

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

NUMBER 450 - FEBRUARY 2015

(closing date for next edition - 18th February)

CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message

Dear friends, Jesus got into a verbal stand-off with his detractors from time to time and naturally, emotions ran high. But there was a general understanding that you did not insult the divine or belittle someone's deeply held beliefs unless you expected a fierce response! This raises the question: should there be limits to free speech or should we be allowed to say or print anything we like no matter whom it hurts or offends? The happenings in Paris in early January have made this a very real and, indeed, a crucial question for us to address everywhere. If we are mature we should be able to cope with criticism and legitimate argument but should anyone really have to suffer foul, insulting and obscene comments and pictures, deliberately aimed at inflaming people's tempers? A 'satirical' magazine to one person is to another, crude, immature and deliberately offensive. Whilst we all condemn the murders of the 17 victims of the outrages carried out on 7th January, surely the owners of the magazine could hardly be surprised to get a violent reaction, considering all that has gone on since it was attacked in 2009. The truth of the matter is that Charlie Ebdon is not neutral or satirical but a committed secular paper, anti all faith and it appears quite pornographic also. It is very sad when a world which has progressed so far in so many ways can degenerate into (at best) undergraduate levels of rudeness and extreme violence as a 'solution'. We need to draw breath, step back, reconsider and find better ways of dealing with difference than either of those two deeply flawed approaches. Whatever or whoever we believe in, we surely need to resolve and pray that this Current insanity can be cured and we look at what unites us rather than what divides and try to find a creative way forward, rather than degenerating into crudity and barbarism. May peace fill your heart, mind and spirit. Amen. God Bless. Philip.

Social Group: The next meeting will take place on Wednesday February 4th in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm. We might play bowls, depending what people feel like! New members welcome.

The **Book Club** meets next on Wednesday February 11th in the pub, The Boot, at 12.30pm. If you would like to join the club, please phone Rita Marks on 270687. We have just read "The Brutal Art" by American author Jesse Kellerman and will discuss it a bit between drinks!

The January **Soulbury Breakfast** raised £310, thank you to everyone who came along. The next breakfast is on **Sunday 22nd March**.

Many thanks to all who sponsored money for the village Christmas Tree, and to Chris Bryant for the electricity supply for the lights.

NEWSLETTER FUNDS The newsletter is looking for sponsors. If you would like to help in this way, or get together with a friend/neighbour to share the cost of £57 for one month, please contact Mrs.P.Norman on 01525 270483 or email soulburynews@btinternet.com

THANK YOU - On behalf of all the recipients of Christmas Food Hampers, we would like to express thanks to The Stapleford Trust, and also those who took time out to deliver these.

1st Stewkley Scouts would like to say thank you to all those residents who asked us to collect their old Xmas trees for recycling. This year we collected well over 120 trees between Stewkley and Soulbury and raised £452 in the process. All the money that we raised will go towards the cost of moving our scout hut to its new location. **THANK YOU!**

RAY KIRK - Gillian, Rosalyn, David and Steve would like to express sincere thanks to Ray's family, friends, neighbours and members of Soulbury Village Cricket Club for the cards and messages of support received following the sad loss of Ray. Also thanks to all those who attended the service and for donations to the British Heart Foundation received in Ray's memory.

W.I. NEWS After a most enjoyable Social Evening last month it was back to business for Soulbury WI this month. Our new president, Jean Housley, welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the committee. Correspondence and matters arising for the past month were dealt with after which our speaker for the evening, Chris Lowe from the R.N.L.I. was introduced. He informed us that the basis of the Institute originated in 1924 on the Isle of Man. Since then, over the last 90 years it has expanded to 350 stations covering the whole country. There are about 4,350 volunteers, including women, affiliated to the stations. He then went on to tell us about some of the rescues carried out in the past. He was thanked by Tricia Meers after which we partook of the delicious refreshments. The meeting then discussed the Resolutions to be presented at the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting to be held later in the year. Members were given a copy of the programme of the topics for 2015. These included talks on Suffragette, Victorian Pharmacies, Fun with D.N.A. and travels in MyanMar to name but a few. If any of these appeal to you (females only I'm afraid) why not come along and join us at one of our meetings. We are a very friendly group with a fairly wide age span and would love to see some new faces! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except Aug.) at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Our next meeting is on Tues. 10th Feb. when the speaker will be Terry Payne whose subject will be "The Secret History of Nursery Rhymes".

SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN The first **100 Club** draw for this year was on 27th January and the winner is No 12, Miranda Storey. It's still not too late to join and, as you have missed one draw, the price per entry is £11. Please contact Elizabeth Caplan on 270838 (4 The Mead) and let her know how many entries and in what names you would like, with your £11 per entry. The next **Bake Day** is scheduled for Saturday 14th March. Any offers of the use of nearby ovens would be very much appreciated - please contact Liz Miller (376198), Christine Sheppard (270377) or Elizabeth Caplan (270838).

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

All Saints' PCC would like to thank Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society (BAS) for the contribution made towards the Grinling Gibbons monument restoration fund. BAS has been in existence since 1847 and is one of the oldest in the country. It is the senior body in the County in the fields of Archaeology, Architecture and Local History. It has active specialist sections for Historic Buildings and Natural History. The Society is based at (and also founded) the County Museum in Aylesbury and still owns the main museum buildings and a large part of its collections, although the museum is now leased and run by the County Council. The BAS covers the whole of the old historic county of Buckinghamshire from Milton Keynes in the north to Eton in the south. For more information, please see their web-site www.bucksas.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 19th January, where we welcomed seven members of the public. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 16th February at 19:30 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Parish Precept: The Precept for 2015/16 was discussed and agreed.

Paul Newman Homes: At the meeting, debate was held about the proposed development at Valley Farm on the edge of the Parish. During that debate it was agreed that we should hold a referendum. However, you should all be aware that you are all permitted to attend Parish Council Meetings and voice your opinions. Paul Newman Homes did hold a consultation exhibition in the Parish Hall which was advertised across the Parish, open to all and questionnaires were available, however that is not to say we are not going to give everyone a further chance to have a say. Despite the fact that the Council's ability to make decisions was called into question, we would issue the following statement:-

“Having carefully reviewed all of the information available and having assessed the developer's consultation, Soulbury Parish Council is supporting Paul Newman Homes' proposals in the Soulbury Parish. If you've any further feedback to provide beyond that given during the consultation to date, or would like any more information, please email Soulbury online at www.Soulbury.org where you will find names and addresses of the Parish Councillors, or post your comments to 14 Chapel Hill LU7 0BZ or Stapleford Cottage LU7 0DS.”

Paul Newman Homes Leaflet Drop: Paul Newman Homes have organised a leaflet drop for the main part of Soulbury Parish. For the outlying areas of the Parish they have given us leaflets to include with this newsletter. Therefore, each dwelling should receive a leaflet. If you have not received one of these leaflets, please let us know and a copy will be delivered to you. Contact Victor Wright on 270537 or victor.wright51@btinternet.com

Parish Council contact numbers: Chairman - Victor Wright

270537; Vice Chairman - Maurice Cross 270503; Councillors - Alan Stevens 270213; Margaret Rowe 270355; Ian Culley 07787 784750; Valerie Redbart 270246



The Pilates Workshop .co.uk

**New Beginners Pilates Mat Class
Commencing October 2014
Soulbury Parish Hall**

Wednesday 10.30am

Stoke Hammond Community Centre

Sunday 10.30am Improvers/Intermediate
Sunday 11.30am Children's Class (ages 11-16)
Monday 8pm Beginners/Improvers
Private sessions also available



louisa.pilates@gmail.com
www.ThePilatesWorkshop.co.uk
Tel: 07941 203589

EASY READ Do you have a couple of half hours a week to give towards teaching an adult that wants to learn to read? That is all it takes to help someone open up their life with all the possibilities that reading can bring. There are approximately 2.4 million adults in England who have slipped through the net and have a reading age of less than a 7 year old. Can you imagine not being able to read a newspaper or food labels, a bedtime story to your children or fill in a form? Read Easy offers the only national scheme for one to one tuition for adults who struggle with reading. All our coaching is provided free, in confidence and by trained volunteers. We are holding an open evening at Talon House, Presley Way, Crownhill, Milton Keynes, MK8 0ES. 6pm Thursday 5th February for anyone who feels they might like to find out a bit more about the Read Easy UK charity that is being rolled out into the Milton Keynes area next year. We are looking for coaches, founding members of the management committee, co-ordinators, fundraisers. Anyone and everyone who would be interested in helping to set this local branch up.

www.readeasy.org.uk

Susie Webster 07768 923 336 and Sue Warden 07912 624565

Chelmscote Construction Services Ltd.

The Ridgeway, Chelmscote,
Nr Leighton Buzzard Beds LU7 0DT

Telephone: 01525 270115
Mobile: 07547 918887

chelmscote.cs@gmail.com

Specialists of all aspects in the repair and refurbishment of listed and historic buildings

Oak frame repair-replacement, Traditional lime plasters, Joinery, Roof repairs-reroofs, Extensions/renovation, All ground works/landscaping

And of course all other building projects big or small. Clients include The National Trust and County Councils. Fully insured with over 25 years experience. For a free quotation or help and advice please do not hesitate to contact us.

TGR Electrical

ELECSA approved Electrician
Fuse Boards, Sockets, Lights etc.
Based in Stewkley, Free Quotes
01525 240498 / 07840 100501



Contact us for all your personal or business needs in:
Accountancy
Tax
Book keeping
IT support

Also specialist advice:

Personal and Business Tax returns.
Financial planning
Mortgages - specialising in the self-employed and business owners
Protection of family homes from Care home fees
Inheritance tax
Contractors' schemes
Extraction of profits from limited Companies

Littlemead, Hollingdon Leighton Buzzard LU7 0DN
Telephone: 08450 949235
www.theaccountants4u.com
info@theaccountants4u.com

ACCA

Exquisite Cleaning

We take pride in your home.

Domestic Cleaning

Carpet Cleaning

Upholstery Cleaning

Fully Insured, Police Checked & Certified Cleaning Technician

Telephone Chris

01525 240512 / 07850 540393

Or Email

chris@exquisitecleaning.co.uk

Steven Mitchell

Plumbing & Heating Engineer
Boiler replacement and servicing.

All domestic plumbing
Bathroom Suites

19 Bideford Court, Linslade
07958 360464

Gas Safe Registered Installer :
522192



Malcolm & Judith Day
01525 372393



Interactive & educational songs
for pre-school children

SOULBURY PARISH HALL
OPPOSITE THE CHURCH

MONDAYS 10am - 11am
(term time only)

£4 per family
Under 6-months free

www.allthemusicman.co.uk

Bug-A-Off Pest Control



Any pest related
problem...SOLVED



Immediate Response All pests considered
All methods used, including live removal
Price on Application, Contact Nigel Bliss

01525 240619 / 07767 864698

www.bug-a-offpestcontrol.yolasite.com

J & J Luxford Ltd.

Stewkley based builders



For all your building needs project
managed from design to completion

For testimonials and information visit

www.luxfordbuilders.co.uk

Julian Luxford 07885 455203
James Luxford 07860 726741

K.B. Chimneys Chimneysweep

All Chimneys swept clean, clean and
tidy - no mess. 23 years experience
Don't let your chimney catch fire this
winter.

Tel : 01525 379271

Dog's Body

Professional
Dog Groomer

Jenny Franchi
(City & Guilds Trained)

The Warren, Grove Farm
Church Road,
Stoke Hammond
Bucks, MK17 9BP

Tel : 01525 270277 /
07780 675379

Soulbury Parish Hall

Perfect venue for children's parties
and small social events.

For details and to book please email
soulburyparishhall@gmail.com

Denne Country Stores

Pet Food & Supplies, Equestrian Specialist
Clothing & Foot Wear

DIY, Fencing & Farm Supplies

DOLLAR FARM Tel: 01525 270211

Open 6.5 days www.dennecountry.co.uk



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SERVICES

Team Rector : Rev. Philip Derbyshire, The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel 240287

Team Vicar Wing & Wingrave : Rev. Helen Barnes

Team Vicar Cheddington with Mentmore : Rev. Gill Rowell



Sun. 1st Feb - 11:00am	FAMILY WORSHIP	Sun. 1st Mar - 11:00am	FAMILY WORSHIP
Sun. 8th Feb - 11:30am	Parish Communion		
Sun. 15th Feb - 11:30am	Parish Communion		
Wed. 18th Feb - 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday	Ashing & Holy Communion	STEWKLEY
Sun. 22nd Feb - 11:30am	Parish Communion		

THREE LOCKS
bistro & venue
www.threelocksgolfclub.co.uk

Celebrate

at the Three Locks

The Three Locks

more than just a golf club

Our wonderful, modern Bistro is the perfect place to hold special occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and other family occasions. Whether it's an intimate gathering or a larger affair our imaginative menus, beautiful surroundings and scenery, as well as your own personal touches, will ensure that your event is everything you want it to be.

We can even accommodate a marquee within the grounds, with all the amenities that you need to hand, to make it a spectacular day!

Exclusive Venue Hire

Whether celebrating an anniversary, a birthday, a christening or would like the Bistro all to yourselves for a company party, let us help you organise it.

Give us call today: 01525 270220



www.threelocksgolfclub.co.uk

THREE LOCKS
bistro & venue

Tel: 01525 270220 E-mail: info@threelocksgolfclub.co.uk Great Brickhill, Milton Keynes, MK17 9BH



VillageProperties

Residential Sales & Lettings

Old Manor Court,
Stewkley

01525 242272 or 07921904638

www.villageproperties.co



Are you looking for a baby sitter? Call Emily 01525 279552
or Emily Stevens 01525 270514

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays	10th & 24th	Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesdays	3rd & 17th	Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Mondays	2nd & 16th	Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Wednesday	4th	2:30pm Social Group
Saturday	7th	10am Millennium Green Work Party
Tuesday	10th	7:30pm W.I. "The Secret History of Nursery Rhymes"
Monday	16th	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	22nd March	9:30am Soulbury Breakfast



BURGINS TAXIS

Established 1946, well maintained modern fleet of 4 to 8 seater vehicles, very competitive rates for local, long distance and airport transfers. Simply the best taxi service in the area.

01525 372131

mail@burginstaxis.co.uk

This month's newsletter is sponsored by Gillian, Rosalyn, David & Steve, family of the late Ray Kirk.

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

Mrs. Norman 270483

soulburynews@btinternet.com

ERIC PICKLES REJECTS APPEAL FOR WIND FARM AT DORCAS LANE

We are delighted to share some fantastic news with all the local communities - THE SECRETARY OF STATE ERIC PICKLES HAS REJECTED THE APPEAL TO BUILD FOUR 125M HIGH WIND TURBINES AT DORCAS LANE, NEAR STOKE HAMMOND.

The Planning Inspector who presided over the Appeal Hearing back in the summer recommended that the appeal be dismissed and planning permission be refused. The Secretary of State has agreed with the Inspector's conclusions on the appeal and with her recommendations. The Inspector concluded that the proposal would be harmful to the character and visual appearance of the landscape as well as causing significant adverse visual impacts on a number of properties, in particular resulting in one property becoming an unsatisfactory place to live.

The Developer now has 6 weeks from the Decision Date (22nd December) to challenge the decision via the High Court. A challenge can only be made on grounds that the decision is not within the powers of the Town and Planning Act or that any of the relevant requirements have not been complied with in relation to the decision. We will thus have to wait until early February but we are confident that there is no credible legal challenge to the decision and we remain absolutely convinced that this ill-judged development – driven by financial greed rather than any well-intended or well-planned green agenda – is about to be laid to rest for good..

As you may well know, SDLT have been fighting this proposed wind farm since it was first announced back in July 2011. Our success in taking on and defeating the developer Force 9 Energy and their financial backer EDF is, in its entirety, due to the hard work of a few and the great support – financial and emotional – of many. We are indebted to our District Councillors Neil and Janet Blake and our local MP John Bercow for their help and advice and all 6 local Parish Councils for their unwavering support. Most of all we are grateful to all the local residents for always rising to the challenge, whether it be attending events, providing donations or signing petitions and writing letters. It has sustained us when we have been at our lowest ebb to know the level of support on which we could count.

So a big thanks to everyone and SDLT would like to extend our warmest wishes to you all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

This article has been written by Stop Dorcas Lane Turbines action group. If you would like to find out more please visit www.stopdorcaslaneturbines.com or www.facebook.com/SDLTurbines. You can contact us via email stopdorcaslaneturbines@hotmail.co.uk.



STEWKLEY PLAYERS

Present their **113**th production

THE 39 STEPS

Adapted by Patrick Barlow

From the novel by John Buchan

From the movie of Alfred Hitchcock

Licensed by ITV Global Entertainment Limited

And an original concept by Simon Corble and Nobby Dimonh

in the Village Hall, STEWKLEY

WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2015 at 8pm

THURSDAY 26th MARCH 2015 at 8pm

FRIDAY 27th MARCH 2015 at 8pm

SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2015 at 8pm

Doors Open 7:30pm

Licensed Bar

TICKETS £ 5 (incl. programme) ON SALE FROM 02 MARCH 2015

Box Office Telephone : 07845 489 167

**8th, 15th and 22nd March: Sunday morning Box Office at the Village Hall
from 10:00 to 12:00**

Please pay for tickets in advance. Cheques payable to 'Stewkley Players'.