

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER



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## Parish Council News

Following the resignation of Barbara Young, a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. For further information telephone the Soulbury Parish Council Clerk, John Spiers on 01525 370094.

If the Council does not receive any response, a member of the Parish will be co-opted.

P.C. G. Briggshaw was present at the recent Parish Council meeting. Two thefts from cars have been reported in Stoke Hammond, and he urges people to double lock front doors and place keys out of sight.

## Parish Council Cheese and Wine Evening

Come and meet your local councillors and have an informal chat on Friday 11th March from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

## Newsletter Editorial Team

The editorial team is looking for any new helpers, either to join the editorial team, or as an occasional typist; we are also looking for sponsors to take on the cost of printing the Newsletter, which is approximately £45 per month. If you can help in any of these ways please contact Pam Norman 01525 270483 after 5pm

## All Saints Church News

Church Services over the Christmas period were extremely well attended. More people came to church than ever and it was quite uplifting to experience the friendly and seasonal atmosphere with so

many Soulbury residents and their families joining in the celebrations. About 60 people attended the Christingle Service on Sunday December 12th including many children. Midnight Mass there were at least 80 people in the congregation and another 60 attended the morning Communion Service on Christmas Day. Considering that the regular congregation numbers, on average is 15 or so, it is very encouraging to see these larger gatherings. The Rev Peter Lymbery was extremely busy, always cheerful and keen to help wherever he could, and now that we have no vicar, he is indispensable and deserves many thanks.

At the Christingle Service, the children looked so angelic, grouped around the altar, holding their oranges with lighted candles singing "Away in a manger". Everyone had been very generous in giving presents for Children In Need. The presents were arranged at the foot of the altar delivered a few days later to the charity National

Children's Home in Leighton Buzzard.

The Rev Lymbery has already received a letter of thanks from the manager, Meg Hawkins, of the Parkside Family Support Project in Houghton Regis. In her letter she says "We have been able to give every child and young person, in the families receiving a service from the NCH family Support Service, a lovely present

So I would like to say a big thank you on their behalf. For some families Christmas is a particularly difficult time as its not always possible for parents to give children as much as they would like to. I know that the presents were appreciated" It is nice to know your presents were well received.

The P.C.C. of All Saints would like to thank all parents and children for their generosity and also thank the people who donated Christingles mulled wine and mince pies, those who cleaned and decorated the church with flowers and greenery, those who gave the Christmas tree and decorated it, Sally Hart our organist and everyone who supported the church by attending services.

A special thank you to the Soulbury's W.I whose members gave so many Christmas presents to the N.C.H Children's charity. I am informed that they too received a thank you letter from the Manager of the Parkside Family Support Project.

The next family service will be on Mothering Sunday, March 6th and Easter is early this year.

### Millennium Green News

Happy New Year to you all. The Trustees hope the year 2005 will be as rewarding as last year. We know many of you in the village have supported the efforts of the trust and have enjoyed the benefits of the village having its own Millennium Green. Some of you may not know this, but Soulbury was the first village in Buckinghamshire to create a Millennium Green and still be in use to its community. In early December we had a visit from the Countryside Agency inspectors who have been doing spot checks on all the 250 or so Millennium Greens up and down the country. They have been disappointed by many that have been abandoned and allowed to fall into neglect, often turning into unused and hang out places for undesirables. I am happy and proud to report that the inspectors were very impressed with the Soulbury Millennium Green and have commended the Trustees and all those in the village who appreciate and offer their support. They were particularly pleased to see the continuing program of maintenance and conservation taking place they appreciated that the need for volunteers and advice was not always easy to come by and so were pleased to hear that we have both on hand. I hope that we can continue to develop our Millennium Green so as to enhance its wildlife and extend the enjoyment and pleasure it brings to so many in our parish. Soon the Trustees will be able to say what events we hope to hold this year, and if any of you would like to put forward suggestions or indeed help to organize an event please contact me or any other Trustee. Remember you can hold your own function on the M.Green if you are interested in doing this then please speak to me

and I will fill you in on the regulations governing its use, as you know the letting off of fire works is a non starter. There is electricity, drinking water and the use of tents is available. We would like to see the Millennium Green used more, so please consider it for a venue to hold an event or suggest to any one who you hear is looking for somewhere outside.

That's it for December's 100 club winning number was 5, D.Ashburner. If you want to have a chance of winning please remember to fill in your 100 Club application form, we haven't reached the 100 yet! A form can be printed from our website at [www.soulburymg.org](http://www.soulburymg.org)

The first draw is due to take place at the end of Jan or beginning of Feb so please get your applications in soon, thanks.

Unfortunately the Trust is losing its Treasurer, Stephen Kittoe, who has been a key member of the Trust for so many years. We wish him all the very best.

It means we are now looking for a new treasurer. If you think you would like to do this voluntary job please contact the Chairman Jane, on 270532, who will be pleased to hear from you.

A maintenance group has been working on the Millennium Green on a regular basis since the autumn. They meet on Tuesday mornings about 9/9.30am to 12.00 and

would be pleased to see any new volunteers who might like to help. **One last thing.** The old willow tree over the pond is rotting and therefore dangerous. Please keep clear of the leaning trunk and warn children not to climb on it.

### W.I. News

Malcolm Alberry, his wife Pat and an adorable 4-month-old Labrador named Willow came to Soulbury WI to give a talk on "puppy walking" for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The members were given an insight into the training of puppies from 6 week old to 12 months. This was an essential part of the basic training before the dog could receive further training and be placed with its owner. Anyone interested in this very worthwhile but challenging work should contact Guide Dogs for the Blind. It was a very informative evening and a good start to the New Year. Delicious refreshments were served and the raffle raised the sum of £50 for the Tsunami Appeal.

Next Meeting 8pm. Tuesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sheridan Williams on Astronomy and viewing the night sky (if weather permits).

**Soulbury Summer Ball** The 3rd Soulbury Charity Summer Ball will take place from 7pm on Friday 17th June at The Cottage opposite the Boot. The event, which will be held in a marquee, will include a 3-course dinner, live band, disco and charity auction. This year the aim is to sell 300 tickets and so far approximately 230 seats have been provisionally reserved. Tables are available in 10/12s or tickets will be sold individually.

If you have any contacts that might donate a unique prize for the auction or raffle to raise money for the charities please let us know. We will also be looking for volunteers to assist on the day so if you would like to help please contact us.

To register please contact Paul on 270284 or 270292.

**Bucks Association For The Blind** are looking for volunteers for their Hospital Information Service based in Milton Keynes Eye Clinic. Volunteers help by giving out information and talking to patients. Are you good at listening, comfortable talking to new people, sensitive to patients needs and can spare 2hrs a week. If so they would love to hear from you. For more information contact Jane Diggory 01296 487556.

**Pictures** Please email jane@soulbury.org or send to me at 4.Andrews Close any photos of Soulbury and Parish that you would like to see in a picture form for the top of the Newsletter. All photographs will be returned.

**Condolences** We send our condolences to the families of Mrs. Gerty Austin and Ralph Hawkes who died recently. They both played an active part in village life in their earlier days. Both Gerty and Ralph lived in the Mead for many years.

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Wing for children 2-5yrs with indoor play area and outdoor secure garden. Ofsted inspected nursery with friendly qualified staff. Spaces now available. Grants for children aged 3yrs and upwards. £6.50 per

session under 3yrs old. No need for your child to be potty trained. For days and times please contact Sam Mock 07931 66177739. Sessions held at the Scout Hut, The Lands, Wing.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES

All in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated

Monday	Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> ✓	1.00pm-1.15pm	Mobile Library- Stewkley Rd Bus Stop
Tuesday	Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> ✓	8pm	WI Mr. Sheridan Williams
Monday	Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> ✓	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup> ✓	2.30pm	Social Circle
Thursday	Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup> ✓ 17 <sup>th</sup> ✓		AVDC waste paper and recycling collection
Thursday	Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup> ✓		AVDC Glass Collection
Wednesday	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> ✓	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Friday	March 11 <sup>th</sup> ✓	6.30-9.30pm	Parish Council Cheese and wine evening

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

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

Sunday	Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Sung Eucharist
Ash Wednesday		7:30 pm	
Sunday	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Sung Eucharist

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