

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS

**NEW FAMILY SERVICE:** We are launching a new Family service on SUNDAY MARCH 2ND at 11.30am. It will be led by the Revd. Philip Derbyshire and is aimed at younger people with children but is not just for children but for parents, mothers and fathers and all those who care for children. Further details will be circulated via a flier in the next few weeks.

**Message from Philip:** Dear friends, Happy New Year to you all--when do we stop saying that? We've just celebrated the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem in a downtrodden province of the eastern Roman Empire 2000 years ago. Along with Britain, colonised by the Romans 50 years after Jesus' birth, Israel-Palestine was the most troublesome area for the Romans to deal with. Rebellions happened on a regular basis.

Both provinces has 3 Legions of troops permanently settled in them: the rest of the Empire had 20 in total! Jesus' family had to immediately pack up and flee to Egypt to get away from a very angry King Herod, an experience similar to many millions in north Africa and the Near and Middle East now.

There are so many examples of mankind's cruelty to others and it calls for more than a leap of faith to adopt a naive belief in the infallible goodness and reliability of many of our fellow men and women. Fortunately there are wonderful people around who put love of family, friends and country above their own selfish needs. Many of these base their behaviour on Jesus' understanding of loving God and neighbour as oneself. If we could only get hold of that as a working philosophy and enshrine that dynamic relationship into our daily living maybe, just maybe we would begin to see the end of such horrors as the Syrian war and exploitation of child workers in India and Indonesia. God Bless you, Philip.

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The trustees would like to thank the Parish Council, especially Vic Wright, for organising the arrival of several, young men from Milton Keynes doing Community Service. As well as clearing up the church yard, cleaning the Parish Hall outside, they have done a grand job on the Millennium Green. They have cleared the brambles along the left hand side hedge and cleared the old pond and dismantled the broken down wooden platform and made a new bridge. Many thanks to them, the Probation Service and Jon Sheppard.

## SOCIAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Social Group is on Wednesday February 5th in the Parish Hall at 2.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in. If you would like more information, please phone Christine on 270377.

## THANK-YOUS

On behalf of those who received a Christmas parcel from The Stapleford Trust, we would like to say a big thank you. We are sure it was very much appreciated. Thank you to those who helped erect and decorate the Christmas tree on The Green and to those who helped take it down.

## CRICKET CLUB NEWS - 150 YEARS

At the The Village Cricket Club will be celebrating 150 years of sport in the village, albeit with a gap during the war years. The first recorded match was on 6th September 1864 v Stoke Hammond. There are several events planned to celebrate this, including a rematch of this first game. All are welcome and further details will be published each month to remind you! The programme is as follows:

**Saturday 5th April:** 7:30 pm Race Night at Stoke Hammond Sports Club. Note change of date and venue! Just turn up, but a 'phone call or email will help with planning catering requirements.

**Sunday 13th April:** Golf Day at the Three Locks Golf Club.

**Sunday 4th May:** 150 year rematch v Stoke Hammond. Refreshments will be available all day - why not come along for Afternoon Tea and enjoy the cricket?

**Sunday 27th July:** Chairman's v Captain's XI

**Saturday 4th October:** to complete the year there will be a Grand Celebration Ball in the Players' Suite at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel at the MK Dons Stadium.

**Contact:** 150years@soulburyvcc.org.uk

How's That!

**W.I. NEWS** Soulbury WI started off the New Year with a very interesting talk given by one of our members, Esther Martin, on her experience of spending two years in Cambodia with the Voluntary Service Overseas, and helping trainee midwives.

This was a very well attended meeting, with guests, who are always welcome, and we hope will become members. The next meeting is on 11th Feb. when our speaker will be talking on the History of Pearls.

## SOULBURY BREAKFAST

Thank you to all those who supported this event, over £300 was raised to Church Funds. The next one will be on Sunday 23rd March.

**1ST STEWKLEY SCOUTS** would like to say thank you to all the residents of Soulbury who donated towards our xmas tree collection. We collected over 90 trees this year from Stewkley and Soulbury and this year they will be chipped ready for re-use by Milton Keynes Parks Trust. All monies raised will be put into the fund to help relocate our scout headquarters in the near future. Andy Dunn, Scout Leader, 1st Stewkley Scouts.

**STEWKLEY SINGERS** invite you to come and sing!

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Tickets (including light refreshments and music hire) £16.

To register: please visit our website at [www.stewkleysingers.org](http://www.stewkleysingers.org)

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 20th January. The next meeting will take place on Monday 17th February 2014 at 19:30. All are welcome.

**Automated External Defibrillators:** We have tried to obtain funding towards the purchase of two AED's, but unfortunately Aylesbury Vale District Council do not have grants or funding available. We have explored various avenues in an endeavour to obtain funds. Also, the Parish Council are not in a position to claim back tax under a gift aid scheme, as this has been suggested. We have already budgeted for one AED and are in need of more donations for the purchase of a second AED. If you are able to contribute any amount at all, it will be gratefully received. Again, we thank the people who have already contributed.

**Millennium Green Playground:** The Parish Council have agreed to use 106 money to fund professionally laid flooring to the playground that contains the wooden apparatus. As this part of the Millennium Green is susceptible to water-logging, extra drainage is to be laid as part of the same contract.

**Speeding in the village:** At the November meeting there was a fair amount of vocal public participation with regard to vehicles speeding through the village and residents that attended wanted something done about it. It is a common problem in most villages and a difficult one to deal with. However, we can try and it requires commitment and involvement from village residents. The police require recorded information and statistics as proof that there is a problem and have suggested that we set up a speed watch. This was explained and published in the December Newsletter following the meeting. The response for volunteers needed to enable a speed watch to be organised was very poor. Thank you to the four ladies who have volunteered. However, if we do not get a reasonable number of people volunteer, then we will not organise a speed watch. It is anticipated that we will possibly need 3-4 persons per shift and a shift should not last longer than two hours. It is probably necessary for two shifts per day, five to seven days per week. The more shifts we can achieve, the more accurate and useful the information. We would expect to have in excess of thirty volunteers in order that a lot of time and effort is not left to just a few people. If we cannot get volunteers, then clearly residents cannot think there is a speeding issue in Soulbury. Hoping for a better response, we have re-published the content of December Newsletter below:

**Speed Watch:** Without back-up information, the situation cannot be improved. If residents feel there is a problem with speeding in the village, then we need your help. The more volunteers' available means less pressure on just a few and we are more likely to get somewhere. If you think this is worth pursuing, please volunteer to take part. Possibly a better time of year to start this would be Spring over a period of several months. However, we do need to know now if we have enough people to take part before organising and booking the equipment. Please register your name and telephone number by calling Cllr Vic Wright on 01525 270537 or emailing to [junewzone-speedwatch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:junewzone-speedwatch@yahoo.co.uk)

**Volunteer Recruitment Campaign for Drivers:** Community Impact Bucks are running a campaign with the aim to recruit more volunteer drivers for charities in Buckinghamshire. Their literature is displayed on the Parish Council notice board situated outside the Parish Hall. Their aim is to encourage people with some spare time to do something as small as taking an isolated or vulnerable person to a social gathering, leisure activity or hospital appointment. For more information please call 0300 1111 250 or email [info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk)

**Community Payback, Thames Valley Probation:** The Parish Council has been working with Thames Valley Probation in offering work to offenders under the "Unpaid Work in the Community" scheme, where it gives offenders the chance to make practical reparation to

the community. We are working with a group of eight individuals and a Probation supervisor. They have cleaned the exterior of the Parish Hall, including roof and guttering, swept and tidied surrounding ground. They have helped clear brambles and bracken from the church grounds and are currently working on the Millennium Green. We feel there is plenty that needs doing in Soulbury, so this will continue for a while and trust it benefits both parties. Thank you to the people in the village that have contributed so far to the organisation of the work including Vic Wright, Rosemary Fopp and Jon Sheppard.

**Best Kept Village :** We will not be entering the Best Kept Village competition as judging is in May this year. It appears there is quite a lot of tidying needed, which is probably not achievable. Also, we do need a separate committee to organise keeping the village in good condition generally. If you are interested in forming a committee going forward to next year, please contact Cllr Vic Wright on 01525 270537.

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Sun. 2nd Feb. - 11:30am	Morning Worship	Andrew & Lesley Berry	Candlemas
Sun. 9th Feb. - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire	
Sun. 16th Feb. - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev, Ian Ogilvie	
Sun. 23rd Feb. - 11:30am	Morning Prayer	Annie Cooper	
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Mondays	3rd & 17th		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Tuesdays	4th & 18th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	11th & 25th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	11th	7:30pm	W.I. - A Passion for Pearls
Wednesdays	5th, 19th & 5th		Social Group
Monday	17th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall)



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