

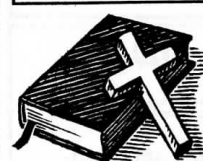
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Sunday	1st June	Home	Whitchurch	Friendly
Saturday	7th June	Home	Biddenham	League
Sunday	8th June	Home	Bonsor XI	Friendly
Sunday	15th June	Home	Stewkley	Friendly
Saturday	21st June	Home	Studham	League
Sunday	22nd June	Home	F.M. Arthurs	Friendly
Saturday	28th June	Home	Aston Clinton 1st XI	League



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Priest in Charge : Michelle Morton : The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel. 240287

Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery : 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard. Tel. 371235



Sunday	1st June	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	8th June	11:30am	Family Service
Sunday	15th June	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd June	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	29th June	11:30am	Holy Communion

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	10am-11:30am	Lollipops Toddler Group	
Thursdays	5th & 19th	6:30pm	Youth Club	Clubroom
Fridays	13th & 27th	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Wednesday	4th June	7:30pm	Millennium Green AGM	Clubroom
Thursday	5th June		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	
Tuesday	10th June	8:00pm	WI - A Walk on the Wild side (Brian Clews)	Clubroom
Monday	16th June	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Thursday	19th June		AVDC Collection for Recycling	
Sat/Sun	21st & 22nd		Soulbury Open Gardens	

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# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH PLAN UPDATE

The steering group have been working very hard with the Parish Plan questionnaire and are pleased to say that it is in its final stages. We are planning on distributing to every household in the Soulbury Parish during June. This is your chance to have your say about the future of your parish so we would welcome as much response as possible.

In order for the plan to go forward, we need as many adult volunteers as possible to help distribute and collect the questionnaire for a week to be arranged sometime during June. If you are able to help please contact Sam Mardlin by 6th June on 01525 270292 or email [sammardlin@aol.com](mailto:sammardlin@aol.com)

## CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Michelle Morton was welcomed back to Soulbury on 18th May (Trinity Sunday) by 60 people at the Family Service. There were lots of families and young people present as well as a few members of the regular congregation. Michelle demonstrated the concept of the Trinity, Three in One, by asking children to bring out ingredients to make a cake – flour, eggs and sugar. THREE ingredients to make ONE cake. With other illustrations of what the Trinity means and plenty of interactive tasks for the children to do, Michelle held everyone's interest. The next Family Service will be on 8th June.

Charlie Luxton who is currently co-presenting "I Own Britain's Best House" on Channel 5 gave a thought provoking presentation at an open meeting on Monday 14th May at the church. Charlie explained a little of the architectural and social history of the building and this led to a lively discussion on the future of the church.

The meeting was convened by the Friends who are launching a fresh campaign to raise funds to maintain the Building. The latest survey identified works costing around £112,000. The Friends have some cash available to help offset these costs and some grant aid is anticipated but to cover the balance of the costs and provide a reserve for future costs and the annual maintenance a regular income must be generated by the charity.

If the meeting reflects views of the villagers generally then there is definitely a will to preserve the church despite the cost. There was some discussion as to whether the church could be used not just as a place of worship but also as a secular meeting place and it was agreed that this idea should be explored further.

This will involve asking specific questions of residents as part of the forthcoming parish survey. There will also be technical issues to address as any such proposal will require some re-modelling of the church itself – probably requiring the removal of the pews and the installation of a screen between the chancel and the nave. It is expected that English Heritage and the diocese will have opinions on this. However if these issues can be overcome using the church in this way could help generate additional funds to help with the running and maintenance costs. This is by no means a certain outcome so if you have any views on this proposal then please communicate them through the village survey or to the Trustees of the Friends.

## THANK YOU

We wish to pass on our grateful thanks to all those in the village who have supported our latest fund raising campaign by setting up standing orders or by making one off donations. The response has been encouraging. We do hope that those of you who have not yet got around to setting up a standing order or making a donation will do so. The form required can be downloaded from the village website or obtained from the treasurer (James Fairbairn 01525 270674) The aim is to generate an annual income of around £10,000 per annum which will cover annual maintenance and insurance and allow reserves to be built up to cover the larger restoration works which are anticipated in the next few years.

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## SPEED INDICATORS

The Parish Council are proposing to acquire two permanent speed indicators to help slow down the traffic through the village.

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

April's 100 winner was No.42, May's was No.39. The residents living close to the Millennium Green would like to say thank you to the youngsters who after a week of riding their motor scooters on the Millennium Green acknowledged the request not to continue this practice and stopped. It is encouraging to witness youngsters being responsive to such a request, so thank you lads. Life is much quieter now.

It was nice to see the youth club making use of the Millennium Green for their outdoor activities, I hope that they will continue to make good use of this area throughout the summer months, indeed the Trustees hope more village groups will use the area, it's a great place to hold a BBQ or indeed a village fete, Vicar Michelle did once say she would hold an outdoor church service on the Millennium Green, but sadly it has not happened yet, God is not confined to cold church buildings and does reside outside the church you know and; Jesus did say where one or two are gathered in my name so there I will be. It would be nice and possibly more folk would come along to the services. Don't forget there are tents, loos, water and electricity on site.

The Millennium Green AGM meeting will be on Wednesday 4th June in the Clubroom at 7.30pm. There you will be able to read the full notes and minutes of the public meeting held on 14th April. We hope to see many of you as again this is an opportunity for you to ask the Trust questions, make comments and have your say, also, you can meet the Trustees whom some of you may not know. Refreshment will be served after the meeting. This meeting will be my last as Chairman and Trustee, I am stepping down after 10yrs and I will look forward to doing other things. The Millennium Green project has been an adventure and one that has given me a lot of rewards, I feel proud to be part of a group that has left a "Green Footprint" here in the village and when I look back at the photos from the beginning to now and to see how it has evolved and matured it is quite something and I encourage anyone who has a passion for nature to get involved during their lifetime in something "Green", it does leave you with a good feeling. To those of you who I have irritated, with my Millennium Green hat on, well you can relax now, I won't be bothering you, and my last word to the dog walkers is please remember the Millennium Green was created for everyone's enjoyment, not just you and your dog or dogs. Thank you to all who have helped and encouraged our efforts and contributed to our Millennium Green. That's it from me, love Jane.

Next months news will be from your Millennium Green New Chairman.

## BONFIRE GUIDELINES (COURTESY OF AVDC)

- Only burn dry material.
- Never burn household rubbish, tyres or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.
- Never use engine oil, methylated spirit, petrol or paraffin to light the fire.
- Don't light a fire on damp or dull days and in the evenings when smoke will hang in the air.
- Avoid burning if the wind will carry smoke over roads or other properties.
- Don't burn at weekends and Bank Holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens.
- Avoid burning when the air quality is 'poor' or 'very poor' (check by calling (0800) 556677 or Ceefax Page 196).
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Never burn too much rubbish in one go.
- Do not light a fire close to buildings, trees or anything that could catch light.
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