

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

PHILIP'S Christmas Message:

Dear friends, It will be no surprise that on 25th. December we celebrate/remember the birth of Jesus Christ, a vulnerable baby born in trying circumstances in a corner of a powerful empire. Despite all that he was loved and nurtured by his immediate and wider family. He was, in the words of the great atheist science fiction writer H.G.Wells, the 'centre of human history'. Even in our largely secularised world we still measure time as before (BC) him and after (AD) him. He was born an innocent in a highly corrupt world and unlike the rest of us he stayed innocent whilst becoming extremely wise in the service of his heavenly Father.

The innocence of many children has been and is stolen from them by physical, emotional and sexual abuse, by war, discrimination, poverty and hunger. Our newspapers and TV screens are filled with reports of the Jimmy Savile scandal, the dark side of '60's and '70's rock stars lives and the terrible things which went on in Bryn Estyn, Wrexham. And we have to take note that such things still go on, all the while there are perverted adults who think they can use younger people as play things. I feel it is sad that there are adult victims as well, such as the thoroughly decent George Entwistle (DG of the BBC for only 56days) and the elderly and sick Lord McAlpine, falsely identified as part of a paedophile ring.

We have good news to celebrate and share as Christians; we should not ignore the horror stories of the media but put them in the wider context of the hope which the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ offers to our broken and sadly not innocent world. God Bless you at this festive time and a happy 2013, Philip.

The P.C.C. and all members of the congregation wish everyone a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

Half the collection from the Remembrance Day Service will be sent to the Royal British Legion - £90.

A CHURCH FETE: At the last P.C.C. meeting on November 19th, the subject of a church summer fete was discussed. We have not held a fete for several years now and we would like to hold one next year on Sunday July 14th – **BUT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD** and offer to help organise things. Most people on the P.C.C. are, shall we say, no longer young enough to do the heavy work and hold committee meetings etc. but they are all willing to do what they can to help and several of us have plenty of experience to pass on to younger, fitter residents who might need advice.

We thought a fun dog show would be good and a fancy dress show would be a popular attraction for families. Are there younger people who would be willing to organise a particular event, like a dog show, or is there someone who could get together a group of fete organisers? We do know that the fete was a popular event, since many people have asked why there isn't a fete any more. It isn't that we don't want one – it's just because we are getting on a bit and haven't got the energy we used to have any more. So please help us and the village to organise one for next year. If you can help, please phone Jane on 270493 or Christine on 270377.

SOULBURY BREAKFASTS : The Friends of Soulbury church held their most successful breakfast yet raising a total of £439 for the restoration fund. A huge thank you goes to all those who supported the event by cooking, waiting, washing up or best of all attending and buying the splendid breakfasts on offer. The next breakfast is fixed for **Sunday 13th January.**

PARISH NEWS

THE SOULBURY SOCIAL GROUP: The next meeting will be on Wednesday December 5th in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm and then again on Wednesday December 19th when Pat has very kindly invited us to come to her house for a Christmas session. New members are always welcome. Phone Christine on 270377 for information.

LIFTS FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM TO GO TO TOWN OR ATTEND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:

The following people have volunteered to give lifts to those who cannot drive themselves for whatever reason. (Did you know it costs £8.00 to take a taxi to Leighton just one way!! Diabolical price). Isobel Wright 270322; Christine Sheppard 270377; Rita Marks 270687 Elizabeth Caplan 270838. If anyone else would like to offer to give a lift to someone who needs it, please phone Christine and I will put you on the list.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS : The AGM was held in November at which the Chairman, Brian Mead had a long list of "thankyous" to all those who had helped and supported the club during the previous year. 2012 was a difficult year as many matches had to be cancelled due to the bad weather. However the new kitchen has proved a great success and financially the Club is down only slightly on the previous year (excluding the outlay for the kitchen). Nick Mead was re-confirmed as Captain and the following awards were decided: Batman of the Year - Nick Mead, Bowler of the Year - David Chamberlain, Man of the Match - Nick Mead, Club Member of the Year - David Chamberlain, Most Improved Player - David Tooth, Players' Player - James Carter, Most Outstanding Performance - Nick Mead (who broke Roger Rolls' long-standing record by batting 181 v Whitchurch), 500 run award - Nick Mead, George Northam Cup - Nick Carter. The Club plays home and away friendly matches on Sundays throughout the summer and is always looking for more players. Please ring Nick if interested: 07771 738546. Looking forward to a long hot summer in 2013!

Future social events at which all are welcome: February: Quiz Night with supper, March : Race Night with presentation of awards

FREDA LINES : It is with regret that Freda passed away in the early hours of Thursday morning, 22nd November, in Milton Keynes hospital. Many people in the village will know Freda, as she was born in Soulbury, living most of her time in Chapel Hill. Freda will be sadly missed. We enjoyed many recollections of her life in the village. The date of the funeral has not yet been confirmed. Please look on the church notice board and in the Leighton Buzzard Observer for details.

BEAVER SCOUTS : 1st Wing Scout Group is recruiting! Beaver Scouts are aged 6-8 and meet each Wednesday from 18:30 to 19:45. The group is urgently looking for adults to help run the section. Please visit www.wingscouts.org for more details.



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Work Parties: The next two work party dates are Saturday December 1st and Saturday January 5th from 10am till 12 noon and from 2pm till 4pm. It's good to be out in the fresh air working with others on a community project, so come along and join us.

ADVANCE NOTICE : There will be another Bake Day in the Parish Hall on Saturday March 23rd. Bit early I know but it's so you can put it in your new diaries.

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Sun. 2nd Dec. - 11:30am Advent Carol Service
Sun. 9th Dec. - 11:30am Holy Communion
Sun. 16th Dec. - 11:30am Holy Communion
Sun. 23rd Dec. - **4:00pm** Christingle Service
Mon. 24th Dec. - **10:00pm** Midnight Mass
Tues. 25th Dec. - 11:30am Family Communion

Sun. 30th Dec. - 10:00am Holy Communion
Sun. 6th Jan. - 11:30am Morning Worship
Sun. 13th Jan. - 11:30am Holy Communion
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	4th, 18th, *2nd*, 15th, 29th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	4th December		W.I. - Social Evening
Wednesday	5th December	2:30pm	Social Club
Tuesday	11th December		W.I. - Christmas Meal
Saturday	15th December		Christmas Sing-a-long
Mondays	17th(D) & 21st(J)	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish hall)
Sunday	13th January		Soulbury Breakfast



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I would like to send good wishes & Happy Christmas to my friends in the village and to say that due to the cost of postage stamps now, I will not be sending cards but will send a donation to MacMillan Nursing Care. I hope to see you again before too long! Val Hammond

This month's newsletter was paid for from funds

A volunteer is needed to deliver newsletters in Andrew Close - please contact Mrs Norman on 270483

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

Mrs. Bunyan 270461

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 19th November 2012. The date of the next meeting is Monday 17th December at 19:30 - all are welcome.

Christmas Tree: We will be erecting the Christmas tree on The Green on Saturday 8th December at 10:00am. Thank you to those who have offered to help. We look forward to seeing you Saturday morning. If you have any queries, please contact Vic on 01525 270537.

Christmas Tree Donations: We have received an overwhelming response for donations towards the cost of the tree and have used the extra money to buy three more sets of LED lights. This was agreed with the people who contributed. A big "THANK YOU" for your generosity.

Christmas Sing-a-long: There are a few tickets remaining for 15th December. If you hurry, you may be lucky. Contact Cllr Alan Stevens on 01525 270213

AVDC Diamond Jubilee Tree Project: To mark the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee AVDC has purchased an English Oak tree for each Town and Parish Council to plant in their local green space for future generations to enjoy. Soulbury have now taken delivery of their commemorative oak tree. In an endeavor to plant before the ground freezes, we will do this on Sunday 2nd December at 2:00pm on The Green. We would appreciate a couple of volunteers to help, otherwise come along just to see – all are welcome.

Joyce Kellner: A new seat has been installed by the Parish Council in the churchyard in memory of Joyce, who gave so much of her time to Soulbury and to All Saints Church. A plaque is being engraved and will be added to the bench shortly.

Thames Valley Police: PCSO Tina Hobson visited the Parish Council meeting and advised that there have recently been some burglaries in Wing and two car thefts. Thames Valley Police's current campaign to help protect your home from burglary is to leave a light on as a deterrent.

As the darker evenings draw in, burglars are on the prowl for valuables and cash, recognizing that homes tend to be getting ready for seasonal celebrations and may have gifts lying around the house or on display.

If you leave your home in complete darkness and your curtains are not drawn, and no car is on the drive, it's an obvious sign to an opportunist burglar that no-one is in. At this time of the year more than any other it pays to secure your home. One way to help reduce the chance of your home becoming the next target is to invest in timers to enable lamps to be programmed to switch on before it becomes dark to give the impression that someone's home. Remember to use an energy efficient light bulb. For anyone unable to afford a timer, please contact Thames Valley Police by dialling 101, as they are able to provide a few.

Neighbourhood officers will be patrolling in this neighbourhood and if they believe your house is at risk of being burgled you may receive one of their 'Here's a bright idea' cards through your door. You can then contact the officer and ask for further crime prevention advice.



THE PARISH COUNCIL WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



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DORCAS LANE WIND TURBINE UPDATE

The position with respect to the Dorcas Lane development remains largely unaltered from our last update.

The Force 9 response was expected in August. As yet nothing has been received - we are now aware that a new Bat Survey was completed but this has yet to be officially received within the council although we understand Force 9 are consulting with the AVDC's Green Spaces internal environmental team. They have yet to declare an access route onto the site and it would appear from the delay this is proving to be a challenge.

Whatever happens next, the council will certainly not now be making a decision until the New Year.

Wind farm on way between Newton Longville, Mursley and Drayton Parslow

Discussions are currently taking place between AVDC and wind farm developer West Coast Energy to build a wind farm on land between the villages of Newton Longville, Mursley and Drayton Parslow. At the time of writing, the project is at scoping stage, which means no formal application has yet been submitted, but we are led to believe that the application when it arrives will be for four turbines of a similar height (125m) to those proposed for Dorcas Lane, near Stoke Hammond and Soulbury. You should check the AVDC website for latest details.

It is clear that the areas surrounding Milton Keynes and Aylesbury have been identified as prime hunting ground for wind farm developers – this started with the large turbines near Olney and since then we have either single or multiple developments proposed for Salcey Forest, Ford, Quarrendon, Heath and Reach, Woburn, Wing and Newton Leys. Those who attended our Road Shows back in early 2012 may recall that we warned of this happening, as had been evidenced in many other counties including nearby Cambridgeshire, where there have been 27 wind farms and 115 turbines either opened, under construction or in planning since the first were erected in 2005.

If this onslaught concerns you, one of the best ways to stop it from happening is to get the initial applications under consideration with AVDC rejected. Amongst these is the Dorcas Lane project. This will send a clear message to developers that AVDC are supporting local residents and that getting applications approved with the Council will not be an easy task.

If you have not yet written a letter of local opposition to the Dorcas Lane application, then you still have time. You can find all the details on the application and how to object - with some guidance on the points you may wish to make - on the SDLT website www.stopdorcasslaneturbines.com.

MP's against Wind Turbine Policy

Chris Heaton Harris the Tory MP who is co-ordinating a group of 150 MP's in opposition to the current policies with respect to wind turbines, has created a website "Together Against Wind" www.togetheragainstwind.com

The mission of the group is to ensure that wind farms and wind turbines cannot be imposed on communities that don't want them. The sole purpose of "Together Against Wind" is to provide an effective link between the Houses of Parliament and both individuals and Groups campaigning against the proliferation of wind turbines across large areas of our countryside.

You may recall that in early November the Minister for Energy John Hayes nailed his colours to the mast of the anti turbine /pro local residents cause and came out in favour of a review of how many wind turbines are required going forward and on giving local residents much greater say in the process. His boss Secretary of State Ed Davey has argued that government policy remains unchanged and does not want to restrict the possible numbers going forward. The "Together Against Wind" website is asking people to indicate their support for John Hayes comments by sending an email letter to Prime Minister David Cameron's office via a simple form set up on the website. It's a really quick and easy thing to do and we would urge you to take the time to go to the website and complete the form.

Finally, we would like to thank our followers for all their support – if you would like to find out more please visit www.stopdorcasslaneturbines.com or www.facebook.com/SDLTurbines.

This article has been written by Stop Dorcas Lane Turbines action group.

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