

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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OPERATION ACCURIST

Aylesbury Vale District Council and Thames Valley Police are currently running a burglary operation throughout the Vale. The operation is called "Accurist" and has targeted homes in darkness following the clocks turning back and the evenings becoming darker quicker. A home in darkness sends out a message to potential burglars that nobody is in. Using a free light timer switch helps combat this. If you would like a free timer switch, property marking kit or energy efficient light bulb then contact Matthew Deprez on 01296 585061 or mdeprez@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk.

VALE VOLUNTEERS

Local Residents Need You!

Volunteers are needed in your community to help maintain the gardens of older and disabled people living on low incomes who have difficulty maintaining their gardens. Your involvement in this project could really help someone **in your community stay independent. You don't need to be an expert, you just need enthusiasm.**

If you enjoy being outside, meeting new people and can spare some time once a week or fortnight, please get in touch.

If you feel you could help out in any way, please get in touch with Samantha on 01296 337456 or 07943 969426, or alternatively email gardening@valevolunteers.org.uk.

All volunteers expenses related to the Gardening Project (including travel) will be paid and **you will be covered by the project's insurance policy.** Volunteers on the Project also receive support and training from a member of staff.

CHURCH NEWS

We had a very successful Christmas season in 2008. All the services were well attended and lots of children came to the Christingle Service. The church looked beautiful with 12 brightly decorated Christmas trees, evergreen branches, holly and ivy strewn over the window ledges and best of all, clusters of lit candles arranged around the church lent a lovely atmosphere to every occasion. Many thanks to all those who came to the services and supported the Church, to those who decorated Christmas trees, to those who helped at the services, to the bell-ringers, to those who provided refreshments and especially to the Reverend Michelle Morton for all her hard work in making it so successful.

A reminder to everyone who uses the churchyard: Could you remember not to put compostable items like dead flowers and plants in the green wheelie bin. This bin is just for landfill items, like plastic and non-recyclable things. Dead plants etc. should be taken home, please.

On Saturday January 17th we celebrated a lovely wedding in the bright sunshine and rather cold wind. Anika, a radiant, happily smiling bride married Ryan Prater, both from Hollingdon Grange. Family and friends arrived, dressed to the nines and looking splendid to wish the happy couple every happiness for the future. The Rev. Michelle Morton conducted the marriage.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will take place on Wednesday February 25th at the home of Rita Marks at Hillcroft House at 2.30pm. We shall be talking about the book "Northern Lights" by contemporary author Philip Pullman. We are a group of about a dozen ladies (I don't know where all the men are!) who meet about once a month to discuss a book we have all read and other things. If you would like to join us, please contact Rita on 01525 270687.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The editorial committee would be grateful for any offers on sponsorship for future editions of this newsletter over the coming months. Please contact Pam Norman on 01525 270483

If you would like to receive your monthly edition by email then please contact soulburynews@dsl.pipex.com

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Soulbury WI have planned an interesting mix of speakers and activities for the coming year. Our new President is Gay Henrick and new members are always welcome. All meetings are at 8pm in the Clubroom, unless stated otherwise. Just turn up or contact Margaret Rowe for more details on 270355.

- 10th February Wax Painting with Nicole Gray
- 10th March History of Windsor Castle with Ann Leaver
- 14th April Magistrates Court with Thames Valley Police
- 15th May Resolutions meeting with Tapas & Sangria
- 9th June Jazz in June at Stapleford Mill Farm
- 14th July Outing to Bletchley Park
- 21st July Social evening
- (no meeting in August)
- 8th September Red Kites with Brian Clews
- 13th October Border Collie Training with Gerry Foster
- 10th November AGM with Bring and Buy
- 8th December Christmas Dinner - venue tba
- 15th December Social evening

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The trustees are appealing for volunteers to come and help prune trees and shrubs on Saturday February 7th from 10am onwards. We are very much in need of help so hope to see as many people as possible. Bring secateurs if you have some or pruning saws and you will, I'm sure, learn how to prune like professionals!

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

The recipients of the Christmas Parcels would like to thank the Trustees of the Stapleford Charity and those who delivered them.



JANE PHILLPOT

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Jane just before Christmas. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her in the village and of course mostly by those closest to her. She had lived in Soulbury for about 12 years and contributed so much to the community, including typing this newsletter. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Millennium Green, working as secretary and afterwards as Chairman of the Trust, organising all sorts of fund-raising events for the village.

In spite of an unhappy childhood and suffering an horrendous agricultural accident as a young girl, which left her paralysed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair for over half her life, she always managed to be the most cheerful, humorous and smiling person in any situation.

She was a painter and had recently repainted The Boot's pub sign, which is now re-installed in its rightful place outside the pub. She loved animals, dogs and birds particularly, and all wildlife and the natural world. She was clever and had loads of patience and determination, teaching herself to be a whizz on the computer which resulted in designing websites for clients.

She remained fun-loving and lively, accepting and philosophical about her inevitable death right to the end and I **for one shed tears now, as I think of her.** I'm sure everyone will join with me in sending condolences to her dear friend and carer Nan Chadwick and the family in Ascott.

The funeral took place at Milton Keynes Crematorium with donations to Willen Hospice being most welcome.

Christine Sheppard

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Sunday	1st February	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Sunday	8th February	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	15th February	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd February	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	1st March	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays			Lollipops Toddler Group	Clubroom
Wednesdays	4th & 18th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursdays	12th & 26th		Youth Club	Clubroom
Tuesday	10th February	8:00pm	WI - Wax Paintings with Nicole Gray	Clubroom
Thursday	12th February		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	
Monday	16th February	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Wednesday	25th February		Book Club - "Northern Lights"	Hillcroft
Thursday	26th February		AVDC Collection for Recycling	

Full details of Refuse Collection dates can be found on the AVDC Website at :

www.aylesburyvale.gov.uk/refuse-recycling-collections/villages/41609

TO LET

Self contained annexe (fully furnished/newly decorated) in detached house in Soulbury

Large bedsitting area with separate bathroom and patio

Off road parking for 1 car. Gas hob, fridge, microwave, TV/video

Suit professional person (non smoker) working away from home occupying Sunday/Monday - Friday

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