involved. Determination left to AVDC.

The Boot Field, Outline planning for 6 dwellings. There were several objections from parishioners who were unaware of this application. The implication of 6 houses overlooking the village were emphasised by the number of objectors at the meeting. After much discussion and debate the Parish Council were obliged to oppose the application.

The Children's Playground: It had been noted that the contractors of the two houses being built in Mount Pleasant were to provide the new parking spaces as soon as possible. Thereby eliminating the need for parking on the playground, this was after the gate was forcibly removed by one or more residents.

Report of district and county councillors: Mrs Janet Blake reported that once more funding has been cut and three divisions of highways have gone. The new incinerator at Calvert is to open on July 22nd. Bucks County Council is £53million in the red. The setting up of unitary authorities is under discussion, but AVDC would prefer to be on its own as local accountability and quality of service are important. The Vale of Aylesbury local plan has to be in place by 2017. The Vale needs another 21,000 houses in the next five years

Neighbourhood Plan: A speaker from Stewkley will be invited to the next meeting to talk at length about this.

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The Church: is still in need of
funds, we would be pleased to re-
ceive donations towards the £100 per
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Date of next meeting: Monday
September 19th at 7.30pm in the Par-
ish Hall

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

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Sunday 7 th August	Family Service, 11:30am	Refreshments from 11am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy
Sunday 14 th August	Parish Communion, 11:30am		Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 21 th August	Parish Communion, 11:30am		Rev. Robert Wright
Sunday 28 th August	Parish Communion, 11:30am		
Sunday 4 th September	Family Service, 11:30am	Refreshments from 11am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy

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Mondays	1st, 15th, *3 rd *	Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Thursdays	4 th , 18 th , 1 st	Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Thursdays	11 th , 25 th	Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	13 th September	7:30pm W.I. : "The Story of Punch and Judy"
Monday	19 th September	7:30pm Parish Council meeting

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