

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Message from Philip:

Dear all, Happy new year---first drop of snow I see! February 2nd is Candlemas, otherwise the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple by Joseph and Mary. In the US it's Ground Hog Day when these subterranean hibernating creatures poke their heads up to see what the weather is doing! Snowdrops begin to appear eventually and we get a small glimmer of the end of winter.

Hope is very important for we humans---we've just journeyed through Advent/Christmas when we feel the hope of the people of Biblical times and our own hopes for the coming of the infant Jesus. How much our world needs peace and good will to be shared. Even a minority in Belfast still can't get the point that the way forward is cooperation/negotiation not open conflict with the beleaguered Police.

Nobody 'enjoys' a recession (double dip or otherwise) but suppose it serves the purpose of waking us up to our real values. I was leafing through some old papers recently and came across something I wrote in 1992 called 'Thatcher's other children: young men in Prison'. Some of the content is still relevant now: unmotivated young girls having a baby to get a flat, the gap between welfare and work not being big enough etc. etc! So many issues need addressing and we seem to bog ourselves down in details rather than having a fundamental discussion about what our values and motivations are about.

Which brings us back to Joseph and Mary doing what was required of them under the old law in order to bring about the necessary change in understand that their son would begin just thirty years' later as he launched his public ministry.

Enjoy the first signs of Spring as the Ground Hog pokes his head up to see what's going on! All best wishes, Philip.

**CHURCH FETE:** It was heartening to see the number of people who recently gathered to kick-off the resurrection of the Soulbury Village Fete! The desire is high, but the budget is low - so the organisers are on the look out for good ideas and volunteers! Please email the Soulbury News address if you would like to be involved!

**MR DENNIS ASHBURNER :** We were very sorry to hear that Dennis had passed away just before Christmas. Dennis had lived in the village for many years. He worked for Robinson's coaches for several years as a driver. We send our condolences to Hilary, Denise and Graham.

**WINTER WARMTH :** Age UK are currently working on their Winter Warmth Project, the aim of which is to provide help and advice for older people in the community during cold weather. If you would like some advice for yourself, or someone else in the community, please contact Age UK on 01296 431911. [www.ageukbucks.org.uk](http://www.ageukbucks.org.uk)

## PARISH NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 14 January 2013. The date of the next meeting is Monday 18 February 2013 at 19:30 - all are welcome.

### Christmas Tree and Oak Tree – thank you

Many comments were passed on how good the Christmas Tree looked and we have many people to thank for its success. Donations were received from Robin Heath, Vin Prater, Norma Kempster, Dave Beer, Paul Rucklidge, Steve Brewer and David Jones. Not only were we able to purchase the Christmas Tree, but we were able to purchase three further sets of lights. We thank these people for their generosity. We also thank Chris Bryant, Daniel Axtell-Powell, Alan Stevens, Vic Wright, Dave Beer and David Jones for their help in erecting the tree. Many hands did make lighter work. We would like to mention that the money that was left, in agreement with the sponsors, was used to purchase planting materials needed for the oak tree that was planted during December.

The **CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG** was a sell out. The monies raised will go towards paying for fencing etc. for the children's playground. A similar evening will be held on **1st June** to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

**SOCIAL GROUP :** The next meeting is on Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> and then on Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm. On Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Lynne Maddocks, a Community Officer from Aylesbury Vale is coming to join us and see what we do, which is just talk and eat cake. Will she be impressed I ask myself? Any newcomers are very welcome to join us on this occasion or any time.

**CHRISTMAS PARCELS :** The recipients of the parcels would like to express their thanks to the Stapleford Trust, and all those who made the deliveries, they were much appreciated.

**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](http://www.wingscouts.org) for more details.

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS :

**WORK PARTY:** The next Work Party will take place on the Green on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am till noon and 2pm till 4pm.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** There will be another **BAKE DAY** in the Parish Hall on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. After a demonstration on how to make bread, you will be able to knead your own dough (good fun!) and make a loaf of either granary, whole-meal or white flour. All ingredients are provided. Loaves cost £2.50. **CAKES CAN BE PRE-ORDERED.** Victoria, coffee, lemon sponges cost £4.00 and chocolate sponges £4.50. Please order your cake by phoning Liz on 01525 376198 or Elizabeth on 270838 or Christine on 270377.



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December has seen a great deal of activity in the fight against the proposal to site 4 x 410ft wind turbines at Dorcas Lane, and a summary of these events will shortly be delivered to you. Included will be **a letter**, the content of which we hope you will approve, sign and send to the AVDC.

**The letter** relates to Dorcas Lane and covers some new issues raised by the latest documents submitted to AVDC by the joint-developers Force 9 Energy (F9E) / Électricité de France (EDF). Because F9E / EDF have submitted more data to AVDC we need you to write this additional Letter of Objection.

If you require more letters to sign please make copies or contact any one of the following committee members and letters will be delivered to you.

If you wish your signed letters to be collected from you please contact a member of the Committee or you can drop them into The Boot.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Joseph Cresswell, Chairman, Soulbury/Hollingdon Grassroots Committee

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**W.I. NEWS :** The WI started 2103 with a most informative evening spent in the company of John Stepney. He is the local co-ordinator of SERV (Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers) also known as "Blood Runners". This is a group of motorcyclists who in their spare time transport blood, samples and other urgently required medical supplies including donor breast milk between hospitals. They provide the service between 7pm and 6am every day of the year, with 24hr coverage at weekends and bank holidays. They have progressed from about 100 runs in 2009 to an expected 1300 in 2012. Many of us were unaware of their existence and felt most grateful for their dedication. (This month we will be welcoming The Guru Kaur with a talk entitled "Be the woman you were born to be")

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Sun. 10th Feb. - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Sun. 3rd Mar. - 11:30am	Morning Worship
Wed. 13th Feb. - 7:30pm	Communion & Ashing (Stewkley)	Sun. 10th Mar. - 11:30am	MOTHERING SUNDAY
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Mondays	4th & 18th	Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Saturday	2nd February	Millennium Green Work Party
Tuesday	12th February	7:30pm W.I. - Be the Woman You Were Born to Be The Guru Kaur
Thursday	14th February	2:30pm Social Group
Monday	18th February	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting (Parish hall)
Sunday	17th March	Soulbury Breakfast



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