

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH NEWS

PARISH PLAN : We are pleased to advise that the Parish Plan will be delivered to all residents within the next few days. If you do not receive the plan, can you please contact the steering group on 01525 237654 or email housley2@tiscali.co.uk and a copy will be delivered as soon as possible. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with this project.

I W Housley (Chairman)
on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Group

JUBILEE FOUNTAIN : Further progress was made on Saturday 19th June in tidying the fountain, thanks to Daniel Axtell-Powell, Jim Cochrane and Vic Wright. They organised and laid weed control matting and gravel around and to the front of the fountain in order to reduce the overgrowth of weeds and grass, creating a clean foreground which shows off the fountain perfectly.

Our next working group is planned for Saturday 24th July, at 10am at the fountain, where we will aim to clear some of the horsetail surrounding the sump to the back of the fountain and try to repair the water system. If you can spare 1-2 hours at the end of July to help, this would be greatly appreciated.

JANE PHILLPOT : A new seat has been erected in the Millennium Green, in the orchard area, in memory of Jane who did so much for the Millennium Green in its infancy.

PLAY AROUND THE PARISHES : A volunteer is required to open and close the playground/clubroom on 28th July and 6th/18th/27th August. All sessions are FREE and will be on the playground if dry. If no volunteer comes forward then unfortunately this event will be cancelled in future years. For further information please contact Margaret Rowe on 01525 270355.

DOGS : Please note that it is an offence to take dogs into the play area in Mount Pleasant. Would parents please inform any children taking dogs for walks that it is not allowed. There is a fine for this offence.

CHURCH NEWS

The Parochial Church Councils in all the parishes of the benefice have been busy meeting to set out the Parish Profiles for the job advertisement for our next incumbent who will be based at Stewkley Vicarage. There was a meeting in St Michael's School, Stewkley on Wednesday June 30th of the P.C.C s of all 8 parishes, including Wing, Wingrave, Cheddington and Mentmore where opinions were expressed about the qualities needed in the prospective candidates. The job will be advertised in September and we will need someone who has experience of working in a Team Ministry.

There will be a Songs of Praise Service at St. James' Church in Aston Abbots at 6 pm on Sunday July 25th. Everyone is welcome. It would be nice if more people from Soulbury went to the different churches in our benefice, since we hope to be working more closely with one another in the future. Songs of Praise is a popular form of worship, so make the effort and come along.

BOOK AID: A request has been made for any bibles, all versions, any Christian books and Ladybird books in good condition to help in learning English, which you no longer need. Mr Ken Lamb from Stewkley collects these books to send abroad to donate to new Christians in some of the poorest countries of the world. If you can spare any of these books, please bring them to the church or to Christine Sheppard at 7, The Mead.

JUNE LINNEY : On behalf of the congregation of our Church, We would like to express our deepest sympathy to John Linney and to **June's family and friends in their sorrow at June's death. She was a devout member of All Saint's Church and will be missed so much. She died on Sunday June 27th and her funeral is on Monday July 5th at 11am.**

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will take place on Monday July 5th at 7.30pm in the Club Room. Everyone is welcome to attend and express opinions about the Green. Suggestions and help for future events would be much appreciated.

Some people will have seen the report in the local Leighton Buzzard Observer about the recent Schools' Festival (it has been suggested we call it a Festival and not a Competition because it's too difficult to judge fairly when the children perform such diverse pieces). It was a truly delightful occasion, performed in the church because it was too risky to rely on the weather being favourable. One day we will actually see it enacted on the Millennium Green stage as we had planned !!

Three schools took part, High Ash CofE School from Great Brickhill, Greenleas Lower School from Linslade and Overstone County Combined School from Wing and the prize money was shared between them. The church was full with about 150 people, 80 children, together with parents, teachers and helpers. We had a great orchestra and two lovely choirs. Many, many thanks to all those who helped make it such an enjoyable afternoon: first of all to the children and their teachers, who had obviously worked so hard: then to our Parish Council for giving the prize money and particularly to Councillor Alan Stevens who did a grand job as master of ceremonies. Thanks to all these people for helping in so many ways: Andy King and Rachel Bond from Lets Buzz for the PA system; Mary MacGillivray, Hillary Ashburner, Janet Cresswell, Pat Jones, Joyce Pilley, Greeba Cochrane, Sue Taylor and Liz Miller, who was chief organiser and Jon Sheppard from the board of trustees. If I've left anyone out, I apologise!

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will take place at the home of Mrs Margaret Owen, the Old Vicarage at 2.30pm on Monday July 26th. We shall be discussing the contemporary novel "The Secret River "by the Australian writer Kate Grenville, a novel that was shortlisted for the Man Booker prize in 2006.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The Club is up and running for Sunday friendly fixtures. The bar will be open from 6pm on home match days - all welcome and what a pleasant way to spend a sunny summer afternoon. Players and also volunteers willing to help with any aspect of running the Club more than welcome! Please ring Brian Mead on 01525 376606

TRAVELLING HEROES

Travelling Heroes: A talk by Robin Lane Fox on Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 6:30 pm, St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London SW1X 0BD. In aid of All Saints Church, Soulbury.

If you [Google Robin Lane Fox](#) you are faced with several choices: gardener, historian, classicist, film star, expert on Alexander the Great, lecturer on pagans and Christians, Oxford don, and so it goes on. This coming autumn the BBC will broadcast a series of television programmes based on his latest book 'Travelling Heroes' which transports us back to the epic age of Homer. The talk is bound to be lively, informal and hilarious. With wit, charm and erudition Robin Lane Fox will tell us of his Travelling Heroes as he confides: 'I continue to wish to revisit the Greek world of the eighth century BC'. In Homer's Iliad the goddess Hera flies across to Mount Olympus and is compared to a particular movement of the human mind: 'When a man has travelled far and wide, his mind will sometimes leap and he will think 'I wish I was here, or I wish I was there as he longs for many different things'. Robin describes a magical trail of travel and myth across the Mediterranean. His book touches on the deprivations of that era (no sugar, no chocolate, no pians, a world of intense smell and pain) but the compensations are many. We go from Syria to the Bay of Naples; to Sicily and Cyprus; Crete and Egypt. Fact and fiction seem to meet: the past and the present are fused as he compares the Cilician plain in Turkey where horses now graze to those same flatlands from which King Solomon imported horses into Israel in the 10th century BC... similarly the latter-day sailor has to navigate by the same fierce easterly winds as those known to Greek cargo ships in days gone by, on their way home from the Holy Land. He could be writing his own book review when he says of Homer's travellers that they 'captivate and draw us back to this particular era and culture and an unsurpassed age of poetry' and that... 'nothing prepares us for this dazzling achievement.' Robin Lane Fox, like the Greeks of the eighth century, is 'distinguished for words rather than things.'

All welcome, please contact Mrs Chris Bryant for more info: 01525 270607 or mrschris@soulbury.org

W.I. NEWS

The speaker at the June "Bring a Friend" meeting spoke about the life and time of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire. Georgiana was an ancestor of Princess Dianna and the speaker noted the remarkable similarities between the two lives. The July speaker is Elizabeth Bennion who will be talking about Tracing your Family Tree. If you would like to come, please call our secretary, Jean Housley on 01525 237654.

COMMUNITY MESSAGING

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Sunday	4th July	11:30am	Family Service (Andrew and Lesley Barry)
Sunday	11th July	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	18th July	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Peter Lymbery, Preacher Colin Smart)
Sunday	25th July	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	1st August	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)



CRICKET FIXTURES

www.soulburyvcc.org.uk

Sunday	4th July	Stoke Hammond	Home
Sunday	18th July	Eaton Bray	Away
Sunday	25th July	Aldbury Entertainers	Away

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Tuesdays	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th		Toddler Group	
Wednesdays	7th & 21st	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursdays	8th & 22nd		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Tuesday	13th July	8:00pm	W.I. - Tracing Your Family Tree (Elizabeth Bennion)	Clubroom
Thursday	15th July		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection	
Monday	19th July	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Saturday	24th July	10:00am	Jubilee Fountain Clean-up	
Wednesday	28th July	2pm- 4:30pm	AVDC Play Around the Parishes	
Thursday	29th July		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass	

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