

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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**CHURCH NEWS** Please note: There will be no Family Service in July but we hope to see you all in August when the Reverend Gill Rowell will be taking the service as Philip is not able to come. The Family Services have been very successful so far with as many as 10 to 12 children at times. If you haven't been yet, put the next date, August 3rd, in your diary and come along and try it out.

There's a story in the Bible about the tower of Babel (very close to modern Baghdad) where human conversation got confused---so much noise and discord and people talking and not listening. Sounds familiar? Noise inhabits all the space around us, not of course in a literal, physical way, but in the sense of electronic 'traffic' (apologies to those who really understand the technicalities of all this!).

Real peace, real quiet is really hard to come by for most people on our planet. There is talk about 'chilling out, but that seems to involve a lot of doing, rather than just being, which is the real essence of calm and peace. Without peace and space, we can't assess where we've been and where we might be going. We need to sit back and wait for our minds to clear of the internal babble, as well as stepping aside from the external distractions.

Over the centuries Buddhists have meditated, Quakers have sat and waited for the Spirit to move them. Christian monks and nuns have and still do contemplate the word of God.

One of my Christian heroes is St. Ignatius de Loyola who lived at the beginning of the 16th. century and founded the Jesuits (Pope Francis is a Jesuit) and a system called the examen which involves stocktaking at the end of each day in quiet and thanking God for what went right and saying sorry for what went adrift! We remember him on 31st. July in the Church's calendar. To the background of football fever I wish you to find some real peace and quiet. God Bless, Philip.

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS** The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 16th June. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 21st July at 19:30. All are welcome.

**Defibrillator Awareness meeting:** Wed 30th July at 19:30 in the Parish Hall: We now have two defibrillators installed in the Parish and a meeting has been arranged to raise awareness. Derek Flint, Community Liaison & Training Officer from South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust is coming along to talk to us and give guidance on AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator). This should be of interest to the whole community and we urge you to attend. We also encourage anyone running an organisation or business in the parish is represented at the meeting in order that essential information is passed on. This is an open meeting and all are very welcome. The AEDs are located at **The Parish Hall**, High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BT and **Hollingdon Grange**, Hollingdon, LU7 0DN.

**Parking in High Road:** Parking is a problem in Soulbury and in particular the area opposite the church is causing a major problem for residents living in the road situated by the side of the Parish Hall. There have been several occasions where residents have not been able to exit on to High Road, other occasions where somebody has had to help with visibility and occasions where Anglian Water have been unable to enter from High Road. May we respectfully request vehicle owners and their visitors give consideration when parking to allow these residents access to their homes and Anglian Water access to the sewerage and water plant also situated in this area.

**Speedwatch:** This is being done in association with the police and unfortunately there is a delay in the training schedule due to police cut-backs. We still have volunteers' telephone numbers and will advise when we have something definite in place.

**Short mat bowling:** There was a time that Soulbury enjoyed several active clubs and one of them was short mat bowling. Is there anyone out there that would be interested in running a Short Mat Bowling Club? We have the necessary equipment stored in the Parish Hall. If there is no interest, the equipment will be disposed of appropriately. If it is of interest to you, please contact June on 01525 270537 and your details will be passed to the Parish Hall committee in order that a member can make direct contact with you.

**MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS** Firstly, the Green is under new management i.e. The Parish Council. This is in response to a request from the trustees, so, for the foreseeable future The PC will be repairing and maintaining the Green and getting it back to its original plan. It may take some time but in the meantime feel free to use the green BUT please take care. Work is in progress!

As a result of works on the green it has been decided to move the "SOUL FEST" event to the playground in Mount Pleasant. Taking place on the afternoon of 20th JULY starting at 1pm. This will be a family event featuring "The Misfitz" playing live, a string quartet, games for the children, a Barbecue and beer tent plus the chance to win some really top prizes in a raffle. It promises to be a great afternoon out! Do come and join the fun.

**BUTTERFLIES:** To date we have seen 1) speckled woods 2) ringlets 3) meadow browns 4) tortoise shells & 5) a large skipper. The weather and conditions are ideal for them as they feed on the flowers of the long grass.

**CRICKET CLUB NEWS** No cricket was played on Sunday 15th June as Gena & Ele Parrott served Cream Teas in a marquee. We are pleased to hear this raised a goodly sum, details of which I'm sure can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

A bit of investigation into the archives of the LBO found more information about the first matches played by the fledgling Soulbury Cricket Club. What we found from the summer of 1864 makes interesting reading. Contrary to information published last month the first match reported on was played on 28th July 1864 at Stoke Hammond and the opposition won. The return match was played at Liscombe on 31st August 1864 which was won by Soulbury. Copies of the reports can be found on the cricket club website [www.soulburyvcc.org.uk](http://www.soulburyvcc.org.uk) and are also on display in the pavilion.

Fixtures in July:

Sunday 6th July home v James Bonsor's XI

Sunday 27th July Captain's XI v Chairman's XI to be played on our home ground.

All matches commence at 2pm. All welcome. To date, no matches have been scheduled for 13th or 20th July, but keep an eye on the website for updates.

**Charity Event:** On 15th June a charity cream tea event was held in a marquee on Soulbury Cricket Ground, by kind permission of the Cricket Club. It was in support of "Action This Day Kenya" which raises money for The Kookaburra Community School, Nr. Mombasa. An unbelievable 220 cream teas were served, and just over £1600 was raised for the school. The "Parrott Girls" would like to thank everybody who supported them in any way.

**W.I. NEWS** Our meeting on 10th June was all about Botanical Painting by Peggy Verrall, we were shown how to draw and found it was much easier than we thought we all had a go. The paintings she brought to show us were very good we all enjoyed it very much.

Dr Michael Fopp will be giving a talk entitled "London Transport at War" - road, rail and air transport during WW2 on Tuesday 15th July. This is an Open Meeting - all welcome, including gents - to commence at 19:30.

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**Open Gardens:** What a beautiful weekend we had and lots of visitors. Many, many thanks to those who organised it and helped in so many different ways to make it a success, especially to Jane and Michael Luxton, chief organisers, to everyone who opened their garden, to those who made delicious cakes and especially to Tony and Jacks at the Old Vicarage for opening their garden for teas. It was a lovely two days. Thank you everyone who came to support the event and enjoyed walking in the sunshine looking at beautiful gardens. We made £1524 which is great.

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Sun. 6th July - 10:30am	<b>Aston Abbots</b>	<b>Team Ministry Communion, St James' Church</b>
Sun. 13th July - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 20th July - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Roger Hale
Sun. 27th July - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 3rd Aug - 11:00am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>	<b>Family Services start at 11am with Refreshments</b>

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Tuesdays	1st, 15th, 29th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	15th	7:30pm	W.I. - Michael Fopp "London Transport at War"
Sunday	20th	1pm	Soul Fest, Mount Pleasant Playground
Monday	21st	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall
Wednesday	30th	7:30pm	Defibrillator Awareness Meeting, Parish Hall



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