

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message

As I write this, we have celebrated a great joint (Stewkley and Soulbury) Fathers' Day do at St. Michael's school. Lots of people from tiny babies through to some quite senior types ate food, played sports and games and joined in a simple act of worship with readings about Joseph's care of Jesus and Mary and the great Rudyard Kipling poem 'If'. It's worth quoting the last stanza:

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings---nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And---which is more---you'll be a man, my son!

In a world where the traditional role model of being a man is so under attack I think this is a pretty good place to start a quest for what that might just be: not about violence, oppression or arrogance but good solid virtues of respect and a true appreciation of each person's worth.

God obviously thought we have worth otherwise He wouldn't have sent His Son to be alongside us through all our ups and downs. God Bless and take care, Philip.

On Monday June 15th we had a very sad, but impressive funeral in the church to mark the tragic death of Michele Wilde, our famous local farmer who was renowned throughout the country and abroad for the breeding of Belgian Blue cattle. A young Belgian Blue cow was led up the church path in front of the coffin, followed by family mourners. Over 300 people squashed into the church to pay their respects and say farewell to a lovely, amazing woman. The vicar, the Reverend Ian Ogilvie, gave a truly fitting and moving address, so apt for the circumstances, in which he acknowledged that none of us wanted to be at such a funeral and urged us all to feel forgiveness for Michele.

Don't forget to support the church, sign up to :
www.giveasyoulive.com

Soulbury Scarecrow Festival & Fun Day **Sunday 9th August, 2pm - 5pm** This popular event is back!

How many Scarecrows can you find round the village, which will be judged the best?

Children : Can your teddy survive a parachute jump from the top of the Church tower? Whose dog has the waggiest tale in the dog show?

Table Top Sale - £12.50 per table, email below to reserve your table in advance!

please donate nearly-new items and tombola prizes (drop-off in the village hall, Sat 8th, 10-12)

Enjoy tea & cakes while the children enjoy the fun games!

Please email enquiries / entries to
soulburynews@btinternet.com

Or use the letterbox in the hedge outside 5 Chapel Hill



IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT DOG FOULING IS CAUSING CONCERN ON THE VILLAGE GREEN AND MILLENNIUM GREEN, ALSO ON PRIVATE GRASSED AREAS AND FARMLAND. WE URGE ALL DOG OWNERS TO BE AWARE THIS IS AN OFFENCE AND IF WITNESSED THEY CAN BE PROSECUTED.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The season progresses with mixed results – a good win against Caddington in the league, but a couple of disappointing matches lost.

July fixtures:

Sat 4th : no match as Cublington 3rd XI has left the League

Sun 5th : no match arranged at time of writing

Sat 11th : 13:30 (A) league match v Stoke Hammond 2nd XI

Sun 12th : 14:00 (H) friendly match v Stoke Hammond TBC

Sat 18th : 13:30 (H) league match v Old Bradwell 2nd XI

Sun 19th : 14:00 home friendly match v Buckingham 2nd XI

Sat 25th : 13:30 away league match v Thurleigh 2nd XI

All welcome to come and watch, and or join us for refreshments afterwards. Any budding Alistair Cookes or Stuart Broads should contact our Captain Nick Mead on 07771 738546.

W.I. NEWS

The June meeting of Soulbury WI took place in the Parish Hall with Jean Housley presiding. In the absence of our secretary, Andrea Hamilton, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Margaret Rowe. Andrea Hamilton had attended the A.G.M. of the N.F.W.I. at the Royal Albert Hall at which the resolution concerning long term care was discussed. Unusually this resolution was not carried and Andrea will give a full report of the proceedings at our next meeting. Chris Bryant then told us about her visit to Buckingham Palace, which she described as "a fantastic day". Members were also reminded about our trip to Broughton Castle on Wednesday 8th of July. Our speaker for the evening, Graham Harrison, was then introduced. His talk entitled "Victorian Pharmacies and Quack Doctors" told of some of the potentially dangerous substances used in the Victorian era to cure various illnesses. These included opiates, morphine and arsenic, and in the absence of prescriptions were widely available. Mr. Harrison was thanked for his informative talk by Jean Housley, and the evening closed with refreshments. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th of July and will take the form of a social evening.

The Social Group: We are going out for a trip to the garden centre "Poplars", the other side of Toddington, near the M1, meeting at the stone in Chapel Hill at 12 noon. If you would like to join us, please phone Christine on 270377 for more information. We usually meet in the Parish Hall for tea and cakes and a natter. Come along and find out if you might want to join.

Thank You: Maureen, Doug, Martin and Nicole would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindnesses shown to them during this tragic time. Thank you also to everyone for the letters, cards and food which we found overwhelming, comforting and much appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council Meeting took place on Monday June 15th at the Parish Hall . Apologies were received, seven local residents attended. AGM minutes were approved .The Council was asked to re-consider its decision on Valley Farm but maintained the original decision.

AVDC cannot find the original lease for the playground so will send a new one with a rent reduction of £100 and £100 off legal fees . If we don't take up the lease there could be a possibility of losing it to six old people bungalows and garages. The threat is there.

Planning decisions : Little Oak Farm extension, no objection. Upper Hollingdon Farm, site visit required.

Soulfest was a very successful event organised mainly by Michele and Erin. Many thanks to everyone who helped, in particular the work done by John Shepherd and Richard Caplan. There is a suggestion that some villagers might like to adopt a flower bed in the orchard on the Millennium Green, please give it some thought.

The Cricket Club have applied for a grant from AVDC Community Chest to pay for new windows at a cost of £999.

We had a meeting with Highways regarding road surfaces and road markings, they do not currently seem to be able to fulfil any promises as they have no spare money.

Date of next meeting. Monday July 20th

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS SOULFEST: On Saturday June 6th on the Millennium Green we had a marvellous music festival attended by lots of people. There were great live bands, a barbecue, teas and cakes and games for the children and the weather was kind to us, so that attendees could sit on the grass. Approximately £1600 was made, which will be divided between the Millennium Green Trust and the Brain Tumour Research Fund. Many, many thanks to all those who contributed their time, donated food and money, and made it such a grand occasion. Special thanks to Michele Nicholas, Erin and Nicole who were the chief organisers.

On Wednesday June 10th in the early afternoon, five local schools came to celebrate the annual Schools Festival and perform songs and dance on the amphitheatre. It was a truly delightful spectacle, because the children are so enthusiastic and obviously enjoy every minute. Many thanks to all those people who came, to the hardworking teachers and parents and especially to Mr Alan Stevens for compering and to Mr Vic Wright for presenting the cheques and to the Parish Council for sponsoring the event. Thank you.

BOB'S PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON 100 MILE CYCLE RIDE

On the 2nd August I will be riding the 100 miles Prudential Ride London route along with many others. I am riding in support of the Hospice organisation which helps so many people at a particularly difficult time in their lives and the lives of their loved ones. The Hospices are totally self-funded and need all the help they can get. I did the ride in 2013 and appreciated the support many people in the village gave me. I would be very grateful for any donations people feel able to give me for this wonderful Charity. As I am now 75 years young this will represent an even greater challenge than it did 2 years ago and I suspect will be the last time I attempt this ride. You can donate at the BT Donate website:- mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/bicyclebob Or alternatively cheques in favour of Peace Hospice Care and of course cash is always acceptable – 7 Dean Farm Lane, Soulbury, LU7 0DE. Thank you so much Bob Hamilton

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THE BOOK CLUB: The next get-together will take place on Wednesday July 8th at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs Rita Marks at Hillcroft . We shall be talking about "The Wilding" by Maria McCann, a book published in 2010 and longlisted for the Orange Prize. It's a great read. Please phone Rita on 270687 for more information.



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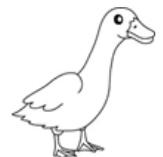
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Sunday 5th July	FAMILY SERVICE	11am for refreshments	Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy
Sunday 12th July	Team Eucharist	10am at MENTMORE	(no Soulbury Service)
Sunday 19th July	Parish Communion	11:30am	Rev. Ian Ogilvie
Sunday 26th July	Parish Communion	11:30am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 2nd August	FAMILY SERVICE	11am for refreshments	Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy



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Tuesdays	14th & 28th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	14th	7:30pm	W.I. - Social Evening
Monday	20th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	9th August	2-5pm	Scarecrow Festival & Fun Day

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