

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS

**SOULBURY FETE - SUNDAY 14th JULY -  
See attached flyer for more information -  
hope to see you there.**

### Message from Philip:

Dear Friends, Earlier in the year I was at Diocesan Synod (a layer of Church government above Parishes) and an amazing character called Andy Goslar spoke. He is an eminent scientist at Oxford University and he told us that he was deeply indebted to Professor Richard Dawkins (famous Atheist, biologist at Oxford) for helping him find faith! When we all recovered from the stunning effect this statement had on us, he explained that Dawkins' constant attack on faith (of any sort) drove him to go and look at the New Testament. There he found a man, more than a man, Jesus, who clearly had some things to say about the human condition which nobody else had managed either before or since. This revelation was all the more remarkable because Andy is of a Jewish background. Recently in the national press one or two columnists have been saying things like why don't we back off from attacking those of faith and try to listen and respect those we don't understand, but who actually have something to say about the human condition---just because it might be ancient or wrapped around with strange words and rituals (try rugby or cricket, parliament or the stock exchange!) doesn't mean it's wrong or irrelevant.

Jesus threw back at Pontius Pilate the question 'What is true?' All I know is that all truth is true, whatever its source and we should try to learn from it and develop ourselves. There will always be disagreements, conflicts, arguments. It's how we deal with them which is the important thing, not always being right.

If you're planning a break enjoy, if not love where you are. God Bless you, Philip.

**The Annual General Meeting** was held a couple of months back in April, on Thursday 25th in the church. No-one came forward to offer their services as Churchwarden, so we now only have one Churchwarden, which is a shame, but we hope between us to share the duties and help Jane Luxton to fulfil her obligations. If anyone thinks they might be able to take on this commitment, do please let the rector, the Revd. Philip Derbyshire, know and the rest of the P.C.C. would be delighted. The members of the P.C.C. are as follows: Secretary Lady Nadine Bonsor, Treasurer Mrs Christine Bryant, Churchwarden Mrs Jane Luxton and Mr Michael Fopp, Mrs Hilary Ashburner, Mrs Debbie Kellner, Mr David Kellner, Mrs Margaret Owen, Mr Peter Reeves, Mr and Mrs Andrew Berry, Mrs Christine Sheppard and Mr Harry Ayris is an honorary member. Mrs Brenda Howell and Mrs Michele Wilde resigned as members. Many thanks are due to these two members for all their hard work over the last few years.

**Hearing Loop:** We are pleased to announce that we now have a hearing loop and P.A. system installed so this should make it a lot easier for those who are hard of hearing to hear everything that is being said and feel more part of the service. We must thank the Kellner family and Peter Baxter for the installation. Mrs Joyce Kellner was a life-time member of our congregation and did so much for the church and village for many, many years. Peter (Test Match Special Cricket Commentator) kindly gave a talk in Liscombe Park House to help raise funds.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 17th June, where we welcomed some members of the public. The next meeting will take place on Monday, 22nd July at 19:30, where all are welcome. Please be aware that there will be no meeting during August.

**Playground:** The goal posts on the Mount Pleasant playground have suffered damage and are no longer usable. It seems that they were fairly well used before damage, so we will try and acquire some metal goalposts of similar size, which hopefully will resist damage by adverse weather conditions and vandals.

**Footpath:** Consideration is being given to the best way of dealing with widening the footpath on High Road at the point adjacent to the playground. The grass verge needs cutting back and retaining to avoid future encroachment of the footpath.

**Aylesbury Vale Planning** – Local Development Order Consultation period runs until 8th August: Find out how a local development order might affect you.

What is a local development order (LDO)? Householders who currently need planning permission may in the future apply under a Householder Extension LDO process if their extension is straight forward and of low impact. This means that the LDO will allow certain single, first floor and two storey rear extensions and single storey side extensions on a detached or semi-detached home to be built without planning permission subject to meeting specific conditions and criteria. The proposed LDO will apply to most of the district.

Why are we doing this? Some agents and applicants have told us that they can be frustrated by how long it takes for simple planning applications to go through the permission process. One way we can help speed this up is by introducing this simpler process. This will also enable us to focus our resources on proposals that have the greatest impact.

How can I find out more? More details are available in our [consultation pack](#). You need to download this pack before submitting your comments [online](#). Go to AVDC website and click the following menu:- Planning & Building>Planning & Building Control Applications

We want your views on a new approach to gaining planning permission. The consultation on the LDO runs until 8 August and any comments must be with AVDC by midnight on that date.

**Ele Parrott, of Hollingdon**, is undertaking her hardest challenge yet when she attempts to cycle John O'Groats to Lands End over 10 days. Accompanied by her lifelong friend Emma Beasley they will be setting off on July 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be raising money for Action This Day which provides education for primary school children in Kookaburra Community School in Mombasa, Kenya where Ele's sister Gena has volunteered several times. If anyone would like to sponsor them, please call 270234 for details or stop Ele's dad Ian on his tractor!

## CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES

7th July	Studham (H)
14th July	Bletchley Printers (TBA)
21st July	Aldbury (H)
28th July	Bletchley Cavaliers (H)
4th August	Village Alliance (H)

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Millennium Green Trust is holding its Annual General Meeting in the Parish Hall on 16th July, everyone is welcome to attend.

The Trustees held a very successful Quiz Night and Buffet Supper on Saturday June 8th in the Parish Hall. About 40 people attended and enjoyed a fun quiz and some good food. Many thanks to all those who helped to make it the success it was, especially the quizmaster Bob Beaumont and scorer Dave Miller and the caterers Liz Miller, Claire Perry, Michele Nichols, Jon Sheppard, Caroline Fitzpatrick and Christine Sheppard.

The Annual School's Festival was held on a lovely sunny afternoon (a bit too hot it was for me but perhaps I shouldn't say that!!) Seven schools, almost 200 children, 50 cars and a coach were on the green! Mr Luther Brazier, who lives in Stockgrove and without whom we would not have a Millennium Green, came along to help judge the children's performances. Luther, together with Alf Peacock, (Chairman of our Parish Council for many years and now sadly passed away) were both instrumental in founding the Green in 1997. Alan Stevens, Parish Councillor was Master of Ceremonies and Vic Wright, Chairman of the Parish Council also attended. Many, many thanks to the Parish Council for donating the prize money presented to the schools. Pulford School won £100 for their delightful Maypole dancing, the excellent choirs from Greenleas and Heathwood won £50 each, the orchestra from High Ash, Great Brickhill, the country dancing group from Southcott, Linslade and last but not least, the choir and guitar band from Macintyre School Wingrave won £50 each as well. (Mr Brazier very generously gave an extra £50 to Macintyre for their super effort). Thanks to everyone for coming, to the teachers for their hard work, to the refreshment providers and helpers and to the tent putter uppers. It was a great event.

## W.I. NEWS

The WI meeting this month was an open meeting to investigate the possibility of installing a defibrillator in the village. There was a good attendance of interested villagers who were welcomed by the president, Gaye Henrick. After a shortened business section, she then introduced the first speaker for the evening, Julie Philips. She first gave us a few facts about sudden cardiac arrest when the sooner medical assistance is given, the better the chances of survival of the patient. In rural areas it is unlikely that an ambulance would arrive in the 8 minutes target suggested by the Government. With a defibrillator available the likelihood of survival can increase by as much as 50%. She then gave us a practical demonstration of the device. After alerting the ambulance service, who provide a code to access the machine, voice prompts then take you through the necessary steps. Apart from attaching pads to the patient's chest, everything else is done by the machine. Then a representative of Community Heartbeat Trust took over the meeting. The trust is a charity focussing on the provision of live saving defibrillator equipment to local communities. They work with the ambulance service and provide support with the setting up of the machine. They will also assist with various medical schemes and programmes for training.

A vote of thanks was given by Jean Houseley after which refreshments were served. Our next meeting on 9th July will be "crafty" lead by Gaye Henrick.



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Sun. 7th July - 11:30am	Morning Worship	Andrew & Leslie Berry
Sun. 14th July - 11:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 21st July - 11:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Derek Witchell
Sun. 28th July - 11:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire

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Tuesdays	9th & 23rd		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	2nd,16th,30th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Mondays	8th & 22nd		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Tuesday	9th July	7:30pm	W.I. Social Evening
Monday	22nd July	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish hall)
Wednesday	3rd,17th,31st	2:30pm	Social Group
Sunday	14th July	2pm	Soulbury Church Fete
Tuesday	16th July	7:30pm	Millennium Green AGM (Parish Hall)



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