

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas Everyone!

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PARISH NEWS

The next Parish Council meeting is on 20th December. The date of the January meeting is to be confirmed and will be advertised on the Parish Hall notice board.

Parish Hall: We are now in the process of obtaining quotations for decorating the inside of the hall, along with a few refurbishments.

The Parish Plan is in the process of being updated. When this has been done, we will display the "Summary of Action Plans" on the Parish Hall notice board. When the Parish Plan questionnaire was analysed, the result to the question whether we would like to see a Parish Design Statement was positive, with at least 70% of respondents saying they would like to see one created. In view of the information from District Council (see below) it is evident that we require an active working group to put this in place, in order that the information is documented. For instance, this information will include the type, style, quantity of building, if any, that residents of Soulbury Parish want. Perhaps from the 70% who want a Parish Design Statement, or indeed any other persons, a working group can be formed. It is better to have more people than less for this sort of group. So, residents of Soulbury Parish please help and telephone Ian Housley on 01525 237654 or email housley2@tiscali.co.uk to register your interest.

With planning decisions now being handed back to local councils, the District Council will be writing to every town and parish council asking them exactly what they think they need from AVDC in the way of housing stock. They will be relying on Parish Plans and asking villages to bring their Parish Plans up to date, as these will be used as a guide and reference.

Flooding in Stewkley Road: We are pleased to report that Highways have now resolved this issue.

Allotments: We are in the process of clearing some dense overgrowth, brambles and trees, from a neglected area of the allotments in order to fulfil the current waiting list, after which there will be no further allotments available. Any new applicants will be required to live within the parish and will be added to a waiting list. Any enquiries, please contact June Wright on 01525 270537.

Christmas Tree: This will be put up in the beacon the last weekend of November. Many thanks to Chris Bryant for the use of his electrician again and to Vic & June for donating the tree.

Xmas wreath making workshop, is running Sat 11th Dec at Cedars Upper School, £10 a ticket, including light lunch and glass of wine. Those who do not wish to make a wreath, we are making table arrangements instead. Get creative, have a laugh, a qualified florist will be doing the demo. Tickets are now for sale from Marilyn on 01525 270348

An Evening of Songs & Carols to evoke the Spirit of Christmas

at the Parish Hall, Soulbury on Saturday 11 December 2010

Tickets £10 (includes fish & chip supper, chicken option available).

There are a few tickets still available, so hurry and call Alan on 01525 270213 to reserve your ticket.

CHURCH NEWS

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope to see you at some of our services over the holiday season. I would like to draw your attention to the Joint Benefice Service on Boxing Day January 26th at Aston Abbots at 10 o'clock. It would be nice if we had a good turn-out from Soulbury, though I realise you may be suffering from over indulgence after Christmas and a too full programme of activities!

Advent Course: The Benefice is putting on a course over the 4 weeks of Advent to which everyone is invited. If you cannot make all of the dates, this does not matter. Just come to as many as you can. We shall be looking at four of the Old Testament books about prophets, dates are as follows:

1st week : Thursday November 25th at Wing church All Saints' at 7.45pm for an 8 o'clock start. The Rev. Derek Witchell will be leading us through Micah.

2nd week : Wednesday December 1st at Soulbury Parish Hall at the same time. The Rev. Ian Ogilvie will take the session on Amos.

3rd week : Wednesday December 8th at Stewkley Methodist Hall at 7.45pm for 8pm start. The Rev. Jim Gorringer will take us through Hosea.

4th week : Wednesday December 15th at Cheddington Church at 7.45pm for 8pm start. The Rev. Robert Wright will do Elijah.

Burials: Over the last few weeks we have sadly had two more deaths. On Tuesday September 28th Mrs Sheila Mary Belsham was buried in All Saints' churchyard after a service in the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart in Leighton Buzzard. Sheila was a devout Christian and was a regular churchgoer here at All Saints' for many years. Brought up as a Catholic, for the last years of her life she went back to her roots and attended mass at the Sacred Heart Church every week. She had lived in Soulbury since the 1970s and was a familiar sight around the village walking her dogs, lately, of course, she had two little daschunds Rosie and Florrie, both of whom have now died, Rosie of a broken heart. Sheila was not an easy person to get to know well, but she had a great sense of humour, a great sympathy for the poor of the world and I do miss her very much, as she was a very good neighbour to me.

On November 18th, Mrs Iris Mary Ayris who had died in Stoke Mandeville Hospital was buried here in All Saints' churchyard. It was a big funeral attended by about 80 people from the surrounding area and by family from all over the country. Iris and her devoted husband Harry had lived up at Liscombe all their married lives where they brought up their four children. Iris came with Harry to our church every Sunday, without fail throughout those many years. When they moved to Wing they continued to attend All Saints church every week, even when Iris became very poorly. People will remember her at the annual Church Fete which used to be held in June, especially if you were after buying a cake, because that's where she always was, in the cake-stall tent. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Harry and his family at this time of mourning. She will be sadly missed by the congregation and all those who knew her in Soulbury.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Although we had virtually no support at the work party arranged for Saturday November 13th, the three of us who were there, made a good start on clearing up the Green and eventually got a bonfire going, even though the brash was very damp. Many, many thanks to Zeus Gillespie who did a sterling job strimming rough areas and has promised to come again on Saturday November 27th when we will have another go at tidying up the overgrown hedge on the west side. Where were you all? Don't you read your newsletter?

BAKE DAY on Saturday February 12th in the Club Room. This is a popular event, all organised by trustee Liz Miller, when you can bake your own bread, white, wholemeal or granary loaves. If you can't attend, you can pre-order a loaf and also cakes - a lemon, coffee, Victoria or chocolate sandwich. Prices will be £2.50 for a loaf of bread and £4.00 for a cake, except for a chocolate one which will cost £4.50. More information to follow nearer the time. Phone 270377 or 270838 if you would like to order something now.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The Club Dinner and Quiz held at the Old Red Lion, Great Brickhill was a great success. The quiz was won by "4 Play", a team comprising Ian Mortimer & Sue and John & Frances Burnett. Many thanks to Martin French for organising. The AGM for the Cricket Club was also held in November. Brian Mead is to carry on

as Chairman, with Roger Rolls as Captain for the 2011 season. Awards for the 2010 season were as follows: Batting Award - Roger Rolls, Bowling Award - Joe D'Agostino, Man of the Match Award - Martin French, Club Member of the Year - Roger Rolls, Most Improved Player - Stuart Bowles, Players' Player - David Chamberlain, Most Outstanding Performance - Roger Rolls, George Northam Cup - Martin French. Despite having withdrawn from the Saturday League, the Club was pleased that it survived the season playing Sunday friendly matches, all of which were enjoyable and played in the true spirit of the game. The Chairman thanked all who had helped during the previous season - too numerous to mention all here, but especially the Parrott family for their continued help & support.

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W.I. NEWS

At the AGM, Gay Henrick was elected as President for a further year. The committee for 2011 is as follows: Jean Housley, Jean Haines, Andrea Hamilton, Cynthia Leadbetter, Margaret Rowe, Chris Bryant, Val Hammond & Peggy Stevens. A DVD entitled "Care not Custody" was played in support of the resolution highlighting the plight of the mentally ill when inappropriately held in jail. The annual Christmas dinner will be held at the Boot on 14th December and a social evening with mince pies "Secret Santa" and parcels for local children in care will be on 21st December in the Parish Hall. We look forward to a full and interesting programme for 2011 - a full list will be published in the next newsletter. For further information, contact the secretary, Jean Housely on 01525 237654.



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Sun	12th Dec	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sun	19th Dec	4:00pm	Christingle Service (no morning service)
Fri	24th Dec	11:30pm	Midnight Mass
Sat	25th Dec	11:30am	Christmas Communion
Sun	26th Dec	10:00am	Benefice Service ASTON ABBOTTS
Sun	2nd Jan	11:30am	Family Service
Sun	9th Jan	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sun	16th Jan	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sun	23rd Jan	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sun	30th Jan	10:00am	Benefice Service SOULBURY

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www.justgiving.com/Darren-Curle

SOULBURY BREAKFAST : The last breakfast made the grand sum of £411 for the Church. It was the most successful so far with 104 people being served. A very big thank you to everyone! A full English breakfast including tea or coffee costs just £5 - a bargain! Why not bring some friends and come to the next one which is on Sunday 16th January, 09:30am to 12 noon and enjoy meeting new people at this very sociable occasion?

Tuesdays	7th, 14th, 21st		Toddler Group
Wednesdays	8th & 22nd Dec 5th & 19th Jan	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Thursday	2nd & 30th Dec 27th January		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection
Thursday	9th & 23rd Dec 7th (Fri)& 20th Jan		AVDC Refuse Collection
Thursday	16th December 13th January		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass
Saturday	11th December		Songs & Carols in the Parish Hall (see page 1)
Tuesday	14th December		W.I. - Christmas Dinner (The Boot)
Monday	20th December	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	21st December	8pm	W.I. - Social Evening
Sunday	16th January	09:30am	Soulbury Breakfast
Saturday	12th February		Baking Day in the Parish Hall

DATES
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