

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 20 June. It was good to see nine members of the public attend the meeting. The next meeting is Monday 18 July at 19:30 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**Closure of By-pass:** From Wing roundabout to Drayton Road junction on 13 August at 22:00 to 06:00 on 14 August for repair work to overhead cables.

**Children's playground:** It was hoped that the play equipment would be installed sometime during the summer, but unfortunately there have been a few problems, particularly with trying to keep within budget. The Parish Council and Millennium Green Trustees are working together and are reviewing the situation.

**Mount Pleasant parking:** It has been reported that a bollard has been removed from a pedestrian area at the top end of Mount Pleasant and the area is being used to park vehicles. As a result the surface is breaking up and is in need of repair. Pedestrian areas do not have adequate foundations to take the weight and movement of vehicles, so may we ask that people refrain from parking on such areas. However, it has been pointed out that this space is possibly wasted given that there are parking issues in Mount Pleasant, so our County Councilor is going to ask Highways Department to visit with a view to discussing the possibility of making this area into use for vehicles. We are not sure that they will agree to fund such a project with so many road repairs to be carried out, but we can discuss it with them.

**Danger on High Road:** The Parish Council has been asked about the possibility of some sort of caution sign on the High Road where cars are parked in a solid line between the top of Chapel Hill and the Parish Hall. The problem is that one cannot see beyond the line of cars in either direction because of the bend. Cars approaching on the opposite side of the road have the right of way, but they cannot be seen by cars starting to pass the parked cars. It is difficult and the Parish Council will look into this.

**Jubilee Fountain:** We have had a quotation in the sum of £16,600 from a specialist refurbishment company to professionally restore and make safe the fountain. This will include underpinning, replacement of bricks where necessary, raking out and grouting of brickwork with lime plaster, and more. We are applying to the Buckingham Historic Buildings Trust for a grant to enable us to get this work carried out and an officer of the Trust is visiting the fountain on 6 July. There have been many discussions over a long period of years about having the fountain restored and at last we are moving nearer towards that possibility. However, we are desperate for volunteers to help tidy up around the fountain between now and the date of the Trust's visit. It is impossible for one person to continually do this, so if you have any spare time, may we ask you to spend some of it at the fountain if you are able. Go at any time that is convenient for you. Take a friend to help too. Be mindful of the road. You will need sturdy footwear, garden implements and gloves. Also, Vic will be at the fountain on Monday and Tuesday evenings, 4th and 5th July from 18:00-20:00 if anyone cares to join him for some last minute tidying before the Trust's visit on Wednesday. It is important that the Buckingham Historic Buildings Trust can see that we are doing what we can in the maintenance of the fountain.

**Wind Farm:** It is understood that residents in Soulbury and Stoke Hammond will have received a letter from Force 9 Energy regarding the proposal for a wind farm situated at the west side of Stoke Hammond. It is anticipated that these two villages will be the most affected by the proposed site, so we hope you have taken the opportunity to attend the public exhibition, which was held on 1 July at Stock Hammond. At the time of writing the Parish Council have not met with Force 9 Energy, but an appointment has now been arranged. Let us know your views at the next Parish Council meeting.

**Thefts:** It has been reported that fourteen hens were taken from Soulbury a couple of weeks ago, whilst at the other end of the village a beehive, complete with bees, was taken. Obviously, by somebody who knows what they are doing! Please keep a look out for anything suspicious in your area and report any theft, however minor you think it is. Police will make more of a presence in an area where this is happening and they will not know unless it is reported.

## CHURCH NEWS

It's all change this month for the church here in Soulbury – sad farewells and exciting new arrivals. On **Friday 8th July** at Cublington Cricket Club House at 7.30pm, there will be a Social Evening with wine and refreshments to say goodbye to Ian who has been so good to us during this long, rather difficult interregnum, without a fulltime priest. If you would like to come, please let Christine Sheppard know on 270377, sooner rather than later, because the caterers need to have a rough idea of numbers. On **Sunday 10th July** The Rev. Ian Ogilvie will take his last official service for the whole Benefice. It will be a Holy Communion Service at Stewkley church and Ian will preach (he always, in my view, delivers a thought-provoking, humorous and very interesting sermon) and will bid us all a fond farewell. He says he will be sorry to go in lots of ways but it has been a very taxing time for him too. It was supposed to be a part-time, two days a week job –but, as so often happens, it turned out to be a demanding, full time job!! because he's good and conscientious. On **Monday 18th July** here in All Saints' Church, the INDUCTION SERVICE for the Rev. Philip Derbyshire will take place at 7.30pm. We are expecting a lot of people. Bishop ALAN WILSON and Archdeacon KAREN GORHAM will conduct the service and everyone is of course welcome to attend. It is a very formal occasion with traditional rituals. Our Church is indeed honoured to have been chosen for this important event. After the Service, refreshments will be served in The VILLAGE HALL in Stewkley at about 9.00 pm, depending on how long the Induction Service takes. On **Sunday 24th July** our new vicar, the Rev. Philip Derbyshire will take his first Holy Communion Service here. Do please come along to welcome him. Nowadays, we have a regular but very small congregation of 12 or so people, so it would be good to have a few more people than usual. Even if you come out of curiosity, it would be nice for him to meet some of the residents. And, finally, on the last Sunday of the month, the fifth week, there will be our usual BENEFICE SERVICE, this time at Cublington Church, St Nicholas' at 10am. Again, we invite you to come along (if you need a lift please phone Christine on 270377) and meet other people from the whole benefice who are already working and will continue to work together in the future. How else will the Church survive?

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Quiz and Supper Evening, held on Saturday June 18th was as usual well-attended, not by many from the village, unfortunately, but by lots of supporters from Linslade and Leighton Buzzard. Many thanks to Bob Beaumont for compiling the questions, to Dave Miller for scoring so efficiently, to several trustees and wives for cooking the delicious food, and to everyone who helped contribute to a very enjoyable evening.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Millennium Green will take place in the Parish Hall on Monday July 11th at 7.30pm, followed by an ordinary meeting at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and voice their opinions, for and against what is happening on the green. Anyone who would like to join the board of trustees is especially welcome. We are really in need of more support, especially to help with working on the grass and tree areas, weeding and tidying up. We hope to borrow the Crusader Allen Scythe from the Greensand Trust in Stockgrove Park again soon to cut the long grass in the top meadow. Because of the long grass and the 20 or so varieties of grasses, it has been a pleasure to see the thousands of grasshoppers bombing about in this area and to observe these butterflies: ringlets, meadow browns, speckled woods, large skippers (a beautiful little orangey creature), a small blue and possibly best of all, a marbled white. There are good clumps of knapweed, bird's foot trefoil, meadow sweet and meadow vetchling. And for the first time there are walnuts on one of the walnut trees!!

The dog fouling situation is improving. We do not want to close it to dog walkers. The Dog Warden at Aylesbury Vale District Council has been informed of the problem and is helping us to deal with it, don't risk a £1000 fine!

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Sunday	10th July	<b>10:30am</b>	Special Holy Communion (STEWKLEY) - Farewell to Ian
Sunday	17th July	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24th July	11:30am	Holy Communion (The Rev. Philip Derbyshire's First Service)
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