

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

We are again asking for help with the Newsletter. We are desperately in need of Sponsors for next year. Perhaps you could consider a joint sponsorship with your neighbours or contributions from clubs.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Thefts : There has been a series of thefts in the area recently. Please be aware of any strangers looking around, and keep doors locked, especially now the dark evenings are here. Always ask for identification if you are in any doubt when callers come to the door.

Meeting : Please note that the next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 21st December.

Buses : We have been informed by the bus company of a change of time. The Tuesday bus will now leave Soulbury at 10:25am to Leighton Buzzard, returning at 1pm from Leighton Buzzard High Street. There is no Bus service on a Friday.

SpeedWatch Scheme : Agreement has been reached to purchase a device jointly with Stoke Hammond, Soulbury and Drayton Parslow at a cost of £625+VAT. The Police will be arranging training sessions in the near future.

Stockgrove : There is a Christmas Fair planned at Stockgrove Park on Sunday 6th December from 11am to 3pm.

There will be a small charge for entry but the monies raised will help support the Trust in managing the park.

If you have any ideas of what you would like to see at the Park, be it events or facilities, then we would welcome your suggestions. Do not forget that the Park is designed to be a gateway to the countryside, so do please make use of it, **but don't expect everything for nothing, help us make it what you want.**

Contact rangers@greensandtrust.org or write to The Greensand Trust, Stockgrove Country Park, Brickhill Road, Heath and Reach, LB, BEDS, LU7 0BA

Alf Peacock : We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr Alf Peacock who was Chairman of the Parish Council for many years.

CHURCH NEWS

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope to see you at church some time during the festive season.

The Friends of Soulbury Church deserve a huge thank you for all their hard work in organising the very popular Sunday Breakfasts which have taken place in the Club Room recently. Lots of people from the village came along for a full English fry up, sausage, bacon, egg etc. or you could have a light continental style breakfast. There were a few cyclists who happened to be riding past who dropped in for a drink and a bite to eat, as well as people from Stewkley. If you haven't been along yet, don't miss the next one on Sunday 24th January from 09:30am to midday.

CRICKET CLUB BREAK-IN

Thieves broke in to the cricket club and stole 3 mowers and a strimmer. The mowers stolen included the specialist one that gives a "close shave" to the cricket square, a "ride on", and a standard motor mower. The theft took place between Monday 26th October and Friday 20th November. If you saw anything suspicious in the vicinity of the pavilion in that time, please inform the Police or Community Support Officer on 08458 505505. This comes at a time when the club is desperately short of the volunteers needed to keep the club going. At the AGM recently it was decided to withdraw from the Four Counties Cricket League and just play friendly matches on Sundays.

GEORGE ROBERTSON (ROBBIE)

We are sorry to hear that after a struggle with illness, Robbie passed away at the beginning of November. As many of you will remember Robbie and his wife Detty ran the Red Lion in Hollingdon for many years making it a happy and cheerful place for people to meet.

When the brewery was forced to sell the pub by the Monopolies Commission, Robbie and Detty stayed in the area amongst their many friends, by whom he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Detty and their family.

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Our last session this term is the 17th December and we are hoping to organise a visit to the SnoZone at the Xscape with the help of The Lions Club, details of which we will forward to our members. We return in the New Year on 14th January with a packed programme including sessions with Action4Youth, Church bell ringing and a jewellery workshop in time for Mothers Day. In the meantime we'd like to wish all our members, helpers and volunteers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2010.

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Are you creative or would you like to be? Cedars Upper School Christmas wreath making workshop. Saturday 12th December from 9.30am. Light lunch and glass of wine £10, contact Marilyn on 270348. Advance bookings only no later than 4th Dec.

EVENTS AT THE BOOT

Sunday 20th December 2009 at 7.00pm

Traditional Christmas Carols & Mince Pies.

In aid of Soulbury Church

Music kindly played by Chris & Sue Jones and Dan Boardman.

New Years Eve

Hot Gala Buffett, Music and a glass of Bubbly To toast in the New Year.

Tables reserved
£29.95 per person.



MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

We had a great Quiz Night on Saturday November 14th. It was nice to see a few more people from the village than we usually have. Many, many thanks to our County Councillor Brenda Jennings, her daughter Sarah and grandchildren, Sophie and Isabel for organising the quiz so well. Thanks to everyone who came along to support the Millennium Green and to those who made the delicious supper. We had a great choice of chilli, chicken casserole and vegetarian quiches, rice or baked potatoes and for desserts there was pavlova, apple crumble, gooseberry fool or trifle all with cream. Scrumptious! We made about £550 for the Millennium Green's funds. Thank you.

THE BIG BAKE DAY The next fund-raising event will take place on **SATURDAY JANUARY 30TH** in **THE CLUB ROOM** from 9.30AM until 1.00PM.

Come along and have some fun and pick up a few baking tips or simply order from the list below by phoning Elizabeth Caplan on 270838 or Christine Sheppard on 270377.

BREAD: White (£2.25) Wholemeal (£2.25) Granary (£2.25)

CAKES: Lemon Sponge (£4) Chocolate Sponge (£4)
Coffee Sponge (£4) Walnut Sponge (£4)

IN MEMORY OF JANE PHILLPOT WE SHALL BE GIVING THE FIRST £100 WE MAKE TO WILLEN HOSPICE WHERE JANE DIED IN 2008.

An extra piece of news: There is an absolutely great bus service running to Central Milton Keynes every day, except Sunday, from here with several buses returning at about 4pm to 6pm. Please phone ON A MISSION buses, which as most people know, has a depot up at Hollingdon to find the exact times to suit you. I caught the 9.15am and returned on the 4.10pm from M.K. It takes a bit of a long time to get there just under the hour, because it goes around the mulberry bush to the Lakes Estate, Bletchley bus station, Whaddon Way, Milton Keynes College and then to the centre. But it's just the sort of service we need, great for Christmas shopping and any young people who go to Milton Keynes College.



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Priest in Charge : Michelle Morton : The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel. 240287

Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery : 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard. Tel. 371235



Sunday	6th December	11:30am	Holy Communion - Advent 2 (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	13th December	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	20th December	4:30pm	Christingle Family Service (no morning service)
Thursday	24th December	11:30pm	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
Friday	25th December	10:30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	27th December	10:00am	Benefice Service at All Saints, Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	3rd January	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10th January	11:30am	Family Service, Holy Communion
Sunday	17th January	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24th January	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	31st January	11:30am	Holy Communion

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIMES OF SERVICES DURING DECEMBER. Please phone the church-warden on 270377 to find out details of services in January because things have not been finalised.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays	1st, 8th, 15th		Toddler Group	
Wednesdays	9th & 23rd	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursdays	3rd & 17th		Youth Club	Clubroom
Thursdays	3rd & 17th		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection (17th - Glass)	
Thursdays	10th & 24th		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Tuesday	8th December		W.I. Christmas Dinner	
Tuesday	15th December	8:00pm	W.I. Social Evening	
Monday	21st December	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Monday	4th January		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection	
Saturday	9th January		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Friday	15th January		AVDC Refuse, Recycling & Glass Collection	
Sunday	24th January	9:30am - midday	Country Breakfast	Clubroom

This month's newsletter is paid for from funds.

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

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or email James Mansfield-Sturgess at soulburynews@btinternet.com