

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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JUBILEE PICNIC

What a lovely day we had! It was a bit on the chilly side, I know (Have you seen the photo in the Leighton Buzzard Observer of the Fairbairn family sitting on the grass, sheltering from the wind behind a straw bale, in typical British style, dining al fresco!!) But at least it did not RAIN! Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make it the success it was, especially the Church and the trustees of the Millennium Green. Special thanks to Michael Fopp of Manor Farm Close who brilliantly organised the amazing fly-past of the Spitfire. The pilot could see us all waving, children adults and even dogs, because he flew so low down. What a spectacular noise it made and he waved his wings at us too, as he flew away. Many thanks to Michele Wilde and her family for the loan of the straw bales and the barbecue. It is so nice to have people in the community you can call on to help when you try and organise such events. Thank you!

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Millennium Green Trust will take place on Wednesday July 11th in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm, to be followed by an ordinary meeting at 8.00pm. We are in the process of welcoming two new members from the village on to the board and this news has delighted the rest of the trustees who have sometimes been a bit despondent at the lack of support from residents. Everyone is welcome to attend the A.G.M. On the weekend of June 30th and July 1st we are hiring an Allen scythe from Garden Machines Northampton to cut the long grass in the top meadow area to make hay. The reason we use an Allen scythe is that it does not murder the invertebrates, such as grasshoppers and crickets (both species live in long grass) as a rotary mower does. There are loads of grasshoppers in the grass at the moment and they ping about as you walk through in a delightful way. On the following weekend, on Saturday July 7th, we have a work party day when we hope to collect up the hay or turn it, if it is not RAINING! Everyone is welcome to come along – there are always plenty of jobs to do – mostly tidying up and weeding and cutting stuff back and the plum trees need pruning. At the end of July on Saturday the 28th, thanks to Mrs Sue Fu of Dean Farm Lane, we hope to welcome a group of youngsters who have come to do community action tasks. It has not yet been decided what to ask them to do – it depends how far along we are with hay-making and what the weather has in store but there is always plenty to do on the Green.

SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL: On June 20th we welcomed the following local schools to the Millennium Green to perform on the stone stage in the amphitheatre- the MacIntyre School, St Michael's, Greenleas and Southcott Schools. It was an absolutely delightful afternoon, partly because the weather was sunny and warm, but mainly because the children and youngsters from MacIntyre, were full of enthusiasm and obviously enjoyed dancing, singing and doing gymnastics. Now for thanks to the many people who helped us make it such a good event. First of all thanks to the Parish Council for giving the prize money, £50 for each school, and especially to Councillor Alan Stevens for being M.C.: thanks to Andy and Gill King from Linslade for the loan of the P.A. system, to the judges Rita Marks and Elizabeth Caplan; to Michele Wilde and family for putting up tents and gazebo, to Michele Nicholas of Mount Pleasant and all her helpers for coming with the MacIntyre contingent, to the refreshment ladies, Liz Miller, Claire Perry and Suzanne, and Mary MacGillivray for making and serving cakes and drinks. Finally (I hope I haven't left anyone out- apologies if I have); thanks to Don Haines for the loan of a rope to help tow and pull out a mini-van that got itself stuck in the soft, wet ground !! Thank you all.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 18th June. The next meeting is on Monday 16th July at 19:30. All are welcome. **Jubilee mugs:** There are still a few mugs remaining. If anyone would like to buy one for £5.50, please telephone 01525 270537.

Diamond Jubilee Weekend : Well what pleasure it gave me, as Parish Councillor, to see what a success everyone made of the weekend. The new play equipment arrived the week before and thanks to volunteers got erected on The Millennium Green by 1st June. In particular I must thank Claire, Mick, Fred and his good lady for all their efforts. Not only did they put the equipment together, but they cut the grass on the green in time to erect their masterpiece. Having cut the grass they then had to rake it up by hand as the mower decided enough was enough!! What an effort!! Thank you so much guys.

This is a catalogue of thank yous and I'll try not to forget anyone, if not by name then please feel included in groups. I must thank Elizabeth Caplan, Christine and John Sheppard and the Trustees of The Millennium Green for suggesting the Picnic on Saturday. I felt it was a very good turnout and I was so pleased to see so many of you enjoying the afternoon. The weather could have been warmer, but it did keep dry. The children certainly enjoyed the new play equipment and the play house, kindly donated by Carla and John, and moved by Bob and I. My thanks go to everyone who made the effort and supported the idea. Your attendance made the whole thing worthwhile. When the play equipment is installed permanently and fenced (to prevent dogs coming into the area), maybe we should hold an official opening or fun day or a village fete, any suggestions?

Monday was the lighting of the beacon! Thanks to Julian and John for helping to load the beacon (told you it would work!). Thanks to Margaret for preparing drinks and Peggy for bringing nibbles. Mostly thanks to all of you who again made the effort to come and be part of it. I doubt many of us will ever see a Diamond Jubilee again. It was particularly pleasing to see people who had travelled some distance from other villages and towns. Thank you ALL so very much.

I really feel that there may be a community spirit lurking somewhere in Soulbury. Let us all nurture that thought. Some useful suggestions were put forward to encourage us to do more and to build on what I considered a real success. Sincere thanks to you all once again!

Alan Stevens.

Spitfire : I thought I would just tell you that I was telephoned by the pilot of the Spitfire which flew over us today. Flt Lt Tony Parkinson (Parky to his friends) normally flies the RAF's main air defence fighter the "Typhoon" (he will soon be guarding us against terrorist threats from the air during the Olympics), but on weekends and major events has the privilege of flying the Hurricanes and Spitfires of the RAF's Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. As soon as he landed (after a "challenging" day because of the weather) he immediately called me to say that he enjoyed his flypast and display over Soulbury so much more than the other five displays he had done today for a simple reason. He could see, from the air, that it was a typical traditional English celebration of the Jubilee with children, adults, old folk (and even some dogs!), all having a jolly good time. I think that is the finest testimony to what we were trying to achieve than anything we could have wished for. I have, of course thanked him personally, and written to his commanding officer formally to express our appreciation of the highlight provided by the Royal Air Force to our Jubilee Picnic. - **Dr. Michael Fopp, 18th June 2012**

SOCIAL GROUP There is a small number, about ten of us, who meet regularly twice a month in the Parish Hall and, lately, we have just been talking, drinking tea and eating cakes. Sometimes we play a game. We would love to have more members. The next get-together is being held in Isobel's garden, if the weather is fine and if wet in the Parish Hall. Please phone Christine on 270377 if you would like to join us and to find out where exactly we will be meeting. It starts at 2.30pm

MRS MARY BROWN (WALKER)

We are very sorry to hear that Mary passed away on 30th May, our sincere condolences to Ann-Marie and all the family.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The weather has played havoc with the fixtures so far this season. Let's hope for better weather in July & August!

July fixtures, all matches commence at 2:00 pm:

Sunday 1st July away Eaton Bray

Sunday 8th July no match

Sunday 15th July away Bletchley Printers

Sunday 22nd July home Aldbury Entertainers

Sunday 29th July home Bletchley Cavaliers

MINISTRY TEAM

Team Rector: Revd. Philip Derbyshire

Team Vicars: Revd. Derek Witchell, Revd. Robert Wright

Associate Team Ministers: Revd. Siv Tunnicliffe, Revd. Roger Hale, Revd. Peter Binns

The Revd. Philip Derbyshire is based in Stewkley and comes to Soulbury church twice a month on average. The Revd. Derek Witchell is based in Wing and comes to All Saints' on the third Sunday of the month. The Revd. Robert Wright is based in Cheddington and so far hasn't come to All Saints' to take a service. The Revd. Siv Tunnicliffe is based in Wingrave and has come to our church to take christenings, funerals and weddings. The Revd. Roger Hale and the Revd. Peter Binns are from the Aylesbury area and take services in Aston Abbots and Cublington.

The Revd. Peter Lymbery has been unwell for some time now and as yet is not allowed to drive. We hope he will be able to take an occasional service and come and see us all again, once he is properly well.

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Sunday	15th July	11:30am	Parish Communion - Rev. Derek Witchell
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Wednesday	4th July	2:30pm	Social Group
Tuesday	10th	8pm	W.I. - Flower Arranging (IKEBANA) Jean Young
Monday	16th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall)



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The Open gardens on the weekend of 26 and 27 May raised £1,214.20 for Friends of Soulbury Church. That is a brilliant result so thank you all for all the gardeners who opened their gardens for the general public. There is a huge commitment in the run up to the open gardens to make them all look fantastic and so it is kind and generous of participants to make their gardens and time available. The weather over the weekend was as good as it could have been and all the gardens looked fabulous. In addition to the work on the gardens plant sales were organised and refreshments made available at The Old Vicarage (teas) and something stronger for those who made it up the hill to Manor Farm

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