

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message



Dear friends, at a recent meeting of the Diocesan Synod (Church parliament for Oxford Diocese) we had a look at various interesting topics and also the contrast between urban and rural ministry. In towns and cities there are the pluses of numbers of people to help and therefore probably good income. By contrast, in rural areas, there can also be real poverty and negativity towards the Church. In the country we have much smaller numbers and therefore pressure on the loyal few. By contrast there are often very good inter-connections within the community. Buildings are a real worry wherever especially with many of our Churches being grade1 or grade2 listed. This puts them on a par with stately homes, castles and other historic buildings. These don't come cheap and whilst we should be spending most of our efforts on the mission of the Gospel we have to worry about the mundane issues of roofs, walls and faculties (permissions to do things) and fundraising. All this is a far cry from the actual purpose of the Church which is to be a sign pointing to Jesus as the Son of God and Saviour of the world. God Bless you in this turbulent world. Philip

**OPEN GARDENS:** Don't forget this event on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teas will be served in the Old Vicarage, courtesy of Tony and Jax Crack. Donations of cakes and books will be very gratefully received on Saturday morning at the Old Vicarage.

**MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS:** SOULFEST took place on the Millennium Green on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> and was well-attended and very, very enjoyable, in spite of rather damp weather, though it didn't actually rain. Many, many thanks are due to Michele Nicholas for organising it and thanks also to everyone who helped her. There are so many people to thank, it's almost inevitable I'll miss someone out, but here goes; the sponsors Michael Graham, Buttles who did the barbecue, the ice-cream man, Alan the music man, the football game organisers, the ladies who manned the entrance gate, the bar staff, the tea ladies and everyone who donated cakes, the raffle organisers and those who donated prizes and of course the live bands: DIZZIE, THE POMMYGRANITES, KEBAB SHOP LOLLIPOP and KEEZIAH. Many thanks to you all and to everyone who came and supported the event. See you next year!!

The committee would like to thank Joyce and John Pilley from Stewkley for the gift of an electric lawn mower and Pete and Debbie of The Mead for their very, very generous donation.

The Soulbury Millennium Green Management Committee are holding their Annual General Meeting at the Parish Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm. All parishioners are welcome.

**SUPERFAST BROADBAND:** As BT currently have **no plans** to deliver Superfast Broadband to Soulbury, there is an opportunity for us to register our interest in [Aylesbury Vale Broadband](http://Aylesbury Vale Broadband) providing a service. [www.avbroadband.co.uk/soulbury](http://www.avbroadband.co.uk/soulbury)

This does require a small deposit from sufficient interested households to go ahead. At the time of writing we are only seven households away from reaching our target!

**PUB QUIZ:** At the time of writing - the winning team has just won £42 in The Boot. On top of that, another team has just won the roll-over £45 bonus pot!! The next quiz is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

## SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

The Club celebrated Chairman Brian Mead's 80th birthday with a match against Drayton Parslow. This was played despite the weather! The rain stopped just in time to start the match (covers had protected the wicket). All afternoon it looked very black towards Milton Keynes and thunder rumbled in the distance. But the rain held off until after the match and all were inside enjoying a delicious buffet supper courtesy of Martin French, and birthday cake. Then the heavens opened! Puddles collected in the undulations of the outfield, which attracted a pair of mallards, hence Soulbury Cricket Club duck pond was formed!

### Saturday league matches:

2 <sup>nd</sup> July	13:30	Home to St Andrew's
9 <sup>th</sup> July	13:30	No match
16 <sup>th</sup> July	13:30	Home to Milton Keynes 2nd XI
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	13:30	Away at North Crawley 3rd XI
30 <sup>th</sup> July	13:30	Home to Lidlington
6 <sup>th</sup> August	13:30	Away at Great Brickhill 3rd XI

### Sunday friendly matches:

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	14:00	Away at Stewkley
10 <sup>th</sup> July	14:00	Home to Stony Stratford
17 <sup>th</sup> July	14:00	Home to Buckingham 2nd XI
24 <sup>th</sup> July	14:00	Home to Bonsor's XI
31 <sup>st</sup> July	14:00	Home to Captain's v Chairman's XI
7 <sup>th</sup> August	14:00	Home to Mursley

New players are always welcome. Please contact our Club Captain, Nick Mead 07771 738546.

*All old spectacles and hearing aids can be recycled through the local Lions club. Please pass on to Vic Wright or Chris Bryant.*

**GENTLE REMINDERS:** Before lighting a bonfire would residents please take into consideration the type of material being burnt and also the direction of the wind. A little thought for your neighbours goes a long way. Also, please keep dogs on leads when walking through fields (and remember to pick up!). Thank you.

**PLANNING PERMISSION:** Planning permission has been submitted for the development of six houses in Soulbury, with additional land being provided for a possible new parish hall.

The details of this planning application can be found on the AVDC website and is open for anyone to submit comments/concerns.

As always - residents are encouraged to attend the monthly Parish Council meetings, and can also contact the council through email and social media.

There will soon be opportunities to join the Parish Council - please do let the current members know if you are interested.

**W.I. NEWS:** Our June meeting, held in the Village Hall opened with the singing of "Jerusalem". The President, Jean Housley, welcomed everyone and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. Andrea Hamilton then gave us a report of her attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the N.F.W.I. held in Brighton. At the meeting the resolutions, dealing with trying to prevent food waste, and hospital care of patients with dementia were discussed, after which a vote was taken. This resulted in both resolutions being passed.

Several members of our W.I went to play croquet at Stony Stratford, and although most of them had never played before, thanks to some help and patience from the croquet club members, a most enjoyable afternoon ensued. Grateful thanks to Val Hammond and the ladies who provided the tea and biscuits.

Our speaker for the evening was Paul Heley, whose talk was entitled "We think it rains here - try New Zealand". He gave us a most interesting and amusing account of a trip he took with his wife exploring the lakes and mountains of New Zealand, on a 900cc Yamaha motorcycle. They started their journey in Auckland and set out on a 3,000 mile ride to Wellington. Paul related some of the extremes of weather they encountered, with brilliant sunshine being followed by torrential rain on many occasions. In spite of this he had managed to capture some stunning scenes of the mountains and lakes. However, once arriving in Wellington the motorcycle had to be returned to their starting point which resulted in a mad two day ride back to Auckland! He was thanked for a most entertaining evening, after which refreshments were served. As our outing to Northampton is on July 12<sup>th</sup>, our next meeting will be on Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> when members will bring examples of any crafts they enjoy.

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:** A meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> 2016. Apologies were received from Mr Alan Stevens, Mr Ian Culley, Mr Neil Blake and Mrs Janet Blake. Minutes approved and signed. Finances approved.

**Planning** Three Locks Pump House amended plans (No objection), Land north of Leighton Road. Soulbury (objections). Land at Heath and Reach, Checkley Wood Wind Turbine. Mr Chris Roberts spoke with regard to this application. The new turbine will be 67% larger than the existing one and would exceed noise limits. There would be a shadow flicker on houses. This application does not make any sense as the output would be 80% less energy as two turbines would result in energy reduction. We support Heath and Reach Par-

ish Council objection. Valley Farm planning appeal is at Aylesbury, November 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**Childrens Playground:** We have received ROSPA Certificate.

**Grass Cutting:** We need to sort out the new areas to cut in the 30mph limit with Mr Keel.

**Broadband:** If people are interested in high speed broadband in Soulbury please sign up. (see front page)

**Devolution:** We have received our first money, £653

**Parish Hall:** The toilet is now repaired and all in working order.

**Soulfest** was very well attended.

The Parish Council Website needs updating.

**Date of next Meeting:** Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

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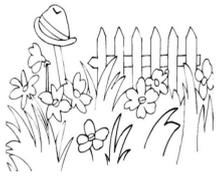
**Soulbury Open Gardens**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

Calling all Gardeners!

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Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Family Service, 11:30am	Refreshments from 11am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Communion, 11:30am		
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Communion, 11:30am		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Communion, 11:30am		
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Parish Communion, 11:30am		



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Mondays	4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup>	apologies for the incorrect days last month	Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Thursdays	30 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Thursdays	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Sat/Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-6pm	Soulbury Open Gardens
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	W.I. : Members' Crafts
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Millennium Green A.G.M. (Parish Hall)

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