

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers. On behalf of all those who received a Christmas Hamper from The Stapleford Trust, we would like to say Thank You!

CHURCH NEWS

Hello from all at All Saints Church. As you know, worship is offered every Sunday in your Parish church, and to which you are most warmly invited and welcomed. We, however, are aware that not all that we offer necessarily 'hits the spot' for you. This might be because you feel church is not for you anyway. You might not think that what you believe is the same as us – none of us is exactly the same, even in church! It might be that you only like 'specials' like Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Easter. All that's okay, but we don't want to miss people because of ignorance of their needs. We are therefore proposing to put on a more informal form of worship, appropriate for children, parents, single people, old and young alike, say once a month. This could be a morning or an afternoon (probably the better option knowing how busy many people's Sunday mornings are!).

So, we would like to know how you feel, and what you might like, etc. We therefore ask you to spend a few moments thinking about this, and answering the following questions / ideas:

1. I/We would like to have a Family Service once a month. Y / N
2. I/We would attend this if offered. Y / N
3. Preferred time am / pm
4. Questions and/or suggestions

We look forward to hearing your responses which can come to me direct (revphil5@btinternet.com or 01525 240287) or to one of the churchwardens; Christine Sheppard on 270377 or Jane Luxton on 270493.

SOULBURY SOCIAL GROUP: We have had 2 meetings so far in the Parish Hall with about 10 people attending. We would like more of you to come along. Age is no barrier, young and old; everyone is welcome. The next meeting is planned for Wednesday February 1st in the Parish Hall from 2.30pm till 3.30pm. So far we have just had a chat and a cup of tea or coffee and cakes and biscuits but as we get to know one another better we have games we could play like cards, dominos quizzes solitaire and all sorts of things. We are going to make a small charge of £1.00, just to cover costs.

The following people have offered to give lifts to those who need to go shopping, to go to the doctor's, hospital, dentist or wherever:

Elizabeth Caplan	Phone	270838
Brenda Jennings	"	270610
Liz Fisher	"	270525
Christine Sheppard	"	270377
Isobel Wright	"	270322
Rita Marks	"	270687
Anne Bridges	"	270114

If you find that the person you have contacted can't give you a lift at that particular time, try someone else on the list.

Do come along if you feel you could help or just want a pleasant chat with neighbours.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

We are having a work party on the Green on SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH from 10 to noon and 2pm till 4pm. We are in real need of more help, so do come along, even if it's only for half an hour. We are also in need of more Trustees to join the Board. We have about 6 meetings a year and some fund raising events to organise. It is really not very onerous but the more help we have, the easier it is for all of us when the work is shared out. Thank you. We do hope you can help.

The end of 2011/beginning of 2012 was a novel experience for Joy and I – the first time either of us had spent time in the ringing chamber of a Church bell tower: it was great, truly magical. Seeing in the new year by candle light, with mince pies, mulled wine and the majestic power of the bells!

Bunt Scott, the Tower Captain at Stewkley, had graciously invited us a few days earlier to their 'traditional' celebration. I was brought up in a Naval town (Chatham, Kent) and we greeted the new year with ships' sirens, naval guns and a few fireworks, and it was all big and spectacular. This year's celebration was smaller in comparison, but absolutely appropriate for rural Buckinghamshire.

Celebrations are really important and key to many events in our lives – a life well-lived, good exam results, marking a new relationship or a new life, and they are key also in our faith. Soon, we will be approaching Ash Wednesday (22nd February) and Lent, leading to Good Friday and Easter; the other major Christian festival alongside Christmas, but fundamentally more important in the story of God's dealings with our deeply-flawed humanity. If we ever needed proof of that last statement, we don't need to know the Bible or be a theologian, just read the daily papers and watch the TV news. What a sorry bunch we can be! But at the same time, isn't it great to meet people who really light up the World with their kindness and positive attitude, and we've met many individuals like that since moving to this area - Aston Abbots, Cublington, Soulbury and Stewkley – Thank You!

Best wishes, Revd. Philip Derbyshire.

Concert in Church - On Saturday 28th April, The Ridgeway Choir will be putting on a concert in the church to raise money for the fabric of the church. The cost is £5 and the concert should appeal to everyone with a varied program of light, modern and classical music. Wine and nibbles will be available.

The Soulbury Breakfast was as good as ever and raised £280. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it a success. The next date will be Sunday 25th March from 9:30 to midday.

PARISH NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 23 January. The next meeting is Monday 20th February at 19:30. All are welcome.

We would like to welcome Ian Culley on to the Parish Council. He will take up the position at the February meeting.

Children's playground: We are about to order new equipment for the younger children's playground to be sited on the Millennium Green. We are planning to install the equipment around March/April and need to set up a team of installers. Therefore, we require volunteers to go on a list for laying out the site, installing the equipment and help with any last minute jobs that are required to get the playground operational. Don't be afraid to volunteer. Without you it may not happen. We need bodies - men, women and children. No skill set required. With your help there is instant saving on installation cost and we need it. Please call Councillor Alan Stevens on 01525 270213.

Parish Hall: The finishing touches to the refurbishment of the Parish Hall are complete, with the new internal doors in place. We would like to thank Alan Stevens and Ian Housley for organising and installing the doors, which look rather smart.

Christmas Tree: It seems long ago now, but just to say we have received lots of favourable comments about the Christmas tree on The Green. Also, we would like to thank Chris Bryant for the use of his electricity which lit the tree through the festive season and thanks also to Vic, Alan and Daniel for installing it on such a blustery day.

Jubilee Fountain: We are looking for a qualified structural engineer who is willing to inspect the footings on the fountain and give a brief report to confirm whether underpinning is required. This is a requirement of AVDC before they will consider a grant to carry out the work. If you feel you can help out, please call Councillor Victor Wright on 01525 270537.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Cricket Club are holding a **Race Night** - Saturday 10th March - 7:30pm. Tickets £10 to include a 2 course hot supper. Horses £3 each in advance, £4 on the night. Why not sponsor a race for £10 and we will publish your advertisement on the race card. Further info from Chris Bryant on 270607.

Also, **Quiz Night** with Fish & Chip Supper on 31st March. More information in next month's Newsletter.

Beetle Drive : Liscombe Park House , in aid of Church Funds, 7pm on Friday 27th April. £8 including hot supper. Family Tickets (2 adults and 1or2 children) £20. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

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Caroline Richards will be reviving the **Soulbury Baby & Toddler Group**, restarting on 7th February, 10am-11:30am. Caroline moved to Hollingdon 6 months ago and would love to meet other mums and dads. A great opportunity for the children to play, with tea and coffee on offer for parents. Tell your friends! Look forward to seeing you there. PS If you and/or a friend can help a little with the running of the group then please contact Caroline on 07876 645449 or caroline@themothhood.co.uk

Want to come and enjoy the countryside with other mums and tots? **The Hollingdon Toddler Walks** could be for you, meeting on Wednesdays at 9:30am in Hollingdon, we'll be able to splash in puddles, collect leaves, spot wildlife, and enjoy the change in seasons. Then back home for hot chocolate or cold drink and a biscuit. Wellies and waterproofs essential! Suitable for any age of walking toddler. If you are interested then please contact Caroline (details above).

Dave Hammond Memorial Walk : Departing Soulbury Parish Hall at 10am on Sunday 1st April. The first leg is a gentle stroll to Great Brickhill via Rushmere Park, which is 4.6 miles and will take approx 2.5 hours. At the cricket club the bar will be open and hot drinks will be available. Dogs are welcome. The second leg leaves Great Brickhill via Stoke Hammond and Dean Farm Lane. This leg will take approx 2 hours. The Boot will be open to serve hot and cold drinks on return to Soulbury.

Congratulations to Lucy and Stewart Griffin on the birth of their son Charlie.

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Sunday	12th February	11:30am	Holy Communion - Rev P Derbyshire
Sunday	19th February	11:30am	Holy Communion
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Thursdays	23rd		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection
Tuesday	7th	10-11:30	Baby & Toddler Group
Tuesday	14th	8pm	W.I. - Memories of a Retired Store Detective
Monday	20th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall)
Saturday	10th March	7:30pm	Cricket Club Race Night
Sunday	25th March	9:30-12	Sunday Breakfast - Parish Hall
Saturday	31st March		Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper
Friday	27th April	7pm	Beetle Drive - Liscombe House
Saturday	28th April		Ridgway Concert Choir in the Church - Tickets £5

Children Time

I thought it's about time children had their own column in the Soulbury newsletter. I hope you and your family had a nice Christmas and New Year. I enjoyed the sing-a-long at The Boot and having a good time with my mates. It's 2012! If you made a New Year's resolution I hope you're sticking to it. My New Year's resolution is to eat a new food every month.

By Dewi Jones, Age 8

Many thanks to Antony and Rose Saint for sponsoring this month's edition

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

Mrs. Bunyan 270461

Mrs. Norman 270483

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DORCAS LANE WIND TURBINES

As many of you will be aware, the application to erect a meteorological mast (a pre-cursor to the main turbine application) was approved by AVDC and the mast was indeed erected in mid-December. This is a 70m high construction built to take wind speed and weather readings on the site, albeit quite inexplicably such information is not required by Force 9 Energy prior to the submission of the full application for the wind turbines. The met mast, if nothing else, helps to put into context the scale of the 125m high wind turbines. The mast has a red light on the top, making it particularly identifiable at night. So, when you look at the mast, try and envisage what much taller and wider structures looming out from the same location might look like.

Force 9 Energy has now also submitted the application for the industrial wind turbines, which have been changed from 5 to 4 in number. They did this 2 days before Christmas, giving AVDC no time to upload the extensive application prior to the Christmas holidays – a disgraceful tactic designed to ensure valuable time is lost in the consultation period. From the date of submission there is only a 16 week period in which AVDC must consider and ultimately approve or reject the application. Once again, if you oppose the wind turbines going up so close to our properties, you need to take action and write an objection letter (even if you previously wrote one in opposition to the met mast) – you can find out more by visiting the website www.stopdorcaslaneturbines.com.

Via the website you can also enroll to receive the email newsletter that we send out with all the latest news, which is the best and easiest way of being kept informed.

In the New Year the Stop Dorcas Lane Turbines action group will be holding a series of road shows around all the local villages, the purpose of which will be to share as much information as we are able to give regarding the specific application and the issues around it. We will also have with us the 3D computer model produced by Force 9, with which one is able to view the turbines from any location in your village and beyond - we will do 1-1 sessions with any resident interested in seeing how the turbines will impact their views. The remaining dates are :

Village	Location	Time
Newton Longville	Village Hall, Paradise Newton Longville MK17 0AQ	Saturday 28 th January 12.30-5.00 pm
Soulbury	All Saints Church	Saturday 4 th February 12.30-5.00 pm
Drayton Parslow	Sports and Social Club Main Road, Drayton Parslow MK17 0JR	Saturday 11 th February 12.30-5.00 pm
Stewkley	Village Hall High Street North, Stewkley LU7 0EW	Saturday 18 th February 12.30-5.00 pm

IT'S BACK!!

The Soulbury Ball

23rd June 2012

Tickets are going fast, so tables must be reserved by the end of February and paid for by the end of March

Contact

Sam Mardlin

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sammardlin@aol.com

We would love to see you so please come along to any of the road shows. Again, more details are on the website.

For those of you who have recently received a revised copy of the 3D Computer model from Force 9, it pains us to say that this second version is again inaccurate. The turbines depicted upon the model are substantially lower in height than those that would be built at Dorcas Lane! This unforgivable “error” was communicated back to Force 9 by SDLT and they have advised that a 3rd version of the disk has now been dispatched. Let’s hope this one is accurate.

Finally, we would like to say to all residents that we believe the wind turbines represent the biggest threat that has ever been faced by this community, both to the health and wealth of residents and to their rights to enjoy the beautiful local countryside. If you feel the same, please show your support – write an objection letter and come to a road show

This article has been written by Stop Dorcas Lane Turbines action group. For more information visit www.stopdorcaslaneturbines.com.



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